

Kyle Perez is a native to Bellevue, Nebraska and a graduate of Bellevue West High School class of 2002. He attended Morningside College on a football scholarship before joining the Marine Corps in 2006. A member of the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines Kilo company out of Camp Pendleton, Kyle's M.O.S. (military operation specialty) was an 0331 Infantry Machine Gunner.

His first deployment was to Fallujah, Iraq where his objective was to provide security for Lt. Colonel and Sgt. Major of 3rd Battalion 5th Marines. His HUMVEE was hit by a RPG, (Rocket Propelled Grenade), suffered a Class 3 concussion, ruptured ear drum and a dislocated jaw.

His second deployment was with the 31st M.E.U. (Marine Expeditionary Unit) Okinawa, Japan. Kyle describes his duties as "Training was commenced as we floated around North Korea while they were testing their nuclear missiles."

Kyle served four years active-duty, was promoted to Corporal and was awarded a Purple Heart and a Combat Action ribbon for the injuries he sustained in Fallujah.

"When I first returned home, I coached at Bellevue West High School as the JV defensive coordinator. I am currently attending Metropolitan Community College for Para medicine and plan on attending Bellevue University for Security Management with the intent of becoming a personal body guard. "