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Joshua Hastings serves as a Veteran Benefits Policy Analyst in the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division of The American Legion. In this position, he conducts research and provides analysis on issues relating to veterans' benefits. Other duties include providing support to the VA&R Commission, VA&R Commission Executive Committee, VA&R Commission Liaison Committee, Veterans Benefits Committee, and VA&R Council. Throughout his career, Joshua has received accolades for distinct process improvement, increased morale, and helped to establish new standards and protocols for The American Legion's Health Policy Team.

Joshua proudly served as an Infantryman in the United States Army from July 2008 – January 2014. His service includes two deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom during which he was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat. After receiving an Honorable discharge, Joshua attended George Mason University and currently holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance and an associate degree in psychology.

Joshua is a veteran advocate who provides interested parties with insight into the invisible wounds of war from the perspective of a combat veteran, and actively seeks solutions to veteran issues through program development, organization resolutions, and congressional legislation.

Joshua is also a disabled veteran who resides in Fort Washington Maryland with his family and trusts the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) with his healthcare.