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VETERANS' HALL OF FAME



DAVE ROGERS

Born in June 1969 in New York City, Dave Rogers was homeless before starting his 14-year service in the United States Army. Mr. Rogers served in the Army as a member of the Army Reserve AGR Program and the Army National Guard Active Guard Program. He deployed to Desert Storm in 1990, Bosnia in 1997, and as a First Responder at the World Trade Center, where he broke his neck, ending his career.

After leaving the Army, Mr. Rogers spent many years traveling the world before returning to New York and joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). As a Gold Life Legacy Member of the VFW, he has served as Post Commander for VFW Post 2913, is a committee chair for the Department of New York District 1 VFW and is the current County Commander for Suffolk County VFW.

As Commander, Mr. Rogers has worked to improve communications across the VFW in Suffolk County, and develop a stronger presence in the community through social media and networking. He works hard to advocate for veterans by communicating with local elected officials, visiting the VA, calling offices that serve veterans, hosting veteran-related assistance programs, raising awareness through the media, and sitting on veterans advisory boards throughout Suffolk County. Through his efforts, and with the help of VFW Post 2913 members, Mr. Rogers' post has received the All-State and All-American Award for the 2018-2019 Year.

Mr. Rogers holds two Master's degrees and several honors in education, including membership in two national honor societies. Over the years, he has received many awards for his efforts, not just in the military, but also as a veteran, for his dedication to veterans and the community. Mr. Rogers' military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Commendation Medal (4th Award), the Army Achievement Medal (7th Award), the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal (2nd Award) and Aide to Civil Authority Medal. As a veteran, Mr. Rogers has received awards and proclamations from County Legislators, State Senators, Congressmen, and Mayors. He has been named "Man of the Year" for *The Long Island Advance* and VFW Post 2913.



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