



**BIOGRAPHY OF  
MATTHEW SHUMAN, DIRECTOR  
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Mr. Matthew Shuman is the Director of the National Legislative Division for The American Legion, serving in that position since January of 2017. He has served veterans with The American Legion since 2015, starting as an Assistant Legislative Director with the Veterans Employment & Education portfolio in Washington, D.C. In his current role, Mr. Shuman is the chief lobbyist for the 2-million-member organization, interfaces with federal agencies, the White House, and the media to share what The American Legion is doing in Congress in the name of the 22 million American veterans.

Mr. Shuman proudly served in the United States Army from 2008 to 2012, most notably as a Military Police Officer, concluding his military career serving on the Arizona Army National Guard Honor Guard, providing military funeral honors for this nation's fallen soldiers.

Following his military service, Matthew first attended college at Grand Canyon University and R.O.T.C. at Arizona State University before graduating from Marymount University in Arlington, VA, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. While working towards his degree, he worked on Capitol Hill for two different members of Congress, with an intermittent break for the 2012 election cycle.



In his time with The American Legion, Matthew has been involved with the creation and passage of vital pieces of legislation impacting America's veterans including the VA Appeals Modernization Act, VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, the Forever G.I. Bill, Extension of CHOICE funding, The American Legion Centennial Commemorative Coin and the VA MISSION ACT — all bills that improve the quality of life for servicemembers, veterans and their families better.

Matthew is an Arizona native and a member of American Legion Post # 44 in Scottsdale, AZ. He currently lives in Arlington, Virginia.