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Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America (OPVA), incorporated in 1976, is a chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. OPVA serves the needs of its Members – U.S. military veterans with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) – and helps them enjoy the highest possible quality of life.

OPVA, Members, Associate Members, Family Members, Volunteers, and allied organizations work to provide leadership and advocacy in

- Improving health care and SCI/D research and education
- Protecting veterans rights and benefits
- Improving awareness of disability rights
- Offering sports and health-promotion activities
- Increasing accessibility and removing architectural barriers in Oregon, Southwest Washington, and Idaho.

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PRESIDENT NEWS



PORTLAND, OR

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Larry Gardner – President

Now going into the fall and winter season lots of things here at the Oregon chapter begin to slow down a little. I would like to say thank you to all of you who volunteered at the Oregon State Fair and other events throughout the year. That's what it takes to make our events successful. Also, thank you to everyone who came to the Annual Members Banquet at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. I thought the event turned out very nice, there's a lot of time and work that goes into making these events happen so I hope everyone had a good time.

funding and keep OPVA's mission going to help our members in every way we can.

I would like to ask all the members who live in these areas to take a couple minutes and call the ambassador nearest you to get acquainted and find out what they do to help our veterans. They are needing volunteers to help them with lots of events and meetings, I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

Be sure to watch your mail for flyers for the upcoming member meetings in your area. These meetings are centered around updating you on what is happening at your chapter office and any events happening that you may want to participate in and getting to know you.



Left to right: Don Wyatt, Idaho District Ambassador.
Kenneth Townsend, Bend District Ambassador.
Dennis Hooper, Souther OR District Ambassador.

The Oregon Chapter has three ambassadors doing everything they can for the members, we have Don Wyatt in Boise Idaho area, Ken Townsend in the Bend area, and Dennis Hooper in Roseburg area. They are planning and setting up at events and working on programs with the chapter to help raise



The Chapter National Director and newly elected Vice President, Bill Gray has taken on the position of recruiting veterans for the 2020 National Veteran Wheelchair Games. The NVWG will be next July in Portland Oregon, and we would like all members that can to participate and help us represent the Oregon Chapter for the 40th anniversary of the games. If interested please call Bill Gray or the office so we can get all the information needed to sign up or volunteer.

and confident with setting up and running an event completely.

Also, the chapter Sports Director Dan Service has appointed Grant Buehler as the bowling coordinator, Grant will be working on the bowling program for our members. We will be appointing coordinators for each and every sports program so they can put all their time in building the sport of choice. We are in need of coordinators for trap shooting, archery, bocce ball, table tennis, and air rifle, along with any sport you may want to build for our members interest.



Board member Carolyn Hamstreet Shores has stepped up to put together a training program for our volunteers to help with every aspect of setting up events and using the tablet, answering questions, and giving out correct information. We want all volunteers to feel comfortable

Wanted: Hospital Liaison Representative

We are also thinking of adding additional hospital liaisons for the different areas within the chapter's jurisdiction. If you would like to help or have an interest in any of these positions, please call us and we will help you get started. Well, that's all I have for now but don't forget the Albany Veterans Parade on November 11th. We still have room on our floats for you to join us. Thank you everyone.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



Tom Hurt – Executive Director

Greetings all, with 2019 summer season in the books, we finished the month of September with a BANG! Your ambassador Dennis Hooper set up an awareness booth down in Winston. It was our first time attending that event, with the exception of a huge thunder storm coming through on the last day, it was a great success. We hosted the OPVA Hot Dog feed up at The Dalles Veterans Home again this year. It was great being able to visit with a bunch of the resident veterans and have a dog with them. We also had the opportunity to hand out a lot of the crocheted lap robes that had been donated for the veterans.



The last big event for the month of September was the OPVA Annual Members Banquet. This year it was held at Chinook Wind Casino Resort in Lincoln City. One of the highlights to this year's banquet was the fact that the resort was also holding their annual Celebration of Honor event. They post 1,000 flags on the beach as well as a variety of other displays.

