

**SOTC – OPERATION BARNABAS**  
**Veteran of the Month Prayer Card**  
**March 2024**  
**Luke Blaser**



**US ARMY: 1984 – 1993**

Luke was born and raised in Reynolds, IL. Luke enlisted in the US Army Reserve one day after graduation from high school, 1984. Luke served God and country in the US Army on active duty from 1987-1993 and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant, E-5. His duties and billets in the Army included: Fort Campbell, KY, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, infantry and military police. In 1990 he was reassigned to Hawaii, MP Command, 58<sup>th</sup> MP Company which included duty at Schofield Barracks serving as Patrol Sergeant and Team Leader. Luke's last active duty assignment was Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, where he served as SWAT Team Leader for the 523<sup>rd</sup> MP Company.

Following military duty Luke continued in the vocation of police duty as an officer for the East Moline Police Department for 24 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. During his police career Luke wore many service hats including: Patrolman, Traffic Crash Reconstructionist, Field Training Officer, K-9 Handler, Patrol Sergeant, Emergency Vehicle Driving Instructor, and Master Firearms Instructor. Luke graduated from Black Hawk College, Moline, IL, with an AA Degree in Pre-Law during his service as police officer.

Luke moved to Palm Coast in 2017 with his wife Sherri, retiring from a law enforcement career that spanned almost 30 years. Luke currently serves the good saints at SOTC as team leader for our church's security team. He is an active member of the American Legion, Fraternal Order of Police, and the Renegade Pigs motorcycle club. Luke is an avid reader and biker. He also enjoys traveling, teaching, firearms and maintains a high level of physical fitness in the martial arts of Juki do Jujitsu. The Lord has blessed Luke and Sherri with four children and one grandchild