

Two Tour Army Medic Announces Candidacy for Rock Island County Coroner

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Silvis, IL...Standing in the same Hero Street Memorial Park where he played as a child, Marc Ramirez (R-East Moline) announced his candidacy for Rock Island County Coroner. September 12, 2011 is the 10th anniversary of his enlistment in the US Army. "I answered the call to duty the day after our nation was attacked on 9/11," said Ramirez. "Today, I am answering the call to serve again."

"I want to deliver the same kind of care and respect for the departed that I learned on the battlefield, and I will provide the same kind of compassion for survivors that I supplied in the barracks," said Ramirez. "Coroners work mostly with families and funeral directors; I will serve them all during life's most difficult moments." Ramirez served as a Combat Medic in the 101st Airborne Division. He worked on Army Morgue duty and as a Combat Lifesaver trainer. Extensive damage to his ankles during a fire fight ended his military career. Since returning home, Ramirez has worked to complete a degree from Black Hawk College that included training in health information management. He is currently employed by Genesis Health.

"My family has long been a part of the proud tradition of service coming from Hero Street," Ramirez added. "I want to continue to do my part to keep the legacy going strong."

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