



# DAVE ROEVER

## Biographical Sketch

**Dave Roeber** 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, Roeber 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 Roeber 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, men's and youth conventions. Dave is a frequent guest on national television talk shows. He established compassionate, ongoing mission work in Vietnam and is involved in other nations.

In every setting, Mr. Roeber'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. Many successful adults were first impacted by his message in high school.

Thirty-four years after his injuries, the Department of the Navy corrected its oversight by awarding Dave his 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 hot spots around the globe. .

Dave Roeber is founder, chairman, and president of Roeber Foundation based in Fort Worth, Texas. Dave and his wife Brenda are co-founders of Eagles Summit Ranch Colorado, near Westcliffe, and Eagles Summit Ranch Texas, west of San Antonio. At these facilities and others, Dave Roeber and team help to restore hope and train wounded warriors, others from the U.S. military, and promising young leaders in areas of specific focus such as public speaking, and emotional recovery after devastating injury, helping them to fulfill their destinies, through Operation Warrior RECONnect.

### FAMILY

Wife: Brenda Roeber  
Children: Matthew Roeber, and Kimberly Chapin  
Grandchildren: 2 grandsons, and 2 granddaughters

### MILITARY SERVICE

1968 - 1971 U.S. Navy, Special Warfare Division, with a tour of duty in Vietnam; injured in Vietnam in July 1969

### CIVILIAN AWARDS

Honorary doctorate in recognition of his remarkable life and service, May 2005  
The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal by the U. S. Department of the Army, April 2012

### 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



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