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#### **PVA PARTICIPATES IN ADVOCACY WEEK**



This month, PVA members will unite for change. From February 27-March 2, we're gathering in Washington, DC to advocate for PVA's **policy priorities** in meetings with members of the 118th Congress. These priorities include protecting access to VA's specialized healthcare services, improving access to VA and survivor benefits, protecting the civil rights of people with disabilities, and more. Later this spring, PVA President Charles Brown will also testify before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees to outline PVA's requests for 2023.

PVA needs your help! You can advance PVA's mission by reaching out to your representatives by phone, email or social media. You can also get involved by **signing up for Action Alerts on PVA's VoterVoice**.

# SIGN UP FOR ACTION ALERTS

#### **HERO STORY**

# MEET KALEB

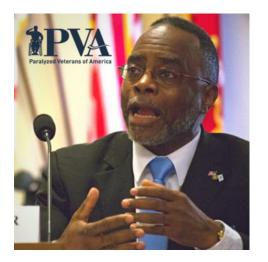
#### U.S. COAST GUARD VETERAN



U.S. Coast Guard Veteran Kaleb knew he wanted to serve since he was a little boy. Originally considering joining the Navy or Air Force, he later decided to join the Coast Guard due to his interest in rescue swimming and served for three years until a dare gone wrong led to a spinal cord injury. But Kaleb refused to give up, and was able to find purpose and pursue his dreams with help from PVA. Learn how he persevered in his story on our **website**.

## **READ KALEB'S STORY**

#### **PVA IN ACTION**



# ROSCOE BUTLER

#### SENIOR HEALTH POLICY ANALYST

Advocacy has always been a crucial part of PVA's mission. This month, we spoke with Roscoe Butler, Senior Health Policy Analyst, to discuss his journey to Veteran and disability advocacy and how readers can get involved in Advocacy Week. Read the interview on our **website**, or listen to the audio version on **SoundCloud**.

# LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW

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



#### Flying Has Become Hell for Passengers with Wheelchairs (Vice)

VICE News follows passenger Emily Ladau as she prepares for her flight as a wheelchair user, and outlines the inequalities and dangers passengers with disabilities face when flying.



#### Paralyzed Veterans Of America Spearheading Efforts To Make Air Travel Accessible (Forbes)

This article outlines PVA's various efforts to improve air travel for passengers with disabilities, especially in regards to passing the Air Carrier Access Amendments Act.

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