

Life Changing Experiences and Perhaps Destiny!

“I have a lot of war stories like when three Navy S.E.A.L. snipers on a mission couldn’t hit water if they fell out of a boat. I’ve engaged face-to-face with adversaries in Afghanistan as necessary, including two suicide bombers. I’ve survived rocket and mortar attacks, an IED attempt and two midair near catastrophic disasters. I’ve comforted a 14-year boy who had three limbs blown off and I've seen my share of war atrocities. With heavy heart, I too, have rendered the silent salute to 25 fallen heroes.

My experiences in Counterterrorism Operations have saved American civilian and soldiers’ lives by getting out ahead of attacks than waiting ‘AFTER THE DISASTER’ to act and receive accolades. I did this by Denying, Disrupting, Denigrating and Destroying terrorist activities. I mitigated casualties; employing risk and threat analysis and management reinforced with contingency planning, operations, and even exercises, when possible.

One life changing experience, however, re-directed me down a path least expected. There are times when even the CIA can mess up and get very ‘POLITICAL.’ In 2005, I tried to correct one of ‘THEIR’ mistakes involving a mismanaged Child Porn investigation I reported. Egos of senior Agency executives were bruised. The ‘SYSTEM’ was then directed at me!

Through a series of cascading and devastating events orchestrated by the same CIA officials abusing titles, positions and authorities bent on personal vendettas, I would eventually be left chronically homeless for five years following the Great Recession in 2009.

With perseverance and fortitude, I pulled myself off the streets in 2015 and now I seek office.”

----Mark Napier