



**Sgt. Jose J. Munoz**  
**United States Army**



Sgt. Jose Munoz is a five-year veteran of the United States Army and is currently serving as part of the *Why We Serve* speakers program. He has recently returned from an assignment in Iraq and is speaking to groups around the country about his personal experience serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Munoz, deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, most recently to escort and provide security to logistics convoys. Although the convoys were hit several times by improvised explosive devices, his unit was able to cover nearly a million miles in the middle and southern portion of Iraq in order to bring necessary supplies to coalition units throughout the region.

Munoz is currently stationed in Fort Bragg, NC where he is attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 321<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. Although Munoz was born in Mexico, at the age of 10 he moved to a small town in southern Texas near the border. Munoz graduated from Harlingen High School and enlisted into the Army in 2002. After serving in the U.S. military for five years and deploying to Iraq twice, Munoz received United States citizenship in May of 2007.

His decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Air Assault Badge.