



MAY IS ALS AWARENESS MONTH



May is ALS Awareness Month. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a degenerative disease that attacks and destroys motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord. It eventually leads to paralysis.

Veterans, especially those who served in the Gulf War, are twice as likely to develop ALS as the general population. Although the exact cause of ALS is unknown, it is considered a service-connected disease by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

PVA is dedicated to serving all Veterans with ALS and their surviving spouses. If you, or a Veteran you know, has recently been diagnosed with ALS, check out services on PVA's [website](#) or the [ALS Association](#).

SEE HOW PVA SUPPORTS VETERANS WITH ALS



FEATURED HERO STORY

MEET JUAN

**U.S. AIR FORCE
VETERAN**



U.S. Air Force Veteran Juan first noticed that something was amiss when he started having trouble with his balance. That, combined with his fatigue and trouble gripping things, eventually led to an ALS diagnosis. Although the diagnosis of ALS was a frightening one, Juan and his wife, Meg, were determined to make the best out of their new reality. Learn how Juan and Meg became ALS advocates and live their lives to the fullest on our [website](#).

READ JUAN'S STORY



DARAH GEROU

**VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION
COUNSELOR, VETERANS
CAREER PROGRAM**

The newest counselor to the Veterans Career Program, Darah Gerou, filled an important gap to Veterans and their families looking for vocational opportunities on the West Coast. Darah's background as both a wheelchair user and the child of two Marine Corps Veterans put her in a unique position to relate to her clients. Learn more about Darah and her work by reading her interview on our [website](#), or listen to the audio version on [Soundcloud](#).

LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW

PVA ISSUES IN THE NEWS



Poor handling of wheelchairs continues to plague airlines (Travel Weekly)

This *Travel Weekly* article outlines the extent to which airlines break or damage wheelchairs, citing a survey conducted by PVA and testimony from Associate Executive Director of Government Relations, Heather Ansley.



What They Are Saying: Leaders, Caregivers, Advocates and More Applaud President Biden's Executive Order Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting

Caregivers (White House)

An excerpt from PVA President Charles Brown is included in a list of praises of President Biden signing an executive order to increase access to high-quality care for Veterans.

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