

**BETTENDORF HIGH SCHOOL  
HALL OF HONOR**

**MICHAEL RUTLEDGE**

**Class of 1989**

Chief Warrant Officer Four, United States Military Academy

**ACADEMIC RECORD**

Saint Ambrose University  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

**PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

Navy Helicopter Rescue Swimmer Instructor • Navy SEAL/ SEAL Team ONE - Advanced Skills Instructor and Platoon Leader • Army Master Aviator • MH-47G Helicopter Instructor Pilot • Test Pilot Examiner and Platoon Leader • 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) • Eighteen combat deployments including Desert Storm, Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan and numerous contingency deployments • Element leader on the assault for world's most wanted terrorist • Commander 2nd Aviation Detachment - Military Leadership and Character Development Instructor at the United States Military Academy West Point • Retired in 2019 after thirty years of active duty • Current CEO of Rutledge Airborne specializing in aerial application of pest control products and aerial wildland firefighting

Awarded Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Air Medal of Valor (4), Numerous personal achievement awards

**COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS**

Volunteer coach for Jr High and High School • Mentor for West Point Cadet Parachute Team, Division I Swim and Football teams • Coach for Cadet Flying Team • Mentor for Orange County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) • Middlebury, IN volunteer firefighter

**Inducted September 10, 2021**