To top of our banquet we had a scaled down version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall, Military weapons tent and Veteran Services Tent (where we had a table set up as well). It was great to see some familiar faces as well as some members I had not met yet. So the 2019 banquet is over, your Board of Directors are looking for a location for the 2020 banquet if you have never been to the banquet let us know what can we do to entice you to join us in 2020.



Now that 2019 is in the books it is time to look forward to 2020. The schedule of events are ready to get booked out. Larry Gardner and I just got done meeting with Dockside Charters to get the fishing trips scheduled for 2020, also watch the Paralog for those dates, there are a bunch of different car shows that we will be attending in 2020 as well.



The Sports Programs are getting finalized. Speaking of sports remember the National Veteran Wheelchair Games (NVWG) will be in Oregon for the 40th Anniversary.



Dates for the 2020 Games are July 3rd through the 8th. Registration for the games will begin the first part of January. We are currently in the process of lining up the member meetings in your areas. Watch your mail for the flyers and we will also be making personal phone calls letting you know where and when your meetings will take place.

We are hoping to have VA people at the meetings to talk about how to get registered for the NVWG, I hope to see you at the meetings.

I also want to give you an update on one of our Fund Raising events we do every year, which is the Raffle Vehicle.

This year the response has been fantastic. It started out with Curt and Susan Davis owners of Petersen Collector Car Auction donating the 1970 Camaro to the Chapter. The first 2 events we had, we sold over 900 tickets. Now we are at the beginning of November and we have less than 940 Tickets left to sell out of 3,750 tickets.



RECREATION FUND REPORTS

Dear OPVA,
Thank you so much for your generous gift... the Recreation Fund.

This past year we went over to Florence to visit family who were up from California camping and riding the dunes. We had an awesome visit and total blast. As I in a wheel chair I am unable to get down on the beach and to experience the dunes.

So happens that one of my nephews had just purchased a Polaris RZR. Took 3 guys to get me in.



We went down on the beach then out in the dunes. What a blast!

Thanks again.
Kenneth Allen

SPORTS REPORT



NATIONAL VETERANS
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My dear friends. We are coming up on a new year, and it is going to be great. We will be hosting the 40th Anniversary of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) in Oregon July 2020.



Dan Service—Sports Director

All veterans who are in wheelchairs are invited each year to participate. The name by itself sounds like we need to be experienced in these different events, but I'm here to tell you that is not the case. The point of NVWG is to help get those who are in wheelchairs to get out and enjoy themselves doing different sports. Hopefully encouraging them to make a sport out of one of the events they will be doing.

Those who will be participating will be classed in each event. Some will have not participated in the past and have no skills. Some will have not participated but have some skills and others will have participated and have lots of skills. For me, I have not participated in the past, and I have some skill in one event, and none in other events. Those who participate will be classed in each event they wish to participate in.

I myself want to participate in Bowling, where I have some experience bowling from a chair; I would like to see how well I can do with some Boccia, and Billiards.

**Equipment will
be provided**

Equipment will be provided, or you can use your own equipment. For instance, I like to bowl and have my own bowling ball. Others who are unable to use their own strength to bowl can use an assistant to set up the ball, then it is their responsibility to get the ball to roll. Some folks have equipment attached to their chair so they can set up, set the chair, and send the ball down the ramp on their own.

I have Multiple Sclerosis and am unable to walk, my upper body functions well enough for me to be able to participate. There is a physical each participant needs to go through with their primary care doctor and have a form signed and turned in with the application. PVA has made it easy to complete the registration, by sending us a video on how and what to do.



Our Vice President, Bill Gray, has accepted the responsibility of seeking out veterans in wheelchairs to participate. If you think you might be interested, contact the office phone number


listed in the front of this Paralog magazine. The nice thing about it, I will be enjoying myself with others who will be classed the same as me.

