

2010 CFC-O Wounded Warrior Story

Adam Kisielewski

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Wounded Warrior Given Second Chance

Sgt Adam Kisielewski had just gotten married before he left for Iraq. A month into his tour, he and his Lieutenant entered a booby-trapped school in Al Karmah. The explosion killed the Lieutenant and Sergeant Kisielewski lost his left arm and his right leg just below the knee. He also suffered numerous other injuries that nearly cost him his left leg.

While recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, a representative from a CFC supported charity began visiting him. Her organization proved vital to his recuperation.

After Mr. Kisielewski medically retired from the Marine Corps, he began work as a contractor for the Army. Feeling a void, not working on the ground level with his fellow troops, Kisielewski asked if he could volunteer with the organization that had been so helpful to him. The organization agree and Mr. Kisielewski volunteered for the organization for three and a half years. Today he is a full time employee and its Vice President.

As Vice President, Kisielewski still works on the ground with the troops returning from tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also helps to create new programs for his organization to help wounded veterans and their families. Equally important, he raises awareness of the challenges that young veterans will face on a daily basis and how his organization can help them to meet those challenges.

"I feel truly honored and humbled to be able to continue to be a part of something so much bigger than me. The sacrifices that these veterans and their families make for our security is extremely difficult to endure at times and I feel like I am in a unique position to assist in ways very few others can. I am so proud to have a chance to give back some of the support that so many people showed me. It is very rewarding to be able to help wherever we can!"
