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Julie Howell is a 5-year Army veteran who deployed twice to Iraq. After leaving the military, she attended culinary school and worked as a chef for over ten years. In 2013, Julie returned to school earning a BA in History and a master's degree in Public Policy. She began working in veteran advocacy in 2018 as a research and policy intern for Iraq Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA). For the past few years, she worked at the University of California at Santa Cruz as the veteran program coordinator. As Associate Legislative Director at Paralyzed Veterans of America, Julie's portfolio includes economic opportunity, benefits, women veterans, as well as disability policy around employment and housing. She also serves as principal point of contact for the women veteran VSO working group as well as the VR&E VSO working group. Principle areas of interest not covered by existing legislation are increased transparency of the VR&E program, improved information flow between DOL, DoD, & VA, as well as filling the gaps in care and benefits often experienced by women veterans living with catastrophic injuries.