

DAVID ZURFLUH, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

David Zurfluh was re-elected national president of Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) during its 72nd Annual Convention in May 2018, and took office on July 1, 2018.

Prior to becoming president in 2017, Zurfluh had served as national senior vice president since May 2015. A member of the Air Force from 1987 to 1995, Zurfluh served as a jet engine mechanic and a crew chief in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. He was injured in 1995 in a motor vehicle accident while on active duty in Hachinohe, Japan, suffering a shattered left arm, broken left wrist and a broken neck. He was diagnosed with incomplete quadriplegia spending one year as an inpatient, and two years as an outpatient in Seattle VA spinal cord injury unit.

Zurfluh joined Paralyzed Veterans in 1995. He has been active since 2003, with the Northwest Chapter. He has held chapter-level positions as legislative director, vice president, president, and member of the sports committee. Zurfluh currently serves on the National Board of Advisors of the Museum of Aviation Foundation. A native of Washington, he served on the Veterans Legislative Coalition in Olympia, WA, and served as co-chair of the West Slope Neighborhood Coalition in Tacoma, WA.

In addition to his work on behalf of Paralyzed Veterans, Zurfluh is a lector at Holy Rosary Church and volunteers at local food banks. His hobbies include handcycling, shooting sports (trap, handgun, and archery), golf and snow sports. President Zurfluh divides his time between Tacoma, Washington and Washington, DC.