



Ronald Kohlenberger Jr.

Ronald Kohlenberger Jr. was born March 13, 1967, in Bellflower, CA, to Ronald Kohlenberger Sr. and Hetzel Marie Kohlenberger. They moved to Tustin, CA when Ron Jr. was 3 years old. Ron attended Immanuel Lutheran Private School from Kindergarten to the Second grade, then transferred to Helen Estock Elementary School for Third through Sixth grade. After moving to Murray, Kentucky in 1978, Ron attended Murray Jr. and Murray Senior High School. During High School, Ron became interested in the military and joined the JROTC program. Not only did he participate in JROTC all four years in high school, he also played defensive back for the Murray Tigers football team. After high school, Ron attended Murray State University on a 3-year ROTC scholarship earning the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

- 1986-1989, 3-year ROTC scholarship Murray State University
 - 1988, Enlisted SMP, Det 1, HHC/1-123d Armor, Kentucky National Guard
 - 1988-1992, Scout Platoon Leader, 1-123d Armor, KYARNG
 - 1989, Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, USAR, Armor Branch
 - 1990 Armor Officer Basic Course, Ft. Knox, KY
 - 1991, Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
 - 1992-1993, Tactical Intelligence Officer, 1-123d Armor, KYARNG
 - 1993-1995, Tank Platoon Leader, 1-123d Armor & 2-123d Armor, KYARNG (1-123d Armor was deactivated and units were reorganized into 2-123d Armor)
 - 1995-1999, Executive Officer, B/2-123d Armor
 - 1997 Activated for natural disaster (flood), Smithland, KY
 - 1998 Activated for B-1 Bomber crash, Marion, KY
 - 1999-2000, Commander, B/2-123d Armor
 - 2000 Entered IRR
 - 2000 Resigned commission, re-entered KYARNG as SGT
 - 2000-2002 Tank Commander, B/123d Armor
 - 2000-2001 Kentucky National Guard State Marksmanship Team, Combat Pistol
 - 2002 Promoted to SSG
 - 2001-2002 Deployment for Operation Enduring Freedom. Location: Germany.
 - 2002-2004 Tank Commander, B/123d Armor
 - 2004-2005 Squad Leader, 270th Military Police, Sacramento, CA
 - 2005, Operations Sergeant, 270th MP
 - Mobilized with Task Force Santa Fe, Operation Enduring Freedom, December 2001. Deployed to Giessen, Germany. Mission: Force Protection/Anti-Terrorism. Demobilized September 2002.
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After serving two tours of combat duty in Afghanistan, he retired from the United States Army after 23 years. He was an avid hunter who loved going hunting with his dog, Rocky, and all his hunting buddies. Prior to his untimely death, Ron was living in Houston and running for Congress in Texas's 7th Congressional District.

