

Hello I am Robert (Rob) Magiera. I was born and raised in Detroit Michigan. When I graduated high school in 1995, I started my military adventure with my enlistment into Army. I left Detroit with a flight to Fort Knox Ky. for basic training. After graduating basic training, I boarded a bus heading to Aberdeen Proving Ground My. For my AIT training for Utility Repair (Heating and Air Conditioner Repair). Upon completing the schooling receiving type 3 (Universal able to work on all type). I left My. and headed to Fort Benning Ga. to participate in 3 weeks of training to earn the coveted silver wings (Army parachutist badge). Once I had my wings on to my first duty station Fort Bragg N.C home of the Airborne. I spent my next 3 years there with the 782nd MSB of the 82nd Airborne. Amassing 60+ jumps. Along with getting the skills of Heavy Construction Equipment Repair, along learning how to drive count less vehicles. Such as Hummv, Lmtv, Hmtv, 2 half ton and 5-ton trucks, countless forklifts, tractor trailers and school busses. Once my 3 yrs. were up I left and headed back home to report to the 1072nd Maintenance with the Michigan National Guard. I was with the 1072nd for 4 years.



When my enlistment was up I reenlisted in to the Coast Guard. My first stop was Yorktown Va. For Machinery Technician that way I can learn how to apply all I learned in the Army and apply it to a marine application. I spent 13 weeks there as the class leader and learning all I could. Once graduation MK school I headed to my first station which was right down the road at Aids to Navigation (ANT) Long Island Sound. While there I earned my boat crew and boat engineer certification. And spent countless hrs. underway sailing through the Sound and all the rivers of Ct. While at the ANT team I was asked if I would take a critical fill position at Sector Detroit. I said yes and my then girl friend packed up and headed to Detroit where I supported 15 units and 130 boats. While at the Sector I became JOOD (Junior Officer of the Day), and ODD (Officer of the Day). 3 big events happened while there first my wife Kelly and I were Married. I was promoted to the rank of MK2 (E-5). And my daughter Kassidy was born. The day I was promoted I found out it was time for a new duty station. A few months later I found us moving down to Ohio and reporting to Station Marblehead which is a search and rescue unit. While there I became boat crew member and boat engineer on 3 different boats. After 3 years I hang up my boot and left the military and became a veteran.

We moved back to Ct. in 2012 and called Meriden home then. My wife (Kelly) and I have now been married of 14 yrs. We have four kids Kassidy who now is 12. Since being back in Ct. we have welcomed our 3 sons. Drew is 7, Vinney is 5 and Rocco is 1. It's never a dull moment here at my house with my kids. Between dance classes, Lego building, and superhero talk. There is always something going on. I work full time at Boscov's in the Meriden Mall been there 6yrs. And when I have time, I am working on my degree in computer programming. Which I am almost done with. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my wife and kids, working on cars, and wood carving.

