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HEROIC VETERAN JIMMY ROONEY OVERCAME PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES THANKS TO TASK FORCE DAGGER SPECIAL OPERATIONS FOUNDATION

The nonprofit helps SOF members and their families heal

TAMPA, FLA. (November 6, 2023) – In honor of Veterans Day, we are highlighting US Army Special Forces veteran Jimmy Rooney who served in the Battle of Mogadishu (also known as Black Hawk Down). With [Task Force Dagger Special Operations Foundation's](https://www.taskforcedagger.org) help, he has overcome many physical and emotional challenges.

Throughout his 27-year military career, [Jimmy Rooney](#), retired US Army Special Forces, was exposed to over 4,000 over-pressure blasts, resulting in traumatic brain injury (TBI), auditory processing disorder, and heavy metal toxicity. He suffered from anxiety, depression, and PTSD along with a myriad of health issues.

During the Battle of Mogadishu, Jimmy suffered hearing loss and concussions. For one combat operation in Afghanistan, he fell out of a helicopter hurting his neck and back. He participated in multiple airborne operations where he landed badly, compounding his injuries over the years.

“I had significant health problems and felt a sense of despair and hopelessness when Army doctors told me I was going to have to take it easy the next part of my life and offered no real solutions to getting better. I didn’t know what was going on inside my brain with TBI. I had anxiety, depression, and anger issues.

Task Force Dagger has given so much to me and my family. From the very start, they offered me a lifeline. They covered my Cleveland Clinic doctor visits, testing, and treatments. They helped me with treatment for the heavy metal toxicity in my body. I couldn’t afford any of this on my own. With those treatments, I am almost depleted of all the toxicity! If Task Force Dagger hadn’t stepped in to help, I wouldn’t have known the severity of my injuries nor gotten the proper treatment. More recently, they assisted with numerous ketamine infusion treatments to treat my PTSD. It was extremely helpful and greatly decreased my anger and anxiety.”

Jimmy's story is not unusual for many special operations forces (SOF) warfighters who come home to navigate the many physical and emotional challenges that lay ahead of them. Since 2009, Task Force Dagger has provided critical support to wounded, ill, or injured U.S. Special Operations Command members and their families. Their three core programs — Immediate Needs, Health Initiatives, and Rehabilitative Adaptive Events — quickly help when there’s an emergency, provide next-generation health solutions for issues, and organize events that help SOF members with recovery.

Task Force Dagger also sponsored Jimmy and his family to attend their annual “[Dagger Dive](#),” TFD’s Signature Rehabilitative Adaptive Event during the summer where service members, veterans, and their families learn how to scuba dive, explore the waters off Key West, participate in family-centric activities, and connect with other SOF members. He found the event so transformative that he and his family returned the following year to volunteer.

As a veteran-operated nonprofit, Task Force Dagger understands the needs and experiences of the special operations forces’ community. Each program is designed to heal, rebuild, and strengthen the service member and their family by providing mission, purpose, and focus. To learn more, go to www.taskforcedagger.org or call (813) 701-9100.

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