Jim Gilliland is a Current 17+ year active duty Army veteran Senior

Non Commissioned Officer who joined the Army in 1996 – He served

in the 3d Bn of the 75th Ranger Regt as an Indirect fire Infantryman

(Mortar Gunner), Forward Observer, Sniper, Spotter, RTO, Team

Leader, and a Squad Leader. He later deployed twice to Afghanistan

with C company 3/75 as a Squad Leader where he participated in the

highly televised night combat Airborne Assault in the Helmand

providence on 19 Oct 2001. Jim went on to instruct at the NCO

academy for 18 months before being assigned to the 3rd Infantry

Division. There Jim selected and trained a Sniper Section from scratch

in 2004 and deployed for one year as a Sniper Section Leader. Jim’s

sniper section was recognized as the best Sniper Section in Iraq in

2005 by the Joint Chief Counter IED Task Force. Jim is accredited with

taking a record successful single shot engagement with a 7.62 rifle.

Jim was then assigned as a Ranger Instructor at Mountain Phase of

the Army’s Ranger school for three years as both tactics and

mountaineering instructor. Following that, Jim returned to the 3d ID

and completed his second tour in Iraq as a Platoon Sergeant leading a

quick Reaction Force and counter IED/Post blast section Leader

finishing his time in the 3d ID as a First Sergeant. Jim recently served

in the Soldier Requirement Division, Small Arms Branch as the Senior

Enlisted Adviser and Branch NCOIC. In this role Jim was directly

involved in the selection, refinement and development of all future

Army small arms. Currently, MSG Gilliland is working in a Battalion

Operations Office which overseas most of the small arms training

ranges, schools, and cadre on Fort Benning GA