

Matt Bridges

Patriot Matt Bridges enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after the attacks on 9/11. After the completion of recruit training and infantry school he was assigned to 1st Battalion 6th Marines, Alpha Company, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He served 2 tours with 1/6, in both Afghanistan and Iraq. On his second tour, in Saqlawiyah, Iraq, Patriot Bridges was wounded when an Improvised Explosive Device was detonated underneath his feet, on April 21, 2005. After his recuperation at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center, Patriot Bridges was medically retired from the Marine Corps after almost 7 years of faithful service to his country.

Patriot Bridges lives in Lakeland, Georgia with his wife and best friend of 12 years and 2 beautiful daughters, Cheyenne and Audrey. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture and a concentration in crop production in 2016. He has been a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart since 2014, where he is a part of Chapter 1000 in South Georgia. Patriot Bridges has been the Adjutant, Senior Vice Commander and is now currently the Chapter Commander of Chapter 1000. He has also served as the MOPH Department of Georgia Chief of Staff for the last three years.

“When I first joined the Order back in 2014, I didn’t know what to expect. I was very nervous as I had previously bad experiences with other Veteran Organizations. However, I found my local Chapter to be very inviting and I saw an organization that’s main goal was to help veterans and wasn’t just your average drinking club. Over the last 4 years I have held positions at my chapter level, department level as well as currently 2 national positions. The Military Order of the Purple Heart has become my family! A brotherhood and sisterhood among all veterans who have shed blood for their country. I am a much more outgoing person and I’m involved more in my community. I have the MOPH to thank for that. They have given me a new sense of pride in being a Purple Heart recipient, a pride in which I gladly share and promote to others now. Joining the Order was one of the best things I ever did after coming home!”