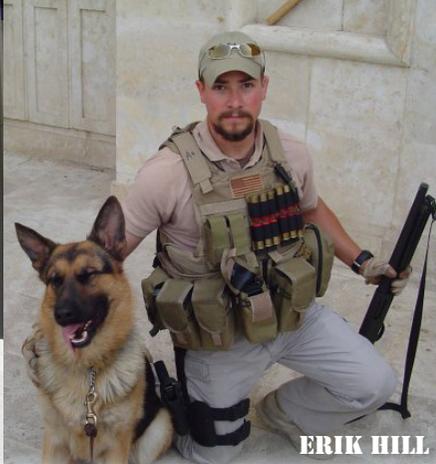




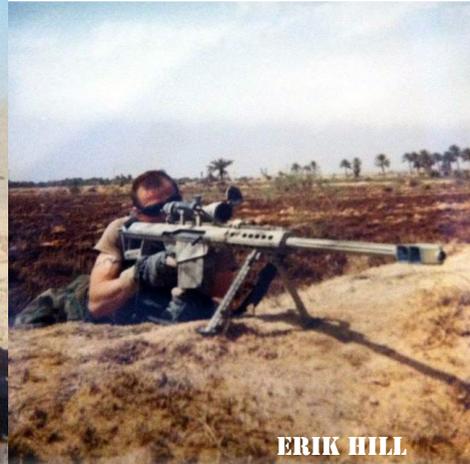
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### ERIK HILL

Alaska State Trooper since 2009  
U.S. Army (1994-2005)

Hill grew up wanting to be in the military like his father, who was a Marine. "I picked the Army over the others because they seemed to have more of "Hooah" schools than the others," he said. Hill spent 10-1/2 years in the U.S. Army, first with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., then with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C. While on active duty, he was an infantry squad leader, a tactical commander, a counter vehicle assault commander, and a shift leader. He was in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and then worked diplomatic security with the State Department in Iraq from 2005 to 2007 through a private military company. He was an approved deputy detail leader. In total, he spent four years in Iraq. He wanted to become an Alaska State Trooper after reading an article about Alaska State Trooper Troy Duncan, a USMC veteran, who was killed in the line of duty during a SERT mission in 1984. "I really enjoyed the fact that we are land, sea, and air," Hill said. Hill's 8-year-old son, Duane, wants to be the third generation Hill in the military. The youngster wants to be a Navy SEAL.



### ANDREW ADAMS

Alaska State Trooper since 2001  
U.S. Coast Guard (1996-2000)

Adams was an Air Force brat who joined the U.S. Coast Guard a few months after turning 18 and graduating from high school in Anchorage. He went to Cape May, N.J. for boot camp and came back to Alaska where he was assigned to Loran Station on Saint Paul Island. At the time, Loran was used as a primitive Global Positioning System. Since many Coast Guard cutters are named after islands, Adams thought he was originally being assigned to a cutter, but later found out that Saint Paul Island is actually one of the Pribilof Islands in the middle of the Bering Sea. He didn't even see a Coast Guard vessel for the first year he served in the USCG. On his first day on the island he participated in his first search and rescue as one of two people needing rescued. In 1997, he was transferred to Small Boat Station Humboldt Bay, Calif. He had the opportunity to participate in heavy weather rescue, this time as the rescuer, and got his first taste of law enforcement. He also realized that he gets sea sick pretty easily. "It was an adrenaline rush to say the least and I learned to embrace my mortality," Adams said. "I loved my job, but I eventually decided to stick to land." He got out of the Coast Guard in January 2000.

