



## ALAN BABIN

After the events of September 11, 2001, Corporal Alan “Doc” Babin, Jr., enlisted in the Army at the age of 22. He wanted to do something where he could help people and insisted on becoming a medic with the elite 82nd Airborne Division. Alan was constantly a body-in-motion, surrounded by friends and brightening peoples lives with his amazing smile.

On March 31, 2003, the 82nd was engaged in heavy gunfire on a bridge over the Euphrates River when a call for a “Medic!” rang out. His heroic actions inspired his Unit and, for his bravery, he was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” for Valor and the Purple Heart.

Alan has survived over 70 abdominal surgeries, a stroke, meningitis, 5 brain surgeries and a long, complicated medical journey. Doctors expected him to live out his life in a nursing home - but God (and his mom) had a different plan. After spending over 2 years in hospitals, he has since then been clawing his way back to health and inspiring everyone who meets him. His determination and courage during rehab are legendary and he remains positive day-in and out.

With hard work, determination and tremendous support, Alan has re-learned to breathe, talk, eat, move his limbs and to find a “new normal.” He continues to help others “off the battlefield” by sharing his journey, making a difference in the current health-care systems and to be an agent for positive change. Alan resides with his parents in Round Rock, Texas, and continues to enjoy “LIVING LARGE” with the encouragement of his Sister (Christy) his Dad (Al Sr.), his Mom (Rosie) and the support of many, many Patriots.



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Even after everything Alan has endured, he still encourages everyone he meets to,  
***“Never, never, never give up!”***