

## **1SG Dean A. Schoen (RET), United States Army**

First Sergeant (1SG) Dean Schoen enlisted in the United States (U.S.) Army as an 11B Infantryman in November 1975 under the U.S. Army Delayed Entry Program. In June 1976 he started Basic Combat Training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Dix, NJ. After graduation of basic training, he attended Advanced Individual Training (AIT), Fort Benning, GA completing AIT as the Honor Graduate.

In October 1976, 1SG Schoen was assigned to Charlie Company, 5th Battalion, 7th Infantry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX where he served as a Rifleman, Team Leader, and Acting Sergeant. While at Fort Hood, he was promoted to Specialist (E-4). From December 1978 to September 1980, 1SG Schoen then served as a recruiter with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command with duty in Marinette, WI. During this assignment he was promoted to Sergeant (E-5). From recruiting duty, 1SG Schoen reported to the 52nd United States Air Defense Command, Oedigen, Germany where served as the Security Team Sergeant and promoted to Staff Sergeant (E-6)

Leaving Germany in October 1983, 1SG Schoen was then assigned as a Squad Leader to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO. Three years later, in April 1986, 1SG Schoen became the Operations Sergeant assigned to Combined Field Army, South Korea. Following his tour in Korea, 1SG Schoen was assigned to Headquarters, 1st Reserve Officer Training Corps, Fort Bragg, NC with duty at Shippensburg University ROTC, Shippensburg, PA. While at the Shippensburg University ROTC program, 1SG Schoen served as the Principal Instructor, Supply Sergeant, Operation Sergeant, Drill & Ceremony Team Coach, and Ranger Team Coach. He was promoted to Sergeant First Class (E-7) during this assignment.

In July 1992, 1SG Schoen was assigned to Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI where he served as a Platoon Sergeant and supported the Operation Hurricane Iniki response. The following year, he became the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Operations Sergeant and was promoted to Master Sergeant (E-8). After serving the as the Operations Sergeant, 1SG Schoen was assigned to Alpha Company, 4th Battalion as the First Sergeant.

In late 1995, 1SG Schoen was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Air Assault Division, Fort Campbell, KY with duty at the 76th Infantry Brigade National Guard, Indianapolis, IN. In this last tour, 1SG Schoen served as the Operations Sergeant and Senior Non-Commissioned Advisor. 1SG Schoen then retired from the U.S. Army in 1996 while assigned to Fort Campbell, KY.

He is a graduate of the Basic Leadership Course, Primary Leadership Development Course Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course First Sergeant's Course, Master Fitness Trainer's Course, Gold Strike Leadership Course, and numerous Shippensburg University Undergraduate Courses.

1SG Schoen's military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (6th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Humanitarian Services Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Advanced Level) Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award). He is authorized to wear Expert Infantry Badge, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Expert Marksman (M-16, M60) Badges.

Dean is married to his high school sweetheart, Bonnie, for 43+ years. They have three adult children, Shawn, Heidi and Justin (Cynthia) and six grandchildren, Kaylah-20, Kaden-17, Kamdon-8, Everett-5, Rhoslyn-3, and Olivia-2. Dean is retired from Department of Veteran's Affairs VET Center Readjustment Counseling Program after 16+ years of service to combat veterans and their families. He is currently a part-time County Veteran's Service Officer for Menominee County, Michigan and resides in Marinette, Wisconsin.