

1. Road trip with my dad out West
2. Tour guide on the USS Midway (docent)
3. Trip to Cuzco, Peru
4. Machu Pichu trip
5. Cabo San Lucas trip, renting a car to San Jose del Cabo. Watching soccer game outside a pizzeria and going to Mi Casa and Cabo Wabo
6. Returning to B 2-47's CTA after our final road march in Basic Combat Training
7. July 15, 2008 surfing 8-10' waves out in Ocean Beach, CA. I lost 7 pounds in that session. I surfed to the point that I literally could not push myself up on that board. Talk about an epic day. I never fell off one of those waves. EPIC
8. TJ house building...oh so many amazing stories
9. Houghton College senior year cross country preseason up at Star Lake
10. Shooting first deer (8 point)
11. Flying over Ecuador above a thunderstorm
12. Wining N-O All League 135lb title my senior year of high school
13. Div. 2 men's assistant soccer coach vs #7 ranked Div.1 Virginia Tech
14. Kayaking in the Pacific Ocean
15. Sitting in the church in Peru (also playing fooseball in the city streets)
16. Going to the Rose Parade
17. Driving and taking a train across the good ole' USA (literally coast to coast)
18. Seeing the Grand Canyon
19. College road trips
20. Houghton College experience (class president, RA/HR, Shenawana)

21. Universal Studios and Disney Land
22. Santa Barbara trip with cousins and driving the new Thunderbird
23. Point Loma Nazarene University: Goodwin Hall, RD life
24. Running to OB Pier/lighthouse/ Rosecrans Cemetery
25. Niagara Falls like 40+ times
26. Went to Yankees game in Anaheim and got Roger Clemens to sign my glove
27. Army Basic Combat Training and OCS
28. Throwing a hand grenade/machine guns (50 cal,M-249 AND M-240)/m-203
29. Balboa Park and December Nights
30. Working at a Salad Dressing factory in Wilson and Bye's Popcorn in Olcott
31. Winning Friday Night Magic when my brother was there
32. Walking through a tree (yosemite)
33. Driving under the Erie Canal @ the culvert in Medina, NY
34. Tea moments with Coach Smalley and friends
35. PA State Farm Show
36. Gettysburg
37. Statue of Liberty (went to the top), World Trade Center photograph when I was 10
38. Buffalo Bills, Bandits, Bisons, Sabres, Blizzards games
39. Meeting Lee Hancock in Tijuana. (shook his hand twice in 10 years...I looked up to him the first time, he to me the second time)
40. Being in a Russian submarine
41. Being in Cook's, Boyd's, Thompson's , Mullert's, Snyder's and Tate's weddings

42. Going to WVU vs Notre Dame men's college bball game with my New Hall custodian Brian
43. National Airforce Museum
44. Smithsonian
45. National Art Museum: seeing Vincent Vangogh's self portrait in person!
46. Playing the alto saxophone and being in the HS jazz band my junior and senior year
47. Las Vegas (stuck there overnight because of fog in SD, and 2 times during Army NTC rotation being a DD)
48. Yosemite National Park (2x)
49. Seeing a B-1 stealth bomber and two F-22's flying in the sky
50. Air Shows/Red Bull races in San Diego (2x)
51. Surf City, NJ. Many summers there. Riding bike to Barneget Lighthouse, flying kites, boogie boarding, digging holes, BBQs, going to the Five and Dime, Putt-put
52. Hess Road Church Softball (oh so many homeruns)
53. Winning N-O doubles tournament with Dave Page my senior year in tennis. UNDEFEATED!!! BTW, we went undefeated. Dave's first year playing tennis...my first year playing doubles. We created a new style of tennis...always hit the ball down the center and if we could get the opposing team to start yelling/swearing at each other...victory was in our grasp. And we would aim for them too. It worked. Undefeated.
54. Diablo computer game moments with my brother
55. Football games over at the Shocknesse's
56. Bus ride to Cabo San Lucas and La Paz and back (rented a vw bug) @ Jose del Cabo
57. Sunsets in San Diego. Seeing 4 green flashes there
58. Moments sitting on the benches overlooking Lake Ontario
59. Cousin's wedding at the Hotel Del Coronado

