



**Dave Roever D.D.**  
**Founder, Chairman, and President:**  
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**Roever Foundation, Inc.**  
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Dave Roever grew up in a loving, committed family in South Texas. The last thing on his mind was going to war. At the height of the Vietnam War, he received his draft notice. Having no desire to serve in the infantry, he joined the Navy and served as a river boat gunner in the elite Brown Water Black Beret in Vietnam.

Eight months into his tour of duty in Vietnam, Dave was burned beyond recognition when a phosphorous grenade he was poised to throw exploded in his hand. The ordeal left him hospitalized for fourteen months, where he underwent numerous major surgeries. His survival and life are miraculous.

Today, with his humorous style, Dave Roever is enthusiastically received both nationally and internationally as a public speaker. He is a gifted communicator and speaks in a variety of settings including public schools, military installations, business conventions and churches. Dave is a frequent guest on national television talk shows.

In every setting, Mr. Roever's message is one of hope. Using his life as an example, he addresses issues relevant to his audience and presents concrete solutions to life's problems. Often drawing upon his war experiences of loneliness, peer pressure, disfigurement and pain, as well as life's triumphs, Dave weaves a message of courage, commitment and survival that touches and transforms those who hear him.

Thirty-four years after his injuries, the Department of the Navy corrected its oversight by awarding Dave a Purple Heart, along with several other service medals. Because of his war-time experience of service, injury and recovery, he is uniquely qualified to speak to the needs of military personnel. He is called upon regularly to address troops on domestic military bases as well as those deployed in other locations around the globe.

In May 2005, Dave was awarded an honorary doctor degree in recognition of his remarkable life and service.

Mr. Roever is no stranger to the war on terror. He has made six tours to the Middle East encouraging our soldiers in Afghanistan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Iraq.

## **MILITARY AWARDS**

PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON  
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL  
VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL with 3 bronze stars  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION  
(Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm)  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION  
(Civil Actions Medal, First Class Color with Palm)  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL with 1960 device

### **CIVILIAN AWARDS**

OUTSTANDING CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD — the third highest honor within the Department of the Army Civilian Awards bestowed by the United States Department of the Army to a private citizen. This award was presented to Mr. Roever for “outstanding service to wounded warriors and their families” in May, 2012.