We appreciate everyone's articles who have participated in the Recreation Fund. It is wonderful to see so many people going out to dinner with family, and letting us pay for it. It's nice to see how others have enjoyed their vacations, and let us helping pay. It's great to learn the different ways our members are using the \$250 a year to be active in the things they enjoy.




 **RECREATION FUND**

It's almost time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We all truly hope they will be joyful, and positively wonderful for you and your family.



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SCAM JAMS

By Mary Owen/Northwest 50 Plus.

GET UPDATES ON THE LATEST SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM

Scams are in abundance, from free trial offers, door-to-door sales pitches, price gouging and everyone's most annoying nightmare — telemarketing.

“Every year, thieves and con artists cheat thousands of Oregonians out of their hard-earned money and valuable personal information,” says Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum on DOJ’s Consumer Protection brochure. Rosenblum asks the public to “help stop the fraud before it starts and alert others so they can avoid becoming victims.”

According to the DOJ, American consumers lose billions of dollars to frauds and scams each year. Studies show the hardest hit are often age 55 and over. To help protect these losses the DOJ has partnered with AARP Oregon and the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services to present an ongoing series of “Scam Jams” hosted throughout the state.

“We just held a series at the coast in August,” says Ellen Klem, director of consumer outreach and education Rosenblum’s office. “Sometimes we’ll have speakers or Power Point presentations, while other times we might play a game. It’s always a little different.”

Klem calls the programs “educational and entertaining,” offering advice about scams and schemes, including insurance and investment fraud; online and door-to-door scams; identity theft; and other scams targeting older consumers. “The jams take place in senior centers, libraries and convention centers all over Oregon,” Klem says. “Mostly people learn we’re a resource for them. We give tips on how to spot a scam as well as give-away bags and brochures.”

According to the DOJ website, there are six signs to watch out for that a scam is happening. Scammers:

- Contact you “out of the blue”
- Claim there is an “emergency”
- Ask for your personal information
- Want you to wire money
- Tell you to keep it “secret”
- Make it sound too good to be true

Several scams circulating on the Internet, especially Facebook, or via email, phone or snail mail include Medicaid fraud, free trial offers, gift cards, timeshares, employment scams, fitness clubs, health spas and price gouging. “The IRS is a really big scam,” Klem says. “The Social Security number ‘compromise’ is also very popular, or ‘your computer is running slow.’”

Klem says it is difficult to trace how many people are hit by these pitches.

“People are embarrassed and don’t want to report it, or they don’t even know they’ve been a victim,” she says.

According to the DOJ, to protect you and your family, you need to become educated, reduce junk mail and telemarketing calls, check out a business before you buy, read the fine print, sleep on it, and report fraud. Understand that wiring money is like sending cash and order your free annual credit report. All tips are explained fully on the website.

The DOJ website also has links to Federal Trade Commission resources, including stopping unsolicited mail, phone calls and emails; prize scams; job scams; and multilevel marketing. Scam Jams are free, but seating is limited. Registration is required. Most are held in the morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The next jam is on Oct. 24 at the Salem Convention Center.

“They are a lot of fun,” Klem says. “We usually serve food. It’s a good event that everybody should come to.”

To be notified of emerging scams, frauds and other consumer threats as they arise, join the Oregon Scam Alert Network. The DOJ has a Scam Alert archive accessible at www.doj.state.or.us. The site also offers victims a way to report scams and fraud, as well as searching other consumer complaints.

For other information or to sign up for a Scam Jam, contact the department online at oregonconsumer.gov, by phone at 1-877-877-9392, or by email at help@oregonconsumer.gov



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Bill Gray—National Director

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are coming to Portland, July 3-8 2020. I'm encouraging all of our members to consider participating and enjoying the food, sights and sounds of Portland Oregon.

If you've never been to the games before you qualify under the novice category and your travel and hotel cost are covered in full by OPVA. Food is provided with some being covered using a meal card. What a great opportunity to have a great experience at no cost to you! If you've previously been to the Games 50% of your costs will be covered, so, what are you waiting for?