60. White water rafting the New River and the Gauley River in West Virginia
61. Seeing King Salmon spawning runs
62. Sitting on the boat dock at the University of Charleston of West Virginia
63. Ice hockey at Houghton College duck pond, Ed Hagg's, and the quad
64. Driving stick trucks in Mexico and the stories to come out of that
65. Serve 2004 and 2007 with Mexico Caravan Ministries
66. Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA
67. Playing national anthem with my high school band at Olympic Park (expos vs Phillies)
68. Saluting the US flag at an event (especially a MLB game)
69. Cedar Point
70. Working at an orphanage in La Molina, Peru. Fire and earthquake proofing it.
71. Public transportation in both Tijuana, Mexico and in Peru
72. Being a squad leader in BCT during FTX 3
73. Kayaking under the Sea World Fireworks countless times and taking people out there
74. Catching a 19 ¾" brown trout with friends
75. Surviving San Diego's wild fires of 2004 and 2008
76. Flying my kite at Dog Beach, San Diego. Then tying glowsticks at Oceanside with them on (NOV13)
77. Paddling around the OB Pier on my surfboard (becoming a waterman)
78. Kissing a girl behind a waterfall
79. Dunked a volleyball on a 10' basketball rim my senior year at college. I had mad ups then. Over a 42" vertical!
80. Sunrises in Ocean Beach, SD on my surfboard

81. Tornado warnings in Georgia (BCT/OCS) and Indiana (ACSD)
82. Felt earthquakes in Peru and San Diego
83. Many conversations with friends over the game “Settlers of Catan”
84. Time with my cousin Tyler in San Diego. Road trips, Magic the Gathering, hanging out, etc...
85. Death Valley (lowest point in the US) with my Dad
86. Summer recreation in Newfane for three summers
87. Conversations with friends
88. Receiving random notes from people that I have helped along the way
89. Standing in several states/countries at once
90. Soccer games at the cathlico iglesia behind the Caravan dorm in Tijuana
91. Shooting star/meteor showers— watching them on hay bales at Houghton
92. Catacombs underneath cathedral in Cuzco, Peru
93. Being a Residence Director at two colleges (UCWV and PLNU)
94. Wiley Hall turf soccer games
95. A&W rootbeer in a frosted mug after each house build in Tijuana
96. Mexico Caravan Ministries lifestyle that I lived for a year
97. Walking the Tianguis (market on wheels) in Tijuana every weeks in two different colonias
98. Parents coming to my Basic Combat Training graduation
99. Intramurals at Houghton, UCWV and PLNU
100. Graduating Pathfinder school
101. Moving to Alaska

102. Seeing a dogsled race start (Yukon Quest 2010)
103. Driving the Haul Road up to Deadhorse
104. Going black bear hunting
105. Going caribou hunting
106. Going to Fairbanks hockey games and "chucking a puck"
107. Taking a Ch-47D to Donnelly Dome and landing on it
- 108: Shooting a .22 pistol with a silencer on it
- 109: Hiking the Crestline Trail and climbing mountains in the Huachuca's when there was snow up there
- 110: Going to Tombstone and seeing the OK Corral
- 111: Going to Roswell, NM and seeing fake aliens. The truth is out there.
- 112: Crossing the Arctic Circle on multiple occasions
113. Hitting an arrow Robin Hood style at 30 yards on 12Aug2010
114. Taking a train all of the way across the country. Coast to coast
115. Though shut out, hunted caribou in zone one in the 40 mile herd (2X)
116. Having been an Assistant D2 Men's Soccer Coach for UCWV vs 11th ranked (in process of moving to 7th) D1 Virginia Tech in which we ended their keepers D1 record attempt for the longest continual minutes of shutout.
117. Having been awarded an Army Commendation by my BDE CDR
118. Awarded "the Hero" of the 1-25 IN DIV FSX. Having one of my CoIST soldiers win "a Hero" at NTC. Received a general's coin.
119. Going moose hunting in Alaska (2X)
120. Raising my right hand for both the enlisted and officer oaths

