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BARRIER FREE AMERICA AWARDS ON SEPTEMBER 16



Even though the ADA requires buildings to comply with wheelchair accessibility standards, many architects treat accessibility as an afterthought. That's why, for over 20 years, PVA has highlighted the buildings that go above and beyond accessibility standards with the **Barrier Free America Award**.

On September 16, PVA will honor the Kennedy Center with the award for their accessible renovations to the concert hall and outdoor spaces. For more information on the Barrier Free America Awards, please visit our **website**.

PVA TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

SUSAN PROKOP

**PVA NATIONAL
ADVOCACY
DIRECTOR**



Did you know that PVA is an important voice for accessibility and Veterans' legislation? This month, we sat down with Susan Prokop, PVA's National Advocacy Director. Read more in her [interview](#) on our website, and join [PVAction Force](#) to stay up to date on how you can advocate for paralyzed and disabled Veterans.

[READ THE INTERVIEW](#)

FEATURED HERO STORY



MEET IBRAHIM

**U.S. MARINE CORPS
VETERAN**

As an American, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Ibrahim Hashi was horrified by the 9/11 attacks. As a Muslim, he was subject to suspicion by others in the aftermath. The tragic event inspired Ibrahim to join the military and serve his country in the fight against terrorism. Read more about this amazing warrior on our [website](#).

[READ HIS FULL STORY](#)

PVA IN THE NEWS



What Flying is Like for Passengers Who Use Wheelchairs (New York Times)

AGAINST the odds
These resilient women overcame incredible obstacles to get into the best physical and mental shape of their lives.

She's breaking records.
Jacky Hunt-Graves

This cyclist aims to inspire others like her.
Caroline Costello

Against the Odds (Woman's Day Magazine)



Airline passengers with disabilities share their travel nightmares (Insider)

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