

**Michael P Partridge, PVA National Director, Legislative Director and  
Board of Directors Member**

**Northwest Chapter**

**PVA Membership**

- **2007 Joined PVA in**
  - **2007 to now serve as Legislative Director**
  - **2011-12 served as Vice President**
  - **2013 served as President**
  - **2013 appointed National Director**
  - **2016 elected to Board of Directors**

**Military Service**

I Enlisted in the US Marine Corps, June 14, 1968. I served one tour in Vietnam with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion/1<sup>st</sup> Marines, 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon. I served as a Section Leader and was promoted to Corporal (E-4). I was awarded a Purple Heart for a shrapnel wound I received to the left leg. I was honorably discharged from active duty upon my return from Vietnam in December of 1969.

Within 5 years of being discharged, I experienced my first symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis (MS). I was diagnosed with MS in 1986 and continued to work until my retirement. In 2007, the VA rated me as unemployable (IU) for PTSD and MS.

**Education and Professional Experience**

Upon discharge from the Marine I enrolled in college. I attended the University of Washington and earned a BA degree in Urban Planning. I was employed from 1974-1991 by the city of Lynnwood, Washington. During my career with Lynnwood I worked my way up to Assistant Planning Director. In 1991 I accepted a Transportation Planner position with the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT). I retired from the WSDOT in 2006.

**Other Veteran Affiliations**

- **Past Commandant, Olympia Detachment 482, Marine Corps League**
- **Commander, Chapter 1889, Military Order of the Purple Heart**
- **Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars**
- **Life Member, Disabled American Veterans**
- **Life Member, Military Order of the Purple Heart**
- **Member, Washington State Veterans Legislative Committee**

**Personal**

**I have been married to my wife, Margo for over 39 years and we have an adult son and daughter.**