

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Dan Rutledge Biography  
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Dan Rutledge was born on April 13, 1986 in Singapore. He grew up in Oklahoma, and graduated high school. He went to Michigan Tech. for 4 years where he majored in Computer Science and Historical Physiology. He enjoyed triathlons, where he bikes, runs and swims; although swimming is his least favorite.

He is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Army and in December he will become a platoon leader. Currently, he is an assistant operation officer, which means he develops the plans for the unit. Lt. Rutledge has only been in the army for a little over a year, so this is his first deployment. Even though this is his first time on deployment, he is still excited. This is something he has been waiting for, for a long time. Although the majority of his family is in the Air Force, he decided to join the army because it is more involved with the war in Iraq. During college one of Rutledge's final papers was on Iraq. He wishes that he could actually see more of the land marks that are over there but knows he has to focus on his job first. Site seeing is not part of his job.

His favorite color is orange and he loves gummy bears. Rutledge is into jam bands like the Dave Mathew's band. He really enjoys comedies in T.V. shows and in movies. When Rutledge retires from the Army in 20 years, he plans to become a history teacher. Although he enjoys computer science he has decided that history was more for him.