



## **Veteran of the Month November 2008**

### **Congratulations to Bryan D. Carnes!**

In partnership with the Veterans Coordination Commission, we are pleased to present the November 2008 Veteran of the Month Recognition to Bryan D. Carnes.

Bryan entered the US Air Force in 1994 after graduating from high school. He was medically retired as a TSgt from combat related injuries in 2005 from the 320th Special Tactics Squadron/1-1 Special Forces Group.

Bryan supported operations in Bosnia and Kosovo and was also deployed and supported military operations throughout the Middle East. These operations included Operation Bright Star, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines.

Specialty Badges awarded to Bryan include: Senior Parachutist Wings, Army Combat Action Badge, Senior Meteorologist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. He also received the 82nd Airborne Division Combat Patch and the Romanian Special Forces Parachutist Wings. His awarded medals include: 3 Air Force Commendation Medals, Army Commendation Medal, 2 Air Force Achievement Medals with Valor, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, 4 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Valor, 2 Combat Readiness Medals, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and 2 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbons with Gold Border.

Bryan comes from a heritage of proud military service to our country. His grandfather and father are both retired Air Force. His sister served in the United States Army and participated in the Invasion of Iraq in 2003 and his brother is in the United States Army and stationed in Iraq. After retirement, Bryan attended Penn State and received an undergraduate degree in 2007. He spent four months volunteering at the SD Archeological Research Center and currently is working on a graduate degree from Penn State. He volunteers with Friends of the Library and is strongly committed to connecting the military and civilian communities.