



PVA MEMBERS FIGHT FOR VETERAN RIGHTS ON CAPITOL HILL



We know how to make an impact on Capitol Hill. During PVA's Advocacy week from February 27- March 2, over 80 members from across the USA made hundreds of visits to representatives in Congress to rally for PVA's policy priorities. On March 1, PVA President Charles Brown took center stage as he testified before a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees. Charles' **testimony** focused on **protecting access to VA's specialized health care systems** and **expanding access to VA long-term services and supports**. PVA is proud to be at the forefront of this important issue.

See highlights from Advocacy Week on our **Flickr** and get involved in PVA's advocacy efforts by **signing up for PVAActionForce**.

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MEET MIKE

U.S. MARINE CORPS VETERAN



After a serious car accident, Mike was left with a spinal cord injury. He then committed to being an advocate for paralyzed Veterans, working in various leadership roles in the Michigan Chapter of PVA and attending PVA's annual Advocacy Seminar every year since 1996. Learn how Mike overcame the challenges of living with a spinal cord injury, and fights for a better tomorrow, in his interview on our [website](#).

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PVA IN ACTION



CHRISTI HILLMAN

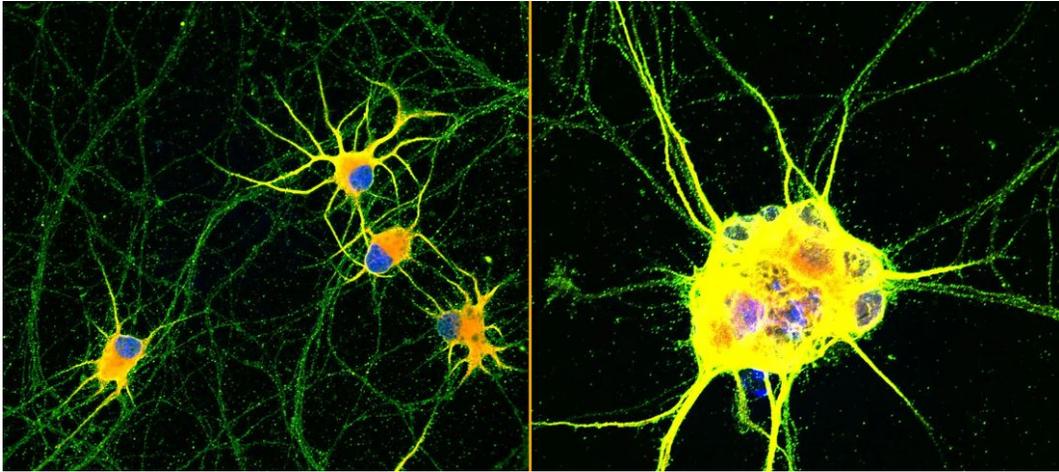
**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF
MEMBERSHIP AND
VOLUNTEERS**

PVA is on a mission is to reach every Veteran who could benefit from our services. That's why the work of Associate Director of Membership and Volunteers, Christi Hillman, is so important. This month, we spoke to Christi about ways to get involved with PVA as a member or volunteer, and how PVA helps members live their best lives possible after injury or diagnosis.

Read her interview on our [website](#), or listen to the audio version on [Soundcloud](#).

LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW

PVA ISSUES IN THE NEWS



Mature "Lab Grown" Neurons Show Promise for SCI/D Treatment in PVA-Funded Research Study (SciTechDaily)

A team of researchers at Northwestern University, funded in part by the PVA Research Foundation, have produced the most mature neurons to date from stem cells. Learn why scientists believe this breakthrough could lead to a promising therapy for spinal cord injury, ALS and multiple sclerosis in this article.



Disability and the Right to Move in the World (Regulatory Review)

This article from a University of Pennsylvania law professor details why air travel regulation needs to be updated to better accommodate passengers with disabilities, citing PVA's 2021 survey on flying with a disability.

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