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# VOTE IN HONOR OF A VET

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## SERGEANT RANDALL MARTIN MARINES

**Name** ..... Randall Martin  
**Hometown** ..... Pt Charlotte, FL  
**Currently** ..... Punta Gorda,  
FL  
**Rank** ..... Sereant  
**Unit** ..... 7th Engineer-  
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Battalion

*Sgt. Randall Martin of Port Charlotte, Fla. stands in front of what remains of an Iraqi tank sitting along a road southwest of Falluja. It was put out of commission by an American Abram tank during the Gulf War. Photo provided*



He joined the Marines to be the best and discovered Babylon while fighting in Iraq.

Randall Martin of Port Charlotte, Fla. joined the Marine Corps because he wanted to be part of the best. He went to Iraq on Super Bowl Sunday 2003 and served three tours there as a member of the 7th Engineering Support Battalion.

“We gave the people of Iraq the right to vote. But the most important thing we did was to make them free,” the 29-year-old “Leatherneck” explained. “A lot of the hate and displeasure we receive from the people in Iraq has to do with money. Saddam Hussein’s government subsidized many of his people and all of that’s gone now that he’s gone and they’re in pain.”

The most amazing thing that happened to Martin and his engineering battalion while they were in Iraq: They were tooling around in the desert somewhere south of Baghdad and north of Hillah and came across an ancient brick city buried in the sand for eons. A crew of archeologists paid by Hussein had been working to unearth the remarkable find for decades.

“It was the biblical City of Babylon,” Martin said.

*To read all of Randall Martin’s military bio, search his name on [DonMoore’sWarTales.com](http://DonMoore’sWarTales.com) for the complete article.*

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