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## MARCUS MURRAY

*National Secretary  
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**“PVA and the Kentucky-Indiana Chapter (KIPVA) have both changed my life in many ways. They have shown me that there is plenty life after my injury with adaptive opportunities, and also allowed me to be a voice for others.”**

**— Marcus Murray**

Marcus Murray is the son of an Army veteran and grew up throughout the United States, having spent the most time in Indianapolis. After completing four years of Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps in high school, Murray knew that a military career was a great fit for him.

Murray served at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, and Misawa Air Base in Japan specializing in Transportation-Traffic Management. In October 2012, Murray was shot in a parking lot after attending the Circle City Classic and a family birthday in Indianapolis. A bullet entered Murray's right shoulder and ricocheted through his chest, severing his T-6/7 nerve and paralyzing him from the chest down.

With the expert care from the medical staff at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis and the support of family and friends, Murray transferred to the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Spinal Cord Injury unit in Chicago, a month after his injury. PVA's National Service Officer at Hines connected with Murray during his month of rehabilitation, and he was able to learn about PVA for the first time. When he returned home following rehabilitation, Murray reached out to the Kentucky-Indiana Chapter of PVA.



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“PVA helped me after my injury by showing me opportunities still readily available for those with disabilities,” Murray said. “They also showed me how I can not only still serve others, but challenge myself as well.”

In 2013, Murray became a PVA member and is currently the office manager of the Kentucky-Indiana Chapter of PVA.

Murray is active in sports and has attended many National Veterans Wheelchair Games, participating in Wheelchair Basketball, air rifle and air pistol, 100m and 200m track, table tennis, and bowling.

Murray was first elected as national secretary of PVA in 2019. He was re-elected in May 2021 during the organization’s 75th Annual Convention, to begin a new, one-year term on July 1, 2021. He says “Being elected as National Secretary is more than an honor. I can not only be a voice but also an asset for the future of the organization.”

Murray lives in Irving, Texas and is a proud father and grandfather to three sons and a three-year-old grandson. In addition to sports, his hobbies include traveling, music, and learning about new things in technology and adaptive ideas. He also enjoys working on his maternal and paternal family tree and learning photography.