



Brian Daniels grew up in Lansing, MI. His family faced hardships when he was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, which led to Brian living at the VFW National Home with his family for 3 Years. After high school, Brian joined the U.S. Army and was deployed to Iraq in 2005. In November of that year, he was in a vehicle that struck an IED, where he was the lone survivor.

After returning from Iraq, Brian studied at Lansing Community College and the American Academy of Personal Training. He ultimately decided to open his boxing gym, emPOWER Lansing, in 2018. In 2022, Brian served as the First Ward Representative on the Lansing City Council. After five years, emPOWER closed, and Brian continued his passion for helping others by helping Veterans and their families as the new Community Development and Alumni Engagement Manager. Brian now lives in Lansing with his wife and son.

Brian is a member of VFW Post #3293 in Grand Ledge, MI and is a life member of the VFW.