

BULLET PROOF FAITH

The incident in Mogadishu, Somalia, made famous by the book and movie, *Black Hawk Down*, changed my life.

It all began after high school when I visited an army recruiter. I asked, "What do you consider the toughest job in the army?"

"Being an airborne ranger," was his quick reply.

"That's what I want to be."

GOALS

I had two goals when I joined the army. One was to see how good my training was and the other was to test my faith in God. I knew the best way to accomplish these goals was to go to war.

In the 1989 invasion of Panama, *Operation Just Cause*, and later in Kuwait, *Operation Desert Storm*, I was shot at and placed in many dangerous situations. But I never thought I was in danger of losing my life.