121. Polar Bear Swim in Olcott, NY and getting into the newspaper because of it.  
"Yesterday I was surfing in San Diego and today I was running into Lake Ontario!"
122. Played with the Fort Wainwright Post's Hockey Team. Although I was on our B team, I did score a goal against the Air Force in the Commanders Cup.
123. Pond Hockey games with friends in Alaska and outside at the Big Dipper
124. Camping out on the North Slope 100 miles from the Arctic Ocean at -26 degrees
125. Seeing a herd of 500+ Caribou at Galbraith Lake
126. Seeing a small herd of 30 dall sheep at Galbraith Lake
127. Saw the Northern Lights (when I deployed to Afghanistan they were out when I was walking on the tarmac to the plane)
128. Carlsbad Caverns National Park
129. Ice Dogs games in Fairbanks, AK. Going with Pete Hopkins. Of all places in the world. First roommates in May 1981.
130. Built an AR-15 with my cousin from scratch
131. Weekend at the ranch in Llano, Texas. Bird hunting and everything else
132. Going to the top of the CN Tower in Toronto and looking down through the plexiglass floor.
133. Stood next to Patrick Ewing and Dikembe Mutumbo when I was a teenager and they were two feet plus taller than me! Knicks vs Nuggets preseason game
134. Wrote my Congresswoman in SD to get into the Army (MEPS issues). The system works!!! After waiting on MEPS for 10 months it took two weeks when she worked her magic.
135. Survived my first and hopefully last NTC rotation at Fort Irwin.
136. Saw the sky dance from green to purple over Fairbanks for two hours on 9MAR11.
137. Saw an Alaskan "Sun Dog"
138. Been to the top of the Space Needle in Seattle

139. Saw a Rodeo in Kalispell, Montana
140. Went to Glacier National Park
141. Went to Denali National Park
142. Padres games with students: had David Wells sign my foul ball and spoke to him. He hinted to me that the Yankees were going to have a spring of luck--next week they signed Roger Clemens. On the same ball the same night got Bill Goldberg to sign it as he was with Wells.
143. Going to Boys State in NY my summer of my Junior year in HS
144. Presenting twice at ACSD
145. Actually had a "surprise" birthday party for me out in the woods at Houghton and a cake of some sort was involved. And I thought that everyone forgot!!!
146. Seeing Marine 1 flying overhead in San Diego with President George W Bush in it...well he was in one of the 2 birds
147. Seeing "red tide" off of Young Hall at night (once)
148. Seeing the Beach Boys in concert from my kayak (twice and once with my brother)
149. Memorizing the entire of book of Ephesians while in Mexico. Wish I still remembered it all!
150. Watching the Bills play in four straight super bowls as a kid and having Don Beebe sign the roster at my highschool. Saw Jim Kelly years later at a Third Day concert at Darien Lake
151. Recieved an AAM for my hard work during my NTC roation 11-04
152. Saw the Dead Sea Scrolls in San Diego
153. Flew across the Atlantic Ocean
154. Went to Kyrgyzstan and saw amazingly steep and high snow covered mountains
155. Deployed to Afghanistan

156. Flying in a C-17

157. When getting on the plane for deployment from Alaska, we looked up and the northern lights were covering the entire sky. A "good omen" as we all took it as it gave us all peace about the trip.

158. Flew into Ireland and Kyrgyzstan.

159. Surfed with dolphins, kayaked with dolphins and sea lions.

160. Hit an already broken clay pigeon with my .22 from a good 40 yards away.

161. Wasn't really rescued by a life guard, but was given a lift on his board back to the beach, from a sticky situation ;)

162. Ran 5 miles in under 30 minutes.

163. Awarded the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold) while I was at MIBOLC. I did the 18.8 mile road march with 35lbs dry weight averaging 12.02 minutes per mile and took first in our group. However, in the swim I finished in the allotted time by one hundredth of a second--even after a buddy jumped in the pool to give me some motivation.

164. Being class president at Houghton for 1.5 years before becoming an RA

165. I flew in cessna's piloted by Houghton friends Tim Cook and DJ Merriam.

166. Finally (after so many championship loses @ Houghton, UCWV and PLNU) won a Intramural Champion (soccer) t-shirt at UCWV (with the international students). Too bad it was not softball.

167. Received a clearance from the government (Top Secret SCI)

168. Deployed to Afghanistan (earned my combat patch)

169. Learned how to spin a basketball on my finger and can spin a basketball on about anything now

170. Kayaked 6ft waves...and maybe a 6.5ft'er which was the one that the lifeguard kinda helped me out on

171. Watched all of the "Band of Brothers" in one day.

172. Received 18 letters in one day while in BCT. My Drill Sergeant thought I was amazing. I thought my friends and family were amazing.