Check out the games on:
www.wheelchairgames.org and find
out more. Registration starts in
January 2020.

Let's all enjoy this once in a life time event which will not be back to the Northwest for many years! You have over 250 days to get ready for the competition, so let go!

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RECREATION FUND REPORTS



I want to thank the OPVA recreation fund for making it possible for us to travel to Tucson where I got to try out a handbike and got to enjoy an outing with friends on a bike path. I hope to be fitted for one on my next annual evaluation with the recreation therapist in Seattle. I was also able to visit Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Aircraft Boneyard.

Later in the year, we were able to visit Montana and stay with an old military buddy and his wife in their beautiful lakeside cabin.

We tried to take the Big Mountain tram ride to the top of the mountain, but instead, we were welcomed with a magnificent thunder and lightning storm which precluded us from the adventure.

Every year we look forward to the next OPVA recreation fund adventure. It's always educational and fun to get together with friends.

Thank you, so much!
Dennis and Karen Harbour

OPVA, I wish to thank OPVA for the generous Recreation Fund which, I used to attend a Josh Groban concert (with a friend) held at the Les Schwab Amphitheater in Bend. Josh is renowned for his easy listening, operatic genres.

Among the songs performed was "Bring Him Home" from the Broadway musical Les Miserables.

Kris McNulty



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In June, 2019 we took a road trip to Steens Mountain area in SE Oregon. We spent the first night at “The Lodge at Summer Lake” in Summer Lake, OR. Very pretty area we had never been to before and the lodge was rustic but very nice. We had dinner there (not much else in Summer Lake).

Next morning we drove south to Lakeview, then eastern to Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge. Saw much really remote country and a few antelope. Ended up in Frenchglen, OR where we spent the night and had dinner at the historic Frenchglen Hotel. Another day of beautiful, wide open spaces we had never been through before.

Next morning we headed south around the Steens Mt. Range (the road up to Steens Mountain was still closed by snow), then

up the east side of the range next to Alvord Desert. We had no idea such a desert existed in Oregon. Beautiful, the country was even more remote than the previous 2 days, stayed in Burns, OR that night (another first visit for us).

Next day SW thru Christmas Valley and Fort Rock, OR. The last of the places we had never been, and returning to the Lodge at Summer Lake for another night there.

We met friends for dinner that night at “Cowboy Dinner Tree” restaurant in Silver Lake, OR. What a unique treat that was! Then Friday morning a leisurely drive home!

Thank you so much
Richard L. Kyser



In August I went to Seattle with family to visit a grandson and sightsee, including the amazing Glass Museum. It was a wonderful visit.

Thank you for the Fund.
Karen Abramowitz

Last October we made a command decision to see The New Chinese Acrobats on October 9 at our local performing arts center. The acts showcased awesome feats of strength and flexibility mixing traditional Chinese art with modern twists. The Lion King made its premiere at the Hult Center January 17, and the musical didn't disappoint.



During the regular season we attended 3 University of Oregon men's basketball games. These games are always so exciting and of course better when we come away with a win, which was the result of 2 of those 3 games with the 3rd being a close loss in OT. Like all Duck fans, we were glued to our TV during the PAC-12 Tournament that we won and then the NCAA Tournament that saw a heart-breaking loss of 49-53 at the Sweet 16 game after a run of 10 straight wins with 6 coming in season-ending scenarios. So close to the Final Four. . . We're anxious for this 2019 season!



Last October 18th we saw Thomas Rhett's Life Changes Tour at Matthew Knight Arena. What a great artist he is! Then February 2 we were there for the Burning Man tour of country great Dierks Bentley.

Another enjoyable country concert was Chris Janson at the Lane County Fair on July 24. We left with a new appreciation for him as a truly good person.

August 26 we attended the REO Speedwagon concert at the Oregon State Fair. We grew up with this rock band, so it was neat to hear the sounds live.



