



Former Army NCO Directs Film Showing Determination of Wounded Veterans

From ABC News:

Former Army Staff Sergeant Ryan Curtis is the oldest in a family of seven siblings. Growing up, a career in Hollywood seemed out of reach.

“When I was young, being a film director was not a legit career. People didn’t understand that being a director was a viable career option and my family was like, ‘You’re going to be a doctor, or you’re going to be in the medical field,’” Curtis said.

His father was in the Army National Guard and it was during one of his father’s weekend drills that Curtis visited him and he ended up enlisting in the Army after taking

the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test.

“I took it on a whim. I was like, this sounds like fun and I can use some adventure in my life,” Curtis said.

Ryan joined the Army in 2001 and served as a combat engineer for eight years from 2001 until 2009. After leaving the Army, he moved to Las Vegas and started working in the entertainment business as an actor and model doing local commercials. He then realized that he would much rather be on the other side of the camera. ■

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