



**Cpl. Sean M. Henry  
United States Marine Corps**



Cpl. Sean M. Henry is a three-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps and is currently serving as part of the *Why We Serve* speakers program. He recently returned from assignment in Iraq and is speaking to groups around the country about his personal experiences serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In February of 2007, Henry returned after a seven-month deployment to Al Habbaniyah, Iraq, where he was attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, Company K as their mortarman. While deployed, Henry shot over 500 handheld mortar rounds, executing numerous combat patrols and engaged in many dangerous encounters with hostile insurgent forces. This was Henry's second deployment to Iraq in two years. Henry's first deployment to Iraq landed him in Al Qaim in September 2005. During this deployment, he earned his Combat Service Ribbon, shooting over 1,000 81mm mortars.

Raised in Queens, NY, Henry graduated from August Martin High School and immediately joined the Marine Corps in 2004. He currently resides in Camp Lejeune, NC, and is assigned as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Marines mortars section leader and has overall responsibility for the mortar section. Based on the commanding officer's guidance, mission, and terrain, the mortar section leader executes reconnaissance and selects mortar firing positions.

Henry joined the Marine Corps at a young age because he wanted to protect his country in a time of war and is very proud and honored to serve. "Being a United States Marine is the greatest thing I have ever done, and I would not change my decision for anything," he said.

His decorations include a Combat Action Ribbon, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal and Global War on Terror Service Medal.