Marcus Murray is the son of an Army veteran and grew up living throughout the United States, but spent the most time in Indianapolis. After completing four years of Air Force Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps in high school, Murray knew that a military career was a great fit for him.

Murray served at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and Misawa Air Base in Japan. In October 2012, Murray was shot in a parking lot after attending the Circle City Classic and a family birthday in Indianapolis. A bullet entered Murray’s right shoulder and ricocheted through his chest, severing his T-6/7 nerve and paralyzing him from the chest down.

With the expert care from the medical staff at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis and the support of family and friends, Murray transferred to the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Spinal Cord Injury Unit in Chicago a month after his injury. PVA’s national service officer at Hines connected with Murray during his month of rehabilitation, and he was able to learn about PVA for the first time. When he returned home following rehabilitation, Murray reached out to the Kentucky-Indiana Chapter of PVA.

In 2013, Murray became a PVA member and is currently the office manager of the Kentucky-Indiana Chapter.

Murray was elected as national secretary of PVA in 2019. He was re-elected during the organization’s 74th Annual Convention, held virtually in May 2020, to begin a new, one-year term on July 1, 2020.
“Being elected as National Secretary is more than an honor,” Murray said. “I can not only be a voice but also an asset for the future of the organization.”

Murray has attended many National Veterans Wheelchair Games and participated in wheelchair basketball, air rifle and air pistol, 100 meter and 200 meter track, table tennis and bowling. In addition to sports, his hobbies include travel, photography, music and adaptive technology.

Murray lives in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and is a proud father and grandfather to three sons and a three-year-old grandson.