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KRISTEN MCCONE GORDON JOINS NEW ENGLAND PVA AS GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR



WEST ROXBURY, MA, FEBRUARY 25, 2020 – <u>New England PVA</u> is pleased to announce and welcome Kristen McCone Gordon as its Government Relations Director. Kristen will be responsible for managing and supervising all activities of the Legislation and Advocacy Programs.

Kristen has over eight years of experience in providing policy analysis and advice to high level government officials at both the state and federal levels. As a national security professional, Kristen served as both a Policy Analyst in the Department of Homeland Security as well as a Foreign Affairs Specialist in the Defense Department. Among other state government and campaign roles, she most recently served as a

Policy Advisor in the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General.

Kristen also has experience working with corporate executives. She spent several years working at a professional services firm that brings together board members of leading companies in peer-based forums to discuss corporate governance challenges.

Kristen came to PVA with a desire to apply her vast skill set to a mission she cares deeply about. She said, "I believe this role will enable me to leverage my experience in public policy, the skills I've honed working with executives and board members in the private sector, and my passion for the legislative process. Above all else, serving as the Government Relations Director will enable me to give back to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for this country."

Kristen has a BA in Political Science from Boston College, and a MA from Georgetown University. She lives in Medfield, MA with her husband Chris, her daughter Maggie (age 5), and her son James (age 2).

For more information, please contact either Chapter President Michael Negrete or Executive Director Mark Murphy at 800-660-1181.

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<u>Paralyzed Veterans of America</u> (PVA) is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization solely for the benefit and representation of veterans with <u>spinal cord injury</u> or <u>disease</u>. For over 70 years, PVA has ensured veterans receive the <u>benefits</u> earned through their service to our nation; monitored their care in VA spinal cord injury units; and funded <u>research and education</u> in the search for a cure and improved care for individuals with paralysis.

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