

# **‘I Had to Figure Out a Different Way to Serve’**

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Two-time Iraq War veteran David Fields was training for a third deployment to the region when he was hit by a car while riding his bicycle. The incident left him disabled but not defeated.

“I served for 25 and a half years. I thought it’d be 27,” he said, “but I had to figure out a different way to serve.”

Fields, who lives in Grand Cane, Louisiana, is a member of VFW Post 7287 and is also the VFW Louisiana state chaplain. He explained that he is #StillServing in these roles because he wants to be an example of how to turn a challenge into an opportunity.

“Life often throws us curveballs,” he said, “but I knew God had more in store for me.”

As growing numbers of veterans struggle with their mental health, those like Fields, who are [#StillServing](#) after tragedy strikes, are inspiring men and women across the country to move forward too.

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