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VETERANS NEWS AND NOTES

DANNY WALLACE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AS AN INFANTRYMAN AND SERVED FOR A TOTAL OF TWENTY YEARS, HOLDING A NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND RANKS, FROM RIFLEMAN TO COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT. DURING A TOUR IN IRAQ, A CAR BOMB ATTACK LEFT HIM TOTALLY BLIND. AFTER MULTIPLE SURGERIES, HE WAS STILL BLIND IN ONE EYE BUT HAD LIMITED VISION IN THE OTHER. AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF ISOLATION, HE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION, OR B-V-A. SOON AFTER THAT, B-V-A INVITED HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS OPERATION PEER SUPPORT INITIATIVE. THIS CONNECTS COMBAT-BLINDED VETERANS OF EARLIER CONFLICTS WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BLINDED IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN. WALLACE NOW SERVES AS A B-V-A PEER MENTOR FOR NEWLY BLINDED VETERANS. WHILE HIS EYESIGHT HAS BEGUN TO DECLINE, HE IS ONCE AGAIN A SERGEANT. EARLY IN 2014 HE WAS SELECTED AS THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS FOR THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION. FOUNDED IN 1945 BY A GROUP OF COMBAT-BLINDED VETERANS OF WORLD WAR TWO, B-V-A WAS AND IS THE ONLY VETERANS ORGANIZATION EXCLUSIVELY DEDICATED TO SERVING AMERICA'S BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VETERANS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, VISIT B-V-A--DOT--ORG.