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## LAWRENCE MULLINS PVA NATIONAL SECRETARY

"I owe everything I have to what this organization did the 50 years before I became a member and in the years since. Outside of all we do nationally, the single greatest thing we do is provide a supportive community. It is powerful when you realize you're not alone, and you have men and women you can talk to who understand."

Lawrence "Louie" Mullins, Jr., a U.S. Army Veteran and West Virginia Chapter member, was elected PVA National Secretary in August, 2023 to finish a vacated one-year term that began on July 1, 2023.

Mullins grew up in Charleston, West Virginia, and enlisted in the U.S. Army at age seventeen. He was a member of the His military occupational skill (MOS) was 19 Delta, Armored Reconnaissance Specialists, otherwise known as Cav Scouts.

In 1996, just over a year after he returned home from a deployment to Port au Prince, Haiti, Mullins was injured in a swimming accident. He became a PVA member in 1997. Since 2012, he has served in various leadership roles at the West Virginia chapter including president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, board member and national director.

Louie started working at the national level in 2018, when he was a parliamentarian in training. He earned his Parliamentary License later that year, becoming a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP). Since then, Louie has been an asset in assisting the Executive Committee, Resolution Committee, National Board of Director Meetings and Ad Hoc Committees. Louie is well-versed in PVA's policies and procedures and our practices in governance of the organization and is familiar in working with our national staff.

Mullins currently serves on Senator Manchin's Veteran's Advisory Council for the state of West Virginia and is a tireless advocate for Veterans issues.

Always a gifted athlete, Mullins enjoys the outdoors. He loves to fish, hunt, trap shoot, and taught himself to shoot a compound bow again after his injury.

He looks forward to using his long-term planning and leadership skills to move PVA's priorities forward and make life better for paralyzed Veterans and all people with disabilities.