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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 several years. In 2013, Julie decided to go back to school and earned a BA in History and a master's degree in Public Policy with an emphasis on veteran student sense of belonging. 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 has worked at the University of California at Santa Cruz as the veteran program coordinator. As Associate Legislative Director Julie is responsible for veterans' issues related to economic opportunity. She also serves as principal point of contact for women veterans' issues.