

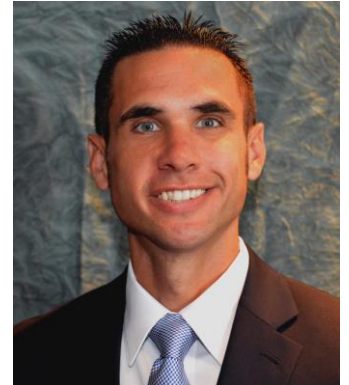


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Biographical **INFO**

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Paul Varela, a disabled U.S. Navy veteran, was appointed Assistant National Legislative Director for the 1.3 million-member DAV on July 1, 2013. He is employed at National Service & Legislative Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

As a member of the DAV's legislative team, Varela works to support and advance federal legislative goals and policies of DAV to assist disabled veterans and their families, and to guard their current benefits and services.

Varela enlisted in October 1998, serving until honorably discharged due to service-connected disabilities in 2001. His military awards and decorations include the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Humanitarian Service Ribbon and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Prior to his appointment as Assistant National Legislative Director, Varela was the Supervisor of DAV's National Service Office in Los Angeles from 2008 until 2013. There, he served as assistant supervisor from 2006 to 2008, and Associate National Service Officer from October 2002 until 2005.

Varela was elected by his peers to serve as President of DAV's National Guild of Attorneys in Fact from 2009 through 2011. He has held a variety of leadership positions within the Guild.

Varela was a member of DAV's National Service & Advisory Committee (2007-2011) and served on several assignments at the Board of Veterans' Appeals in an appellate review capacity. He became a member of the Case Management System Technical Enhancement Committee in 2006.

Varela has been active in the fraternal ranks for many years, serving in nearly every possible leadership capacity at the chapter level.