



**IRAQ and AFGHANISTAN**  
**VETERANS of AMERICA**

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Rick Fenstermacher  
Chief Operating Officer  
Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc.  
6290 Linton Blvd., Suite 104  
Delray Beach, FL 33484

Dear Mr. Fenstermacher:

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is pleased to offer our support for the Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial; honoring the service and sacrifice of those who have given so much to our country.

All over Washington D.C., there are memorials commemorating various conflicts, units and soldiers who have impacted our nation. These monuments are well-deserved reminders of all that we have won and lost during America's history of armed conflict. Yet, while we commemorate conflicts and extraordinary leaders, we have yet to memorialize the sacrifice of service men and women who live with disabilities suffered while in service to the American people.

This memorial will create a fixed point where all Americans can pause and pay tribute to all of the men and women who have sacrificed health and limb to ensure that all can be free. These Americans live every day with the cost of freedom, and it is only fitting that our country memorializes their sacrifice, service, and resiliency.

IAVA believes that our disabled warriors deserve all of the recognition that the country can provide. We are proud to offer our assistance and thank you. If we can be of help, please contact Tom Tarantino, IAVA's Legislative Associate, at (202) 544-3184 or [tom@iava.org](mailto:tom@iava.org).

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Paul Rieckhoff  
Executive Director  
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA)