



Todd Hughes is a veteran who served 3 years in the United States Army and 2 years with the National Guard. He was deployed to Iraq from March 2004 through March 2005 as part of the 1st Cavalry Division. Towards the end of his tour in Iraq, Hughes encountered an IED and suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury.

He graduated from University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee (USFSM) in 2013. As a student while using the GI Bill, Hughes served as president of the Student Veteran Society and president of Student Government. Hughes is currently pursuing his

Masters of Military History with a focus on the American Revolution. He currently works at USFSM as the veteran services administrator where he is responsible for ensuring incoming student-veterans and eligible dependents are able to properly access their veteran benefits.

Hughes also serves as vice president of the Sarasota County Veterans Commission, where he assists local veterans' organizations in outreach efforts, and is a peer mentor for Wounded Warrior Project. He has lobbied politicians in Washington, D.C., to improve accountability within VA facilities as well as pushing our lawmakers to audit the Pentagon and hold them accountable for how they spend our defense dollars. He remains passionately committed to veterans' causes at local, state and national levels and wants nothing more than to uphold the values our great nation was built upon.

He currently resides in Sarasota with his wife, Jessica, an Army National Guard veteran, and their two children.