

Herman “Herm” Breuer

Herman “Herm” Breuer is a U.S. Army combat veteran, Purple Heart recipient, and nationally recognized veterans advocate with more than two decades of experience serving the military and veteran community.

Breuer joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard while studying communications at Slippery Rock University and later served in Field Artillery. Following the attacks of September 11, he reenlisted and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While serving in Mosul, Iraq, providing security in support of the Commanding General Carter Ham staff, Breuer was wounded by an improvised explosive device. His experiences in uniform and returning home from combat helped shape what became a lifelong commitment to serving fellow veterans and military families.

Breuer spent nearly two decades with the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission in Ohio, ultimately serving as Director. He later served as President of both the Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Officers and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO), where he helped strengthen the voice of community-based veteran advocates nationally and expand NACVSO’s presence in Washington, D.C.

He has testified before Congress on veterans issues and worked extensively with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, congressional leaders, veteran service organizations, and community partners. Beginning in 2009, Breuer also helped lead the long-running effort to upgrade Vietnam War Army veteran Kenneth J. David’s Distinguished Service Cross to the **Medal of Honor**, which was awarded in 2025.

Today, Breuer continues his work through Ward Circle Strategies, advising on national veteran initiatives focused on leadership, transition, community integration, and ensuring that America’s service members and veterans have the support necessary not simply to transition from military service, but to thrive beyond the uniform.