

January 2, 2009

The Baltimore Sun
501 North Calvert Street
P.O. Box 1377
Baltimore, Maryland 21278

Attn: News Director/Obituaries

Re: Captain Arthur N. Rogers, III, U.S. Army-retired
Date of death: January 2, 2009

Dear Sir:

On January 2, 2009, Captain Arthur N. Rogers, III died at his home on E. Seminary Avenue in Towson following an extraordinary life of service to his Country, the State, and Baltimore County. Captain Rogers, 67, was a veteran of the Dominican Republic Expedition in 1965 and two tours of duty in Vietnam. In 1969, he lost his right leg and the use of his left leg during combat operations in Vietnam and, without complaint, spent the balance of his life in a wheel chair. For his military service, Captain Rogers was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, and numerous service and campaign metals.

Among his Army assignments was Adjutant of the Old Guard in Washington DC. During this assignment, Captain Rogers was responsible for the military guard that escorted Senator Robert F. Kennedy's body from the United States Capitol to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City in 1968.

I first met Captain Rogers upon my election to the Baltimore County Council in 1990. At that time, Captain Rogers was Chairman of the Baltimore County Board of Recreation and Parks. I later appointed him to the Baltimore County Planning Board, and he served from 1999 to 2003 on the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission. We served side-by-side on the Baltimore County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission from 1992-1996, leading to the construction and dedication of the Baltimore County Vietnam Veterans Memorial next to the Old Court House in Towson, one of Captain Rogers' proudest accomplishments. He was also chairman of the Baltimore County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Captain Rogers served Baltimore County under four County Executives, including Donald Hutchinson, Dennis Rasmussen, Roger Hayden, and Dutch Ruppertsberger. In 2003, Governor Robert Ehrlich appointed Captain Rogers to the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, upon which he served through 2008.

Captain Rogers was also Director of Veterans Affairs at Towson State University from 1974 through 1977, and served on the Boards of the Montebello Rehabilitation Hospital, the U.S. Army Retiree Council, and Maryvale Preparatory School for Girls. Captain Rogers held a Bachelor of Science degree from Morgan State College and two Masters degrees (Masters of Arts and Masters of Education) from Towson State University.

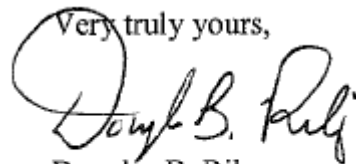
Captain Rogers is survived by his daughter Kristy, his son-in-law Ryan Opheim, and their three children, and by his caregiver and former wife, Phyllis Rogers. He is also survived by two brothers, Vincent Rogers and Barry Rogers.

Captain Rogers was a warrior who, knowing the consequences of battle, never complained about his war injuries but, instead, threw himself with fervor into the service of Baltimore County, the State of Maryland, and the Nation he so loved. He was the most selfless leader I have ever known, a warm, loving, inspiring man who lived every day by the motto: Duty, Honor, Country. He became my best friend.

[Personal contact information removed]

Captain Rogers will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas B. Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Douglas B. Riley
(Councilman, 1990-1998)