173. Won a bunch of wrestling tournaments in High School. Was ranked "honorable mention" in varsity for the Western New York 96lb weight class. Yes, I was small back then.

174. Made a quilt...and working on an original WW2 patch quilt.

175. Cross stitched many things. With my Mexico Caravan project being my masterpiece.

176. While up in a plane over NY I saw all 5 Finger Lakes at once...which was the start of my campaign to tour the world. For once, the world did not seem that large.

177. Hiked in the Coronado's alone. Well, I was accompanied by Smith & Wesson and Kimber.

178. Painted a barn...barn red of course

179. Back in the day: going to AMOC camp ground evening services with my Dad

180. I did the announcements in middle school over the PA everyday and read Pledge of Allegiance

181. Stuck in a traffic jam because of hurricane andrew on our way to the New Jersey Shore

182. Padres games: got David Wells to sign my ball, went to NL playoffs (2 games) in one week.

183. Was put in a headlock by SGT. Slaughter and enjoyed it

184. Being a BN S2 primary since 11FEB10 as an LT for 2.5 years.

185. Went to Whidbey Island and walked around Fort Casey: totally reminiscent of the movie, "Officer and a Gentleman." GO OCS!

186. Went to a Barnum & Bailey Circus in San Diego. The poodle doing back flips was the best part!

187. Delivered Buffalo Newspapers (first job)

188. Volunteered at a hospital (Newfane)

189. At 31, still holds my breath driving thru tunnels. The Lehigh Tunnel in PA being the most formable adversary to date. It comes in at just under 4,500 ft in length. I still reign undefeated.
190. Have been in abandoned gold and tungsten mines (CA and AZ)
191. Pranks at Houghton College. =)
192. Crossed the equator, tropic of cancer and the northern arctic circle. Up next, tropic of capricorn and southern arctic circle. Time now go.
193. Been to 4 out of 7 continents
194. Been to 38/39 states to date
195. Drove over the Hoover Dam. Took a trip down to the bottom with my dad. Years later, I drove over the new bridge that spans above it all.
196. Pitched in a softball fast pitch league for a season. Prior, I was a catcher.
197. Beat a highly "touted" wrestler with a few seconds to go. The next day, found out that he was a highly "touted" wrestler in the newspaper and had to look up what "touted" was. Won maybe 6 tournaments with one that I pinned all of my opponents in under a minute. Apart of one of the best high school teams in NYS wrestling history.
198. Water Balloon slingshot at college. Oh the trouble that we got in.
199. I was the fastest kid in my middle school at the 50 yard sprint.
200. Made it to thirty years of age. Only broke my nose thus far. Have not had stitches in over a decade. It's been pretty good thus far. Celebrated my birthday in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Continuing my tradition of being in a different place every year since 2003.
201. Drove a european style car with the opposite side steering wheel in Kandahar (manual and automatic)
202. Served as a primary S2 in combat
203. Saw a complete lunar eclipse over Kandahar on 16JUNE2011. The moon turned orange, and then to black, back to orange and back to glowing normal.
204. Took my summer RAs to a soccer game in the LA Coliseum. Chiva (the real Mexican team) vs the LA Galaxy. David Beckham did not play his first game. What a game. Fireworks

in the stands, 90% Chiva's fans, hearing "you better watch your colors..." in the end, the Mexicans came out on top.

205. Taught 20 ANA officers how to read maps

206. Technically left the wire of KAF

207. Wrote a famous person for their autograph and got it! (Conrad Anker)

208. Played in a deck hockey league in Kandahar, Afghanistan

209. Smoked a cuban cigar (1x per month while deployed)

210. Received a "CARE PACKAGE" while being a deployed Soldier (finally being on the other end)

211. Been turkey hunting

212. Been in a bat cave

213. Our team took 3rd for the "Rage in the Cage 13AUG11" dodgeball tournament out of 35+ teams here on KAF.

214. Promoted my analyst to SGT on 29AUG11...and we did it on the wing of an A-10 Thunderbolt!

215. Went to New Zealand for R&R. MY grandpa went to Australia for R&R in WW2.

216. Went bungy jumping. Auckland Bridge, Nevis (2x), and Kawarau Bridge. Nevis Sky Swing too!

217. Went paragliding in Queenstown, NZ

218. Boat cruise in the Doubtful Sound. Saw penguins in the wild!

219. Went to the Bronze Match for the 2011 World Cup Rugby in Auckland. Watched the final in Mahones Pub in Queenstown. Go All Blacks!

