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Marty Callaghan has been employed for 14 years by The American Legion and became its Deputy Director of Claims Services in March 2020. A native of Chicago, he earned his B.A. in history from Valparaiso University, Indiana, and his M.A. in English from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

While serving in the U.S. Navy as a photojournalist, Marty received the Navy Achievement Medal and the Department of Defense's Thomas Jefferson Award for excellence in journalism. In civilian life, he worked as news bureau chief for Virginia Tech, and later became the founding publisher of the Nebraska Health Law Digest.

Marty is also the founding editor of The American Legion Online Update, the organization's first electronic newsletter. He has received three American Legion Teamwork Awards, as well as two Bravo Zulu awards from the Legion's national adjutant.

From 2010 to 2015, Marty served as the Legion's media relations manager. He then switched his career path and went to work at the Legion's Board of Veterans Appeals Unit as a veterans' disability claims specialist.

Marty is a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears. He enjoys a good game of ping-pong, sings, plays guitar/ukulele, and is conversational in Spanish.