Charles Brown was re-elected national senior vice president of PVA during the organization’s 74th Annual Convention, held virtually in May 2020, and will begin his new, one-year term on July 1, 2020.

Brown joined the Marines in 1985 and was trained in aviation ordnance. In 1986, he sustained a spinal cord injury as a result of a diving accident while serving in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

During his initial rehabilitation at the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Spinal Cord Injury Center in Augusta, Georgia, Brown became a member of the Southeastern Chapter of PVA. In 1987, he moved back to his native Missouri, where he served on the Gateway Chapter board in a multitude of capacities, including Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, advocacy director, treasurer and vice president.

While in St. Louis, Brown helped establish the Rolling Rams quad rugby team. Seeking a more wheelchair-friendly climate, Brown relocated and joined the Florida Chapter of PVA in 1999. In Florida, he served in a number of positions, including hospital committee chair, secretary, hospital liaison, national director and president. Brown has also served on numerous national committees, including strategic planning, planned giving and resolution.

Currently on the USA Boccia team, he was selected team captain for the Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. Ranked 63rd in the world after one international tournament, Brown fully believes that an active life has kept him healthy. Brown currently resides in Loxahatchee, Florida.