



# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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## **MT. STATES CHAPTER OF THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA HIRES DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Aurora, Colorado — The Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter (MSCPVA) is proud to announce the hiring of Ms. Gaelen Hafen as the Chapter Development Director. Gaelen was selected from several qualified candidates. Her addition to the organization allows MSCPVA to continue to expand its fundraising abilities for paralyzed veterans in this region.

Gaelen graduated with a Master's of Nonprofit Management from Regis University in 2007 and with a Bachelor's degree from Miami University in 2000. She recently left her position as the Director of Special Events and Campaign Coordinator with the University of Colorado Hospital Foundation and brings a breadth of nonprofit experience to MSCPVA. Gaelen has experience in many facets of nonprofit work. In addition to her work on large scale fundraising events and a multi-million dollar capital campaign, she brings extensive skills in strategic planning, grantwriting, and building and strengthening corporate and foundation relationships. She looks forward to cultivating many new relationships within the Mountain States Chapter.

*“We are pleased to have Ms. Hafen join our team at MSCPVA. We look forward to working with her as we expand programs that serve our membership.”*

*Mark Shepherd, Sr., Executive Director*

Ms. Hafen began her employment with MSCPVA on March 16, 2010 where she will work with the Executive Director, MSCPVA staff and volunteers to help continue the support and advocacy for paralyzed veterans in this region. She can be reached at 303-597-0038 or via e-mail at [development@mscpva.org](mailto:development@mscpva.org).

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*The Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, a veterans service organization, was established in 1955 and serves paralyzed veterans in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Utah, all of whom have catastrophic paralysis caused by spinal cord injury or disease. A Public Service Announcement made for PVA is available from the chapter. To learn more about MSCPVA visit our web site at: [www.mscpva.org](http://www.mscpva.org).*