

CATCHING UP WITH...

# David Schible

BY DAVID SCHIBLE

## Multi-Tasking to the Max: Graduate Student, Speaker, Advocate—and Daddy

**David Schible, a veteran of the United States Army, was the cover feature of our November/December 2017 issue of *Hearing Loss Magazine*.**

Since I retired from the United States Army in 2018, I have worked in a few places. Today, I am a United Service Organizations (USO) Transition Specialist. My role is unique and very rewarding. I guide service members as they transition from the military into the civilian sector. We also assist spouses with similar resources to help them seek opportunities when they arrive at their next move.

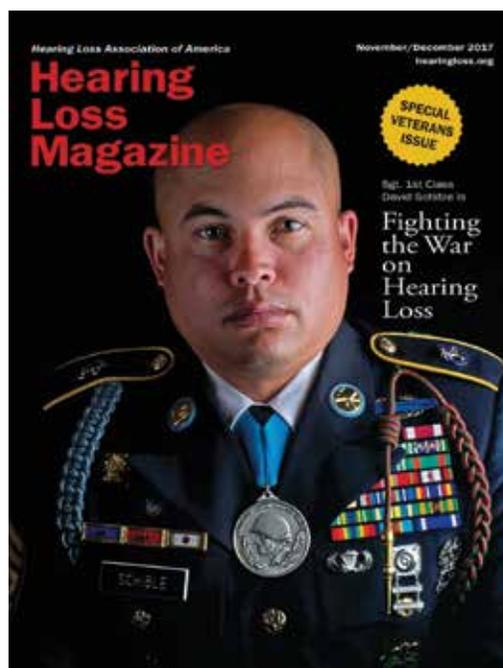
I recently finished my bachelor's degree in Health Science at Trident University International, graduating with honors. I enrolled in my master's degree in the Homeland Security program with a concentration in Emergency and Disaster Management. I am also seeking other educational opportunities in Emergency Medical Technician programs to become a part-time paramedic someday. I will graduate with my master's degree in 2021.

### From Grad to Dad

In November 2019, my wife, Michaela, gave birth to our son, Archer Henry Schible. He is an in vitro fertilization (IVF), baby. During the IVF process, we faced some challenges. Out of 17 eggs, Archer was the only one who made it. He truly is a miracle baby and will turn one year old on November 21, 2020. He is a healthy, happy baby every day, and he brings joy to anyone he encounters. We are truly blessed to have him in this world.

I continue to advocate for service members with the Third Infantry Division and the HLAA Veterans Across America Virtual Chapter. In November 2019, I was invited to the HLAA Wisconsin State Association State Conference to speak on behalf of the Veterans Chapter. The association hosted my delightful visit,

and the speaking engagement was a success. The Veterans Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month, and we learn a great deal of information during our meetings. Our members provide guest speakers who range from hearing advocates to audiologists. One of my successful military accomplishments was being part of the Walter Reed National Medical Research program. The former chief audiologist, Capt. Marisa Ragonesi of Fort Stewart, was given a task of submitting a video to the research team at Walter Reed. The topic of the video was hearing loss prevention, and someone was needed to pitch a five-to-ten-minute briefing. I was selected to make the presentation. Capt. Ragonesi submitted the videos, and now one is used in a survey given to service members, who must watch a few videos and conduct surveys before their audiometric tests. My message is heard at five to eight major military installations across the nation. I want to thank my mentors for providing me with my education



and the opportunity to continue to advocate for hearing loss prevention.

My family and I reside in Richmond Hill, Georgia, where we recently bought a new home and created a new life. Not only am I pursuing my education in Homeland Security and Emergency Medical Technician training, but I am also in pursuit of my Hearing Aid Dispenser's license. One of my career goals is to provide veterans and those who have hearing loss with devices to enhance their quality of life. I have much ground to gain, but I intend to achieve my goals in the next couple of years.

I hope everyone remains safe during this pandemic. If you are a veteran or an active duty service member, national guardsman, or reservist, please join our group. We would love to have you on board. Be well. **HL**



Above: Graduation day with my wife, Michaela, and son, Archer



Left: Our miracle baby, Archer



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