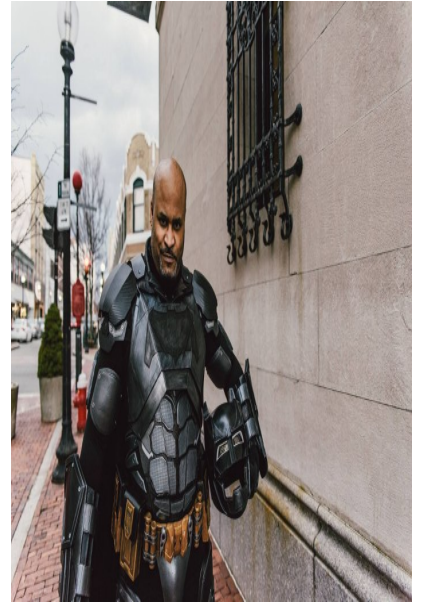


Faces Of New Bedford – #42: Raymond Ramos

Meet Raymond Ramos, 41-year-old production worker for Harvey Building Products and Cosplayer.



Raymond has been an artist his entire life and started creating costumes at the age of 10. Every year he would be constantly trying to outdo his costume from the years prior. Along with his creation of costumes he started illustrating his own comic book characters, which he says was spurred on by his friend Manny DeBritto.

Although he spent a lot of his youth creating costumes, it wasn't until 2007 when he created his first full costume for a work Halloween party, the Marvel Comic character Blade. From there he continued to find ways to improve this look, trying to create the real life Blade look. After being connected with his martial arts instructor's former student, he entered his first show, South Coast Toy and Comic show.

A few years later Raymond's friend started the Rhode Island Comic Con, which has grown into an event so large that it sold out the Dunkin Donut center last year. Raymond has been featured every year as a cosplay guest and has won awards for the Best in Master's class for his Batman costume.

Being linked with the Rhode Island Comic Con has also opened opportunities to volunteer and give back. He has dressed for occasions at the Hasbro Children's Dental Clinic, bringing smiles to the kids and even the adults who work in the office.

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