



**Michael David Raedler**

**Radioman Second Class U.S. Navy  
23 July 1985 – 15 February 1993**

**Staff Sergeant U.S. Army Reserve  
January 1998 – January 2004**

Michael was born on 16 February 1967 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, while his family was living in Lower Macungie Township. He attended grade school and high school in Red Hill, Pennsylvania, graduating from Upper Perkiomen High School in 1985. He enlisted in the Navy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a Seaman on 23 July 1985. Following Radioman A School, he was assigned to Naval Telecommunications Center Moffet Field, Sunnyvale, California, where he performed operations pertaining to submarine warfare. In 1986, he volunteered for Navy Special Warfare Training and reported to the Naval Special Warfare Command at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, California. He underwent training there in Special Warfare Operations as a Combat Coxswain for a Coastal/Riverine Combatant Patrol Craft in support of Navy SEAL Team Special Boat Unit 12. He was assigned to Special Boat Unit 12 until 1993. On 16 February 1989, Michael reenlisted in the Navy at Coronado for two years. During 1991, Michael deployed to Iraq where he participated in Special Operations during Operation Desert Storm. He was discharged as Radioman 2/C on 15 February 1993. After returning home, Michael attended Montgomery Community College from 1996 to 1998 and attained Associate Degrees in General Studies and Biological Sciences. He transferred into a dual major program at West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and in 2001 was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Cell/Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. In January 1998, he enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for six years and was trained in the "Stinger" shoulder-launched surface-to-air missile (SAM) System. In 2001, he began work as a Scientist for Merck & Company, Inc., a pharmaceutical company located in West Point, Pennsylvania. Michael was promoted to Staff Sergeant on 4 July 2002 and was called to active duty the following day. He served on active duty in the capacity of a "Sergeant of the Guard" leading multiple squads of soldiers performing duties as Military Policemen in Germany for eight months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 1 August 2002 to 14 February 2003. He then returned to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was released to inactive status and was assigned to Battery C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 213<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Regiment in Spring City, Pennsylvania. He was discharged from the National Guard in January 2004 as a Staff Sergeant. For his service in the Navy and Army, Michael was awarded the Navy Good Conduct Medal; the National Defense Service Medal; two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards (one Navy and one Army); Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2 Awards); Navy Expert Pistol and Expert Rifle Medals; Army Good Conduct Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (w/Mobilization device); Army Service Ribbon; Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia). After returning home from Germany, Michael resumed working for Merck & Company, Inc. Michael continues to work in the pharmaceutical industry where his research and development efforts have contributed to the licensing of multiple vaccine products. Michael is currently engaged to **Lisa Ann Ruby** and resides in Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania, where they made their permanent home. They have four children: **Jakob David; Jake Thomas (Basara); Kristopher Charles; and Tommy Steven (Basara)**. Michael's parents are **David Walbert Raedler** (born 2 November 1938) and **Donna Lee Gehringer** (born 28 September 1941). Michael's grandfather, **Howard David Raedler**, served in the Army as a Private in France during World War I.



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