

## **Robert Brush, Vice President**

Bob was raised in Gilcress, Oregon. He enlisted in the Army in 1970 and was trained to be a mechanic. He served nearly 19 years (18 years, 10 months and 21 days), of which the longest period at one station was 7 years in Germany.

During his military service in 1985, Bob suffered degenerative disc disease and received extensive surgery to replace a bone in his neck. Unfortunately, during the procedure a major nerve was severed and he was completely paralyzed on the right side of his body. Then in 2006, during another operation on his neck, his spinal cord was torn, resulting in paralysis and confinement to a wheel chair.

Bob joined NWPVA that same year, 2006 and he has been an active, contributing member ever since. In 2000 he began donating his time as a golf instructor for wheelchair-bound, as well as other disabled veterans. In the fall of 2016, he was elected to the office of NWPVA Vice President for the 2016 – 2017 term.