**Medal of Honor | Staff Sgt. David Bellavia**

**Photo Cutlines**

1. Staff Sgt. David Bellavia’s battalion photo, June 2005. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
2. Outside Muqdadiyah, in Diyala Province, Iraq, the dismounted Infantry of 3rd Platoon, Alpha Company, take up security positions as a local elder discusses enemy presence with their company commander, March 2004. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
3. Staff Sgt. David Bellavia handling an IED found on a patrol in Muqdadiyah Iraq, March 2004. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia).
4. Spc. Raymond Cullins (left), Staff Sgt. David Bellavia, Spc. Michael Gross and Spc. John Ruiz (standing), before pre combat checks for a counter IED mission at FOB Normandy in April 2004. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
5. Children of Diyala Province, Iraq, May 15, 2004. According to David Bellavia, “These children are the future of a free Iraq, and the reason we fought so hard. These five boys were our eyes and ears in Diyala Province.” (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
6. Staff Sgt. David Bellavia riding a donkey, while Spc. Patrick Magner looks on; Diyala Province, Iraq, May 2004. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
7. Staff Sgt. David Bellavia, Staff Sgt. Colin Fitts and Sgt. Chuck Knapp await the command detonation of an IED factory in the Industrial District of Fallujah during Operation New Dawn, November 2004. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
8. Staff Sgt. David Bellavia and Staff Sgt. Colin Fitts, outside the Industrial District in Fallujah Iraq, during Operation Al-Fajr, November 2004. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
9. Sgt. Hugh Hall kicks down a door while Spc. Steven Mathieu looks on during fighting in Fallujah, Iraq, November 2004. (Photo courtesy of Michael Ware)
10. Soldiers of Alpha Company, 1st Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, charge up a stairwell in Fallujah, November 2004. First Platoon had numerous close quarter firefights alongside 3rd Platoon. (Photo courtesy of Michael Ware)
11. 3rd Platoon, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, “The Mighty Third Herd,” moments before H-hour, Nov. 8, 2004. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
12. Members of 1st Platoon, Alpha Company, enter and clear a building during heavy fighting, Nov. 9, 2004 in the Askari District of North Eastern Fallujah. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
13. Capt. Sean Sims planning an attack for Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Nov. 10, 2004. Sims died three days later in a close quarter battle inside an insurgent held building, earning the Silver Star for his actions. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
14. Then-Cpl. Bellavia with Sgt. Chad Ellis, Camp Monteith Kosovo, January 2003. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
15. 1st Lt. Joaquin Meno, Spc. Brett Pulley and Staff Sgt. David Bellavia at the 2nd Infantry Regiment Ball, Vilseck, Germany. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
16. Bellavia with Staff Sgt. Colin Fitts at the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment Ramrod annual reunion in Washington D.C., 2005 (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
17. David Bellavia at the White House with President George W. Bush and Mississippi National Guard Sgt. Bill Brooks in 2007. Brooks lost both legs above the knee in an IED attack outside of Baghdad in 2005. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
18. David Bellavia speaking with JROTC students in Virginia, June 2007. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
19. Buffalo Bills Hall of Famer Thurman Thomas gives David Bellavia a jersey before a game, November 2007. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
20. David Bellavia addresses lawmakers outside the Capital Building about the success of the surge in Iraq, spring 2008. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
21. David Bellavia addresses soldiers from the Iowa National Guard, August 2008. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)
22. David Bellavia shown at a speaking engagement at Mississippi State University, spring 2010. (Photo courtesy of David Bellavia)