



Mark D. Diggs

Mr. Diggs is a US Army Veteran serving as an Artillery Officer during the RVN conflict and was inducted into the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame in 2011 and a Member of the Arkansas State University ROTC Hall of Heroes. He is the State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and was named their 2016 Patriot of the Year. Mr. Diggs serves on the National Advisory Council for the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans. Mr. Diggs is the Founder and a Director of Veterans Villages of America, a nonprofit with the mission to be an advocate for and provide services to veterans and their families. Mr. Diggs is Vice President of Domestic Policy with the Frontiers of Freedom (www.ff.org) created to educate the public about public policy. Mr. Diggs earned a BS in Mathematics and a MS in Computer Science and is a seasoned and successful serial entrepreneur focused on creating and working with early stage technology companies. An example of his success is Software Innovators, a three-person software development company he founded in 1989, in Little Rock, Arkansas. By 1997 the firm consisted of 90+ professionals with operations in Little Rock, Boston, New Orleans, and Gulfport, Mississippi. In April of 1998, combining six other software companies with Software Innovators, Mr. Diggs created a public company (NASDAQ - IPO) named BrightStar Information Technology Group, Inc. In January of 1999, Mr. Diggs left BrightStar to seek out his passion of creating and working with early stage companies serving as Chairman and CEO of a Maryland-based Ontology Works, Inc., and Founder, Chairman and CEO of LITMUS, LLC with its LITMUS RAPID-B technology subsidiary becoming a publicly traded company on Toronto's TSX Ventures Exchange in 2013. In addition to his 35+ years of experience in project management and business development, he has been a consultant on special projects for the State of Arkansas, the US Department of Commerce and the countries of Qatar, China, Uruguay, and Argentina. In 1998 Arkansas' Governor Huckabee appointed him private sector representative on the Leadership Team for the state's Year 2000 Project Office. Mr. Diggs served as the Project Executive for the Governor's Technology Initiative; named 1993 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Association of Arkansas Entrepreneurs; a former member of the prestigious and exclusive Arkansas Executive Forum, a past member of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council; state delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business; served on the Arkansas State Legislature's Technical Advisory Subcommittee; the Arkansas' Department of Information Systems Advisory Board; and served as a member on the State Workforce Education; served as Chairman of the University of Arkansas Medical Science Foundation Advisory Consortium; a co-founder the Knowledge-Based Companies of Arkansas; and served as the State Legislature's representative and Chairman of the Information Technology Oversight Committee. Mr. Diggs was also an adjunct faculty head and professor for Webster University's Master Degree program for Computer Resources Management. Mr. Diggs is co-author of "The Keys to Growth in the New Economy: Investing in Discovery, Engineering, and Entrepreneurship", and a co-inventor of Patent Number: 7,608,240 "Nanotubes for cancer therapy and diagnostics".