



**Robert Buchanan**

**USMC Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient**

Robert Buchanan is a United States Marine Corps. Veteran and a Purple Heart Recipient. He is currently a student using his G.I. Bill after being Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant after 6 years of service. Robert was a machine gun squad leader during the workup training for his deployment with the 2/6 battalion and helped train Andrew Tahmooressi as a machine gunner. While on deployment in Marjah, Afghanistan Robert fought side by side with Andrew. In August of 2010, Robert's All Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV), ran over a 120lb improvised explosive device (IED), and resulted in Robert earning his Purple Heart award. Since his exit of the Marine Corps in 2011, Robert has been active in his school's veteran club, and in his community's veteran organizations, and is actively attending American Legion Post 862. Robert is currently working on his Business Degree.