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PVA RELEASES YEAR IN REVIEW VIDEO



In the past 12 months, PVA pushed access forward through important advocacy efforts, launched new Adaptive Sports programs, created entrepreneurship opportunities for Veterans, and more. Watch our [**Year in Review video**](#) to see all of the accomplishments we are celebrating this year.

[**WATCH OUR VIDEO**](#)

PVA CALLS FOR BETTER CAREGIVING FOR VETERANS



On April 18, PVA President Charles Brown sat beside President Biden as he signed an executive order that will provide support for home-based care for Veterans and their families. Charles, like many other disabled Veterans, has struggled to get consistent caregiving in his home. One time, he was left to fend for himself for 36 hours.

Although this executive order was a good first step, there is a lot more work to do. PVA is pushing for the passage of the Elizabeth Dole Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 2023, which would improve the Department of Veterans Affairs home-based care for Veterans. Watch an [**interview**](#) with Charlie to learn more about this important issue, and sign the [**petition**](#) today to encourage your Senator to pass the act!

SIGN OUR PETITION

FEATURED HERO STORY

MEET AARON

**U.S. MARINE CORPS
VETERAN**



Aaron served 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. Shortly after retiring, he began experiencing dizziness and had trouble with his balance, which led to a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. Aaron went back to school for rehabilitative counseling, and joined PVA's

Disabled Veterans Self-Employment Program to help expand and improve his counseling through pottery business. Learn more about Aaron's perseverance, and his unique small business, on our [website](#).

[READ AARON'S STORY](#)

PVA IN ACTION



PETE DEMARKIS

**SENIOR NATIONAL SERVICE
OFFICER**

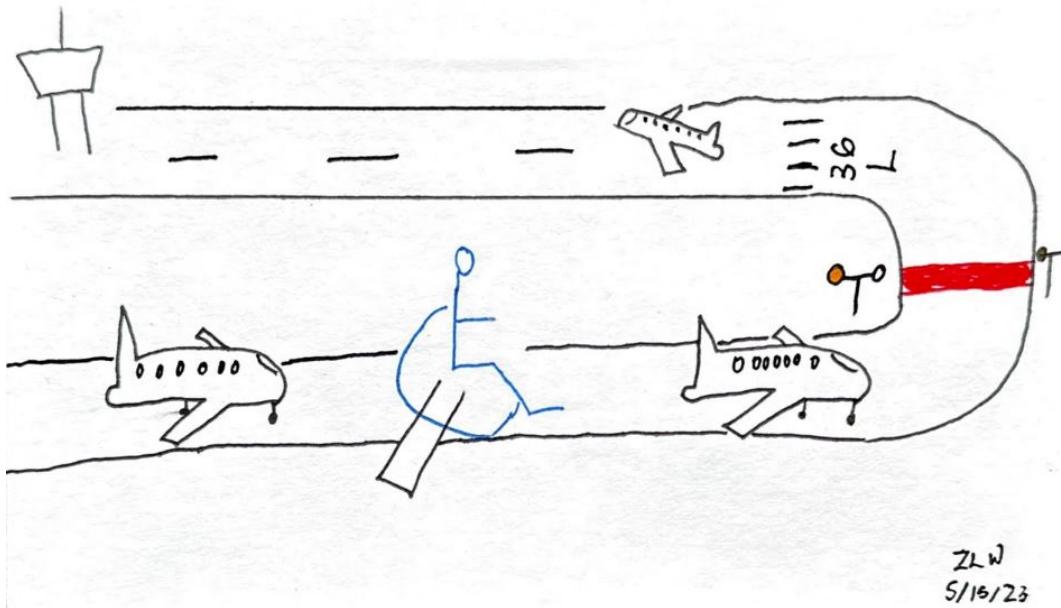
A combat Veteran himself, Senior National Service Officer Peter Demarkis is dedicated to ensuring that all of his clients receive the support and recognition they deserve. One of the Veterans Demarkis has helped during his career at PVA is Barry Allan Seidman, an Air Force Veteran who was awarded as Silver Star and other medals for his service in Vietnam. After Seidman passed away from ALS in 2020, Peter ensured that nobody would forget his tremendous heroism. Peter advocated for a local bridge to be renamed in Seidman's honor. Learn more about Peter's incredible work in an interview on [Soundcloud](#), or read his interview on our [website](#).

If you are interested in learning more about the bridge ceremony

that took place for Major Seidman on May 27, view the ceremony on [YouTube](#), or see pictures of the event on [Flickr](#).

[LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW](#)

PVA ISSUES IN THE NEWS



[Cruising Altitude: Progress for disabled travelers is not coming fast enough](#) (USA Today)

Associate Executive Director of Government Relations, Heather Ansley weighs in on the poor conditions passengers who use wheelchairs face during air travel, and what is being done to address it.



**VA National Service Officer Advocates for Bridge to be
Dedicated in Air Force Pilot's Name** (Bedford Citizen)

Learn about how the advocacy of a PVA National Service Officer led to the dedication of a bridge named after Major Barry A. Seidman, USAF Ret., who passed away from ALS in 2021.

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