

**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 2nd Battalion/1st 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.