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DAVID ZURFLUH NATIONAL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

David Zurfluh, a native of Washington, was elected national senior vice president of Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) during its 69th Annual Convention held in May 2015.

The youngest of seven children, Zurfluh was born and raised in Tacoma, WA, where he currently resides. Zurfluh, who served in the Air Force from 1987 to 1995, comes from a military family: His father served in the Army in the General MacArthur Honor Guard; his grandfather served in the Navy during World War I; and a brother served in the Air Force.

Zurfluh was a jet engine mechanic and served as a crew chief in Operations Desert Shield/Storm. He was injured in 1995 in a motor vehicle accident while on active duty in Hachinohe, Japan, suffering a shattered left arm, broken left wrist, and a broken neck. He was diagnosed with incomplete quadriplegia and spent one year as an inpatient and two years as an outpatient in Seattle's VA spinal cord injury unit.

Zurfluh joined Paralyzed Veterans of America in 1995 and has been active since 2003 with the Northwest Chapter. He has held chapter level positions as legislative director, vice president, president, and member of the sports committee. He also serves on the Veterans Legislative Coalition in Olympia, WA, and is co-chair of the West Slope Neighborhood Coalition.

In addition to his work on behalf of Paralyzed Veterans, Zurfluh is a lector at Holy Rosary Church and volunteers at local food banks. His hobbies include handcycling, shooting sports (trap, handgun, and archery), golf, and snow sports, and he enjoys Japanese history and gardening.

Zurfluh took office with the other members of Paralyzed Veterans' Executive Committee July 1, 2015, for a one-year term.