220. Visited Dave Heitman and Family in Wellington, NZ

221. Saw parts of where LOTR was filmed in NZ

222. Saw a roadrunner run across the road in Arizona!

223. Got my carry concealed pistol permit in Arizona
224. Had a good run of 4.5 months with a mustache in Afghanistan. Never will I compete with that run again. Never.
225. Can pass myself off as a Canadian or Kiwi with an accent
226. Took the ferry from South Island to North Island--New Zealand
227. Flew in a C-130 from Kuwait to Kandahar
228. Saw the Ellis Cup at the Museum in Auckland
229. Went to the top of the Auckland Tower
230. Flew in a CH-47 for a LCLA bundle drop in Zabul Province. We built the bundles and then pushed them out the ramp at midnight.
231. Flew in a lear jet from fairbanks to anchorage and felt like I was a millionaire. No lines, no security checks
232. Returned from Afghanistan to a Hero's welcome in the AHA with friends to there greet me.
233. Flown completely around the world
234. Seen a bald eagle fly in the wild in two states...maybe three.
235. Homecoming parade in Fairbanks, AK with 1-25 SBCT
236. Camping in the Denali National Park with a friend
237. Seeing Denali in all her splendor with a friend
238. Seeing 40+ sheep, 2x grizzlies, 4+ caribou, 1x moose and 2x gyrfalcons with a friend in the DNP
239. Getting Honorably Discharged from the United States Army
240. Got an Alaskan "Trappers License"

241. Specifically went out to pick Alaskan blueberries. And did I get some! And made Jam/Syrup with them!
242. Had a pen pal
243. Saw the Alaskan pipeline
244. Saw 4x grizzly bears in the wild
245. Went wolf hunting and saw my "white fang"
246. Got a vanity license plate, Arizona "1PROUD" Veteran
247. Almost got an alaskan red fox on two occasions. Actually, it outsmarted me on both occasions.
248. Voted in the US Presidential elections
249. Been on the USS Constitution
250. Caught arctic grayling (fish, not a disease!)
251. Took the Alaska DOT ferry from Haines, AK to Bellingham, WA
252. Wine tasting in Napa Valley
253. Double decker sight seeing in San Francisco
254. Driving the entire West Coast
255. Hiking the Grand Canyon, north rim to south rim (23+ miles) in one day (12 hours)
256. Seeing condors, bighorn sheep, and elk in the Grand Canyon
257. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal for my work as a S2 primary in OEF 11-12
258. Hiked to the top of Half Dome
259. Took tours of Hershey Chocolate Factory, Cadbury Chocolate Factory and the Jelly Belly factory
260. Climbing Mt. Whitney...all 14, 505 ft of it! 3 NOV 12

261. Driving 1,000+ miles within a 24 hr period to tell a girl that I like her
  262. Being a "best man" in a wedding
  263. Having my girlfriend fly out to meet me at DJ's wedding to be my date...and also allowing her to meet my friends and vice versa.
  264. Flying 25,000 ft over a fireworks show at night
  265. Going to Zion National Park with my girlfriend and braving the freezing temps for New Years 2013
  266. Installing a wooden floor at my parents house.
  267. Finally finishing my WW2 quilts after 8 years of collecting and sewing
  268. Getting on TV and in the newspaper for my WW2 quilts
  - 269: Being one of the main events at the San Diego Quilt Show 2013 with my WW2 quilts
  270. Going to Disneyland at Christmas time
  271. Seeing a rainbow at sunset time at Disneyland.
  272. Seeing a koala sneeze. It was pretty awesome.
  273. Seeing a Christmas Carole at the South Coast Repertory with a pretty lady
  274. Went ice skating at the Hotel Del Coronado on the beach in December with Michelle
  275. Running the San Diego Rock n' Roll marathon with MMM on 1 June 2014
  276. Being on the jumbo tron Junior year in HS at Montreal Expos
- Many more to come =)