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**ANNE ROBINSON
PVA NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

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Anne Robinson grew up in a small town in South Texas. Her father, a World War II Veteran who participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, had a significant influence on her decision to serve in the U.S. Army. He would share stories about his time in the Army, which piqued Robinson’s curiosity and fueled her desire to serve.

Robinson joined the Army in April, 1988. Eleven years later, while deploying on a training exercise to Fairbanks, Alaska, she sustained a spinal cord injury as a result of a military vehicle accident. At the time, she and her husband, Harry, had been married for 12 years, and had two children, Justin and Rebecca, who were then 8 and 6 years old.

After being stabilized in Anchorage, Robinson was medevacked to San Antonio, Texas where she began rehabilitation at the Audie L Murphy VA Spinal Cord Injury Center. Three days after arriving on the spinal cord unit, Robinson was introduced to PVA through a National Service Officer (NSO) and a peer mentor.

The NSO helped to quickly get Robinson’s benefits started from the VA and handled her retirement from the Army six months after her injury, which helped pull Robinson out of a difficult time, both financially and emotionally. Her peer partner, Charlie, started the conversation about how to live an adapted life successfully and fully, and he introduced Robinson to the rest of the PVA family in San Antonio.

That wonderful group of people surrounded Robinson and her family, lifting them up, teaching them, and caring like no other community she had known. Robinson believes that without PVA, her family would have not been nearly as successful overcoming the challenges of her injury and learning how to live life to its fullest.

Robinson joined the PVA Texas Chapter in 2000 and became an advocacy director just 10 months after her injury. Since then, she has served that chapter in many different capacities, including as satellite director, advocacy director, vice president, chapter president and national director.

Robinson was re-elected national vice president of PVA in May 2025 during the organization's 79th Annual Convention, to begin a new, one-year term on July 1, 2025. She has served on many national PVA committees, including the Judicial Committee, Budget & Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and several ad hoc committees.

Robinson also serves on the Anita Bloom Women Veterans Committee (ABWVC), which she established in 2016 along with PVA Vice President Tammy Jones and then-PVA President David Zurfluh. This is a standing committee that represents the women veterans of PVA, and has created many new opportunities to expand their participation and leadership within the organization. It has given a voice to a wonderful group of women whose needs from the VA had long gone unheard.

The ABWVC Committee members, along with PVA's government relations team, have been effective on Capitol Hill and within the VA, advocating for accessible mammography, VA Women's Centers, reproductive services, mental health services, women's health, and more to ensure that women veterans receive the care and benefits they have earned.

Robinson also has a passion for peer mentoring and believes it is one of the most important things PVA members can do to ensure that newly injured veterans experience the same advantages and positive outcomes as those who came before them. She believes no one is better equipped to help guide a veteran with a new spinal cord injury than someone who has rolled in the same path.

When she is not doing work for PVA, you can find Robinson at home in Helotes, Texas, hanging out with her grandchildren, Shelby and Cooper, or enjoying bocce or bowling. She has learned to seize the moments, to capture the experience and to make things as enjoyable as possible. Tomorrow is not guaranteed, she says, so you must make your mark while you can.