Photo by Bob Gersztyn

In addition to basketball, baseball is a family favorite. I can't remember the last time we managed to catch a University of Oregon baseball game considering the weather early spring can still be quite cool. It was a fun Mother's Day match up pitting our Ducks against the Oregon State Beavers. Way to go, green and yellow, with the win on a sunny, warm Sunday.



Thank you OPVA, for encouraging your members to continue enjoying life regardless of disabilities thru your generous recreation fund program!

Sincerely,
Michael & Traci Williamson



September 20th, 21st, and 22nd we drove over to Lincoln City, Oregon and spent time at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

We arrived Friday afternoon in time to visit the “Celebration of Honor” for all Veterans and was a very nice event to see. With lots of good information.

Later that evening after checking into the motel, we made our way to Mo’s Chowder House and enjoyed a nice dinner. Saturday was the OPVA Members Banquet at Chinook Winds where we spent all day visiting with members and had a very successful event.

Larry & Terry Gardner

My wife and I went to see Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band last week when they did a show at the Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene. It was an amazing concert! Even at age 74, Bob Seger goes all out on stage; he truly is “giving every ounce of energy away” to the fans when he’s up there.

I’d been laid up for awhile following surgery, and the concert was a welcome outing. We really appreciate the Recreation Fund! Thank you!!

Marc Stump



Dear Oregon PVA

Thank you again for the annual recreation fund. I took my wife on our first ever cruise to Alaska, for our 30th anniversary. We had a great time saw lots of interesting sights, and were pleased with the wheelchair accessibility of the ship. Thanks again.

Richard Blair

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Hi! This year I decide to go to church camp but it's had to stay in a tent or a cabin so I chose Best Western – It was a good time spent visiting with friends and taking in good services and getting a spiritual boost. Thank you for helping to make it possible.

Al Wagner



Hello Dear Oregon PVA Chapter!

With MASSIVE gratitude I submit my recreation fund receipts and photos that allowed me to be at my baby brother's, Master Sergeant Casaldue, US Air force, retirement ceremony after 23 years.

Not only was that one of the most important and proudest moments of my life, but it allowed me to be with my 80 year old mother Gloria, and one of my beloved brothers, Ramsés. I had not seen my mom in almost three years due to my deteriorating health, so this was big.

I had never been away from her and the rest of my family in Puerto Rico for this long in my whole life, so this really was a great moment, and our wonderful recreation fund was a great help in making it possible.

Drove there through California and on my way back came back up through Utah and Idaho so I could check off my bucket list fishing for catfish at the Snake River on the Oregon/Idaho border.

I sure needed a new tent for my camping trips, so I also took advantage of that wonderful coupon from Sportsman's Warehouse that I got from our office at OPVA. The Las Vegas store honored it and combined it with the military discount, so it saved me a lot.



I also was able to realize one of my dreams of going to see the show from Cirque du Soleil, at the Bellagio in Las Vegas. I had never been to 'the strip' so it really was an amazing trip.

THANK YOU!
Maribel Casaldue

In August we were blessed with the opportunity to attend the Oregon-Auburn game in Arlington, Texas. We arrived in Dallas and explored the area. We went to Ripley's Believe It Or Not in nearby Grand Prairie and made a wax hand mold of Jennifer and myself. We got to try some local cuisine and had our first Frito Pie. The excitement at the game was immense.



The venue is the same place the Dallas Cowboys play. It was air-conditioned and the roof remained closed. The end result was not as hoped, but it was nevertheless a good showing.

The weather cooperated and we got to see a lot of the area. The recreation fund was a big help. It allowed us to take a bold step towards traveling for a sporting event. It was great to support the Oregon Ducks.

After the game, we met some old Army buddies. It was great to see folks from 40 years ago. The camaraderie is still prevalent after all these years.

Thanks OPVA
Dennis Hooper



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Earlier is better in case of any problems.



Please contact the office at 503-362-7998 if you have any questions or require additional information about the Recreation Fund.

2019 Members Banquet



This year's Members Banquet was a huge success. This is a yearly get together you really don't want to miss there is so much going on with Music, Games, Awards, Food and Fun.

This year the banquet was held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, your Board chose this because it lined up with their annual Celebration of Honor.



Just like our Banquet the Celebration of Honor Event is all about honoring our Veterans. You all have given so much for our Great Country, Thank You.



Walter Hull
Disability Awareness Awards



Roger Robinson
Speedy Award



Dennis Hooper
Ambassador of the Year Award



Don Wyatt
President Award



Bill Gray
Life Time Achievement Award



Curt & Susan Davis
Commendation Award

At the Banquet we had the opportunity to recognize some of our members and volunteers who have gone above and beyond to help make things better.

During the Banquet there was a nice surprise as well, Larry Rilling (Bear) is one of the people who put on the Salute to Veterans Car and Motorcycle Show each year, and for the second year now they have presented OPVA with a check from part of the proceeds from the show, this year Bear presented Larry Gardner with a check for \$1,700.

Thanks again Lynn and Bear for all of your hard work at putting on such a great car show.





Terry Langston
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Richard Dean 12/30
Michael Mayea 12/30
Edward Lawrence 12/31



LOOKING FOR A NEW OUTDOOR



ADVENTURE

Did you know that OPVA has a Track Chair that is available for our members to use? You could experience something new like getting out doors, going fishing, site seeing.

Experience the action track chair in the woods, on a stream or at your favorite lake. OPVA can be contacted about using it so, get on the schedule for a day or two or more. We want this Track to be used by our Veteran members to help them experience new opportunities out of their house.

It's controlled by a joystick and easy to operate. No Gas needed; its battery powered. There will be a trailer to tow it with available shortly after a couple modifications are done.

We also have a checkout policy that will have to be signed off before its checkout. Any damage occurred while using the equipment will be the responsibility of the party that checked the equipment out. So, I would say that you need to give it a try before the summer is gone and go out and have some fun!

Call the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America today!

Thanks

Bill Gray
OPVA National Director/Board Member
503-362-7998



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



Roger C. Robinson – Government Relations

Legislation this year was short, and everything we wanted did not get passed or was delayed. Most important was non payment of the states share of the new Veterans Home in Roseburg, Oregon. Hopefully this will be on the first agenda in 2020. Everything else has been approved with that exception.

Parking is still an issue in Oregon, with so many different placard being issued and different colors. One service organization has managed to get their own placard allowing them to park in Portland for no charge. Others have to pay.

A list of other Legislation and Bills of interest to ODVA, UVGO, and the military community which were passed or died in committee:

The new Bill HB 2195A is to develop a Vietnam Veterans War Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. There were concerns with the Joint Ways and Means Committee, State Parks and Recreation Department, so this issue will be brought before the 2020 Legislature.

The Bill to increase the amount of property tax exemption for a 40% or greater disable veterans and spouses is

available. You must have certification from a license physician and file the appropriate documentation before April 1st. If you file after this date you may required to pay a late fee. Please contact the Oregon Department of Revenue at 503-378-4988 or 800-356-4222, for questions.

It is known most county Commissioners and tax assessors were opposed to Bill 462, which was an attempt to authorize veteran' recognition license plates for the United States Naval Construction Force, or "Seabees". One of our members was instrumental in getting the current PVA license plates. It was stated that if the door was opened we would have special license plates for the Army Special Forces, Army Rangers, the Delta Force, etc.

On April and May 2019 letters were sent to all members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee expressing our strong endorsement of SB 5538, ODVA budget bill. The Joint Ways and Means Committee has indicated that they will seek opportunities to use Lottery Funds in place of General Funds. It will consider shifting Lottery Funds to agencies other than ODVA, without concern for ODVA priorities.

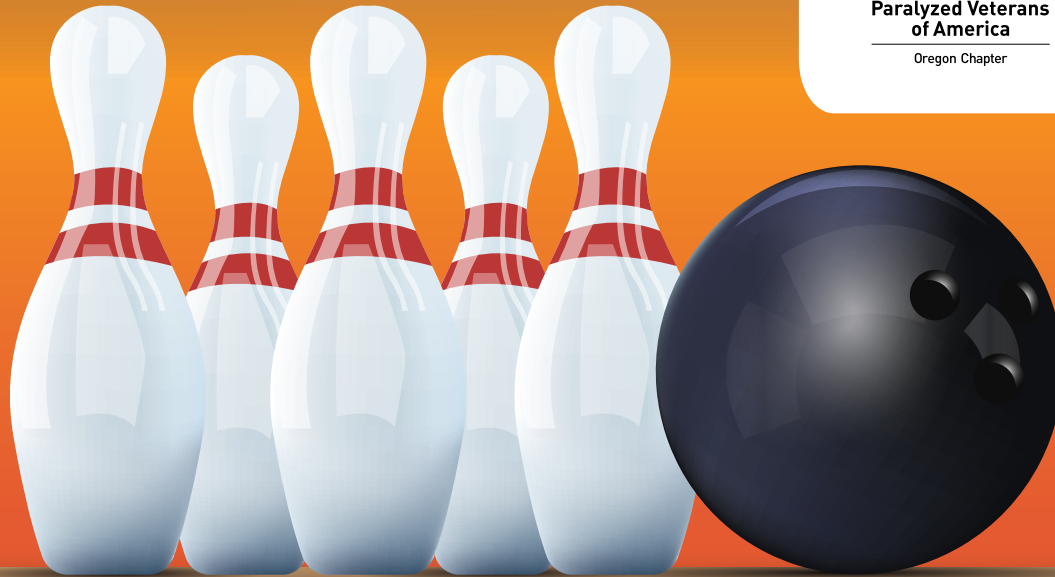
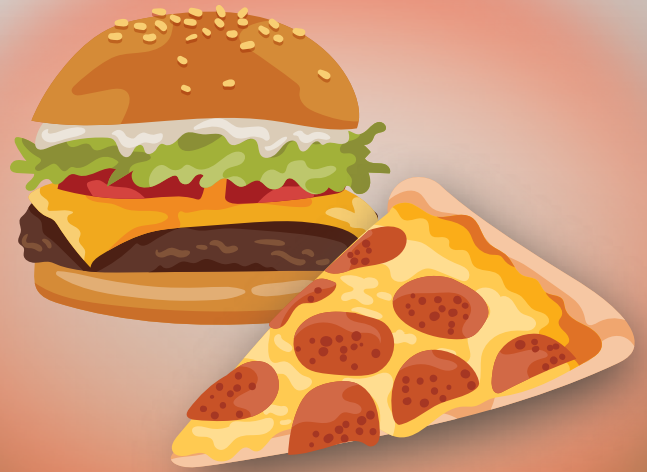


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Free Lunch & Bowling



**Members
Meetings**

- | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---|
| • Central OR | Nov 12 @ 10 - 1 | Lave Lanes
1555 NE Forbes Rd Bend, OR |
| • Portland | Nov 16 @ 11 - 2 | King Pins
3550 SE 92nd Ave Portland, OR |
| • Salem | Dec 14 @ 11 - 2 | Town & Country
3500 River Rd N Keizer, OR |
| • Southern OR | Jan 11 TBD | |
| • Idaho | Jan 25 @ 11 - 2 | Big Al's Bowling Alley
1900 N Eagle Rd. Meridian, ID |

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TABLE TENNIS

The Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America (OPVA), is making it possible for you to pursue the Olympic sport of Table Tennis in Salem by allowing the Salem Table Tennis Club (STTC) to link with them. The Salem Table Tennis Club, having been founded in 1997, is the oldest established Table Tennis Club in town.

The co-mission of OPVA and STTC is to give opportunity for Oregon residents to play recreational and competitive Table Tennis. All skills levels, ages, and physically challenged are welcome.

Here is the Kroc Center address: Kroc Center, 1865 Frey Dr. NE, Salem.

STTC members play regularly at the Kroc Center.

