

Donald Ball



Background:

- United States Marine Corps (Corporal), 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (2001 to 2005)
- School of Infantry (SOI) Honor Graduate, Camp Pendleton, California
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

Iraq Deployments:

- Operation Iraqi Freedom (March 2003 to May 2003): Squad, Team Leader
- Al Fallujah (February 2004 to July 2004): Squad, Team Leader
- Ar Ramadi (February 2005 to July 2005): Squad, Team Leader

Awards and Commendations:

- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal:
 - Corporal Ball “braved numerous improvised explosive devices and small arms attacks and never lost his focus on mission accomplishment and troop welfare.”
 - “In April when an enemy sniper attacked, his calm leadership and initiative under extremely dangerous combat operations were key in the success of his Marines. His attitude and devotion to duty were excellent examples for his Marines to follow.”
- Certificate of Commendation:
 - “In 2004, Corporal Ball began his second combat tour, boldly fighting in a fierce urban battle with insurgents during Operation Vigilant Resolve in the city of Al Fallujah, Iraq. He then displayed great character as he transitioned from intense urban combat into stability and security operations in the city of Al Karma.”
- Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (w/ 2 stars)
- Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Rifle Expert Badge (2nd Award)