

Brandon Hughes

LEADERSHIP BIOGRAPHY

Brandon Hughes holds a deep-seated drive to make a difference in the lives of military veterans with numerous years working on Capitol Hill, where he has been responsible for performing the duties as a Congressional Liaison and Legislative Affairs Representative serving within roles as Assistant Director, Legislative Assistant and currently as Senior Correspondent and Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary/Chief Information Officer at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

In his current role, he serves as a trusted confidant and advisor to shape recommendations on policy, crafting written communications, scheduling and coordinating meetings, and accompanying the Chief across the country during visits to VA medical facilities.

Early in his career, Mr. Hughes served six years' military service with the United States Marine Corps where he received a Meritorious Mast and letters of appreciations for service as a Junior Marine Leader and a Purple Heart for wounds received in combat in Afghanistan. In addition, he earned two Global War on Terrorism Service Medals, the Presidential Unit Citation, a Navy Unit Commendation Medal and two Afghanistan Campaign Medals.

His continued dedication to support the United States military and specifically veterans, upon earning an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Brandon joined the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America organization as a Legislative Intern and later with the Marine Corps Reserve Association - Military Order of the Purple Heart as a Legislative Assistant. Mr. Hughes continued his focus on advancing service and support to military and veterans by connecting and driving the recruitment and hiring of veterans as the Assistant Director of Veteran Outreach/Military Recruiter with the VSE Corporation, headquartered in Alexandria, VA.

During his time at VSE, Mr. Hughes' contributions significantly impacted the Veterans Advocacy and Hiring Program having earned recognition from the U.S. Department of Labor as a recipient of the Inaugural HIRE VETS medallion award.

As a leader to improve legislative policy and services related to military veterans, Mr. Hughes has gained extensive experience and knowledge of preparing and presenting Congressional correspondence, Senate, and House floor proceedings, creating hearing summaries and legislative tracking coupled with global and domestic community and outreach efforts.

Brandon also recently held the role as Office Manager/Executive Assistant for the Washington Nationals™ where he reported directly to the Senior Vice President, managed staff and mentored interns.

A graduate of George Mason University having earned a bachelor's degree in political communication, Cum Laude, he has served in roles as the Chapter Commander of 353 Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), Senior Vice Commander for Department of Virginia (MOPH) and as Legislative Associate on Behalf of Marine Corps Reserve Association (MCRA).