

Roosevelt Hall of Fame



**Major General David Rataczak,
U.S. Army (Retired)**

Class of 1962

University of Minnesota, A.A.

Western International University,

B.A. Business Management - magna cum laude

- Served 44 years in the US Army, Minnesota National Guard, and Arizona National Guard.
- Served in Vietnam War, had two tours as helicopter pilot, was awarded the *Distinguished Flying Cross* for bravery under fire.
- Worked as full-time federal officer for Arizona National Guard; was active guardsman in aviation and command assignments for nearly 40 years.
- Appointed for two terms as Adjutant General of the Arizona National Guard, a cabinet position.
- Commanded Arizona's Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, consisting of 8,000 Army and Air National Guard members.
- Elected president of the U.S. Adjutants General Association.
- Led 6,000 National Guard troops ordered to secure US-Mexico border.
- Earned Command Pilot & Master Army Aviator designation, 7,000 flight hours, including 1,000 in combat.
- Awarded *Defense Distinguished Service Medal*, *Arizona Medal of Valor*, *Legion of Merit*, *Meritorious Service Medal* (two Oak Leaf Clusters), *Air Medal* (37 Oak Leaf Clusters), and *Army Good Conduct Medal*.

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