



## *Veterans Living with Brain Injury*

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In October 2003, I was in a convoy close to Baghdad escorting supply trucks when a roadside bomb exploded right by my Hummer.

I knew right away I had a brain injury. After the explosion, I fell to the side and was pretty out of it for quite a while.

When I got back to the United States, I started forgetting things. Someone would tell me something and I'd forget all about it. It was very painful at first, because I had never experienced this before. I checked to see if there was something that could be done about my problem.

I'm full of metal particles in my face and head, so I cannot undergo an MRI to see if there's damage to my brain. All that doctors can tell me is, "It looks like you're recovering well."