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Maureen Elias is a U.S. Army Veteran and serves as Deputy Director of Government Affairs – Veterans at Wounded Warrior Project, where she leads the organization’s veterans government affairs team and directs federal legislative strategy and congressional engagement on veterans policy. Her portfolio includes health care access, disability benefits, military sexual trauma response, women veterans’ policy, and broader quality of life and economic opportunity initiatives. In this role, she works closely with policymakers, coalition partners, and program leaders to translate veterans’ lived experiences into effective federal policy.



Maureen brings extensive experience in veterans policy and federal government operations. She previously served as Senior Advisor for Benefits at the Department of Veterans Affairs and as Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of the Secretary at VA. She also served as a professional staff member for the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, where she worked on legislative and oversight issues affecting the VA and the veterans benefits and memorial administrations. Her work emphasizes accountability and systems reform, with a focus on improving access to care and benefits for veterans who face barriers within the VA system.

In addition to her government service, Maureen has held advocacy roles with Vietnam Veterans of America and Paralyzed Veterans of America. She is a mentor with Student Veterans of America and a storytelling instructor with the Armed Services Arts Partnership, reflecting her commitment to ensuring veterans’ voices inform national decision making.

Maureen was raised in Puyallup, Washington, and is based in Washington, DC. She is an Army retiree spouse and the mother of three.

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