

## CHRISTOPHER SHARON BIO

Mr. Christopher Sharon currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Hope For The Warriors, a national non-profit, headquartered in Springfield, Virginia, that provides services to post-9/11 veterans, their families and families of those members of the military community who have been killed in the line of duty.

Mr. Sharon was born in Waukesha Wisconsin in March of 1980 and grew up in the rural town of Watertown where he attended and graduated from Watertown High School. After graduating, Mr. Sharon enlisted in the US Marine Corps as an Infantryman.

Upon graduation from boot camp and from the School of Infantry in Camp Pendleton, Ca, LCpl Sharon was assigned as a Rifleman to K Company, Third Battalion, Second Marine Regiment aboard Camp Lejeune, NC where he served for one year before being selected to the battalion's Scout Sniper Platoon. Sgt Sharon graduated from the Scout Sniper Basic course in June of 2001 and deployed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force in December of that year. Shortly after returning from that deployment Sgt Sharon deployed to Kuwait as part of Regimental Combat Team 2 and was among the first units to invade Iraq in March of 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After his Iraq deployment, Sgt Sharon immediately deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom until February of 2004 when he transferred to Quantico Virginia to serve as the Chief Instructor of Scout Sniper Instructor School. SSgt Sharon left active duty in December of 2006.

Mr. Sharon started the small defense contracting firm, Adaptive Consulting & Training Services, in March of 2008. Adaptive provides tactical training, research, development, Test & evaluation services, and new equipment training to DOD components, SOCOM, federal and local law enforcement agencies.

Mr Sharon's notable awards and achievements include: The Navy and Marine corps Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award, w/ combat "V"), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5<sup>th</sup> Award), the 2005 instructor of the Year Award, the Leatherneck Award, selected as the 2013 Veteran Owned Small Business of the Year by the UMW Center for Economic Development.