

Sergeant Patrick B. Wilson

Patrick B. Wilson was born in Orlando, FL on October 15, 1988. When he was four years old, his family relocated to Tallahassee, FL where he spent the rest of his adolescent life. His path to Eagle Scout started at a very early age. SGT Wilson started Scouting as a Tiger Cub, continuing through Cub Scouts with a pack at a local church. As a Webelos, SGT Wilson earned Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light. As a Boy Scout, SGT Wilson balanced Scout meetings with varsity football and wrestling. He also worked at a local restaurant on the weekends and maintained a B average in high school. He attended Camp Wall Wood in Florida where he earned the top score during a rifle competition and was named Citizen of the Week. SGT Wilson completed his Eagle Scout Project during the summer of his sophomore year of high school, blazing and marking a nine mile trail on Lake Talquin and recruiting friends and teammates to blaze and mark another trail extending over fifteen miles in the Econfina River State Park. This was a huge help to the local area as many hikers and bicyclists were getting lost on the trails, requiring search and rescue to be called upon. SGT Wilson was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on August 16, 2005 by the Suwannee River Area Council. Following SGT Wilson's example and mentorship, his younger brother also earned the rank of Eagle Scout a year later.



After graduating from Leon High School in May of 2007, SGT Wilson enlisted in the Army and attended Basic training in July. He attended Advanced Individual Training to become a UH-60 Helicopter Repairer at Fort Eustis where he graduated as a distinguished honor graduate. His first duty assignment was Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He was immediately assigned to a flight company due to his MOS proficiency and tactical intelligence. He then volunteered to deploy with A 1/52 Aviation Regiment, an expeditionary company, and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2009-2010 where he served as a UH-60 crew chief and door gunner. Upon return from his first deployment SGT Wilson volunteered to extend his tour in Alaska in order to deploy with C 1/52 Aviation. In 2011 he deployed with C 1/52 AVN in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where he served as a MEDEVAC crew chief. Although SGT Wilson had limited medical training, he was devoted to helping soldiers and was recognized numerous times for working above and beyond his duties. His actions along with his flight crew were directly responsible for saving the lives of countless soldiers and civilians. For his actions in combat he was awarded the Air Medal and Combat Action Badge. SGT Wilson also received the Sikorsky Helicopter Rescue Award.

Currently, SGT Wilson is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia as a UH-60 Blackhawk Crew Chief and squad leader.