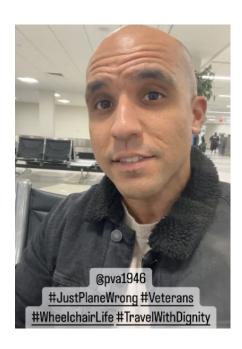


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#### **#JUSTPLANEWRONG CAMPAIGN GOES VIRAL**



Josh Ham of @hamofearth

Social media influencers across the internet are joining PVA's

#JustPlaneWrong campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of air travel for passengers with disabilities. Check out the campaign by searching #JustPlaneWrong or #TravelWithDignity on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok. And don't forget to sign the petition to pass the Air Carrier Access Amendment Act to make air travel safer for all.

SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN

#### **FEATURED HERO STORY**

### **MEET TODD**

U.S. MARINE CORPS VETERAN



When U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Todd Kemery was first injured after a surfing accident, he persevered to adapt to life in a wheelchair. He formed new goals and developed a passion for adaptive sports. But to this day, air travel remains daunting for him, due to the risk of personal injury or wheelchair damage. Learn about Todd's challenges with air travel and how PVA is fighting to improve air travel for those with disabilities on our **website**.

**READ TODD'S STORY** 

#### **PVA IN ACTION**



## ANTHONY STEELE

CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR

PVA's National Service Officers (NSOs) are on the frontlines of helping our nation's injured heroes, and their families. This month, PVA member Anthony Steele gave us a behind-the-scenes look at his role as the Central Regional Director for PVA's NSOs and how his own experience as a paralyzed Veteran has informed his perspective throughout his career. Read his interview on our **website** and listen to his interview on **SoundCloud**.

LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW

#### HELP VETERANS IN NEED GET ADAPTIVE VEHICLES



PVA is pushing to pass the AUTO for Veterans Act. The Act would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to give automobile grants to eligible Veterans more than once throughout their lives so that they can upgrade their accessible vehicle over time. The bill has already passed the House, but it needs to go through the Senate to pass. Ensure Veterans don't have to go without the transportation they need by signing our **petition** today!

**SIGN OUR PETITION** 

#### **PVA IN THE NEWS**



Support home and community-based services before more veterans, caregivers are left feeling abandoned (The Hill)

PVA President Charles Brown and Elizabeth Dole Foundation CEO Steve Schwab weigh in on why it is important for Congress to pass Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act (H.R. 6823/S. 3854), which would support more home and community-based services for Veterans.



### <u>Organization to press Congress for more airplane</u> <u>wheelchair access for disabled veterans</u> (WJLA)

Heather Ansley, Associate Executive Director of Government Relations, recently sat down with the team at WJLA to talk about PVA's efforts to improve air travel for passengers with disabilities. Read more from her interview on WJLA's website.



# <u>Veteran groups pushing for more accessible air travel for people with disabilities</u>

(News Channel 5)

Air Force Veteran and PVA National Vice President Josue Cordova spoke to News Channel 5 Nashville about his some of the challenges he's encountered flying as a passenger with a disability. Hear what he has to say on their website.



## These veterans share a bond, years after serving their country (WTVR)

PVA Mid-Atlantic Chapter members Joshua Burch and Jimmy May discuss their bond and healing through PVA's adaptive sports programming, in a recent piece with WTVR. Watch the feature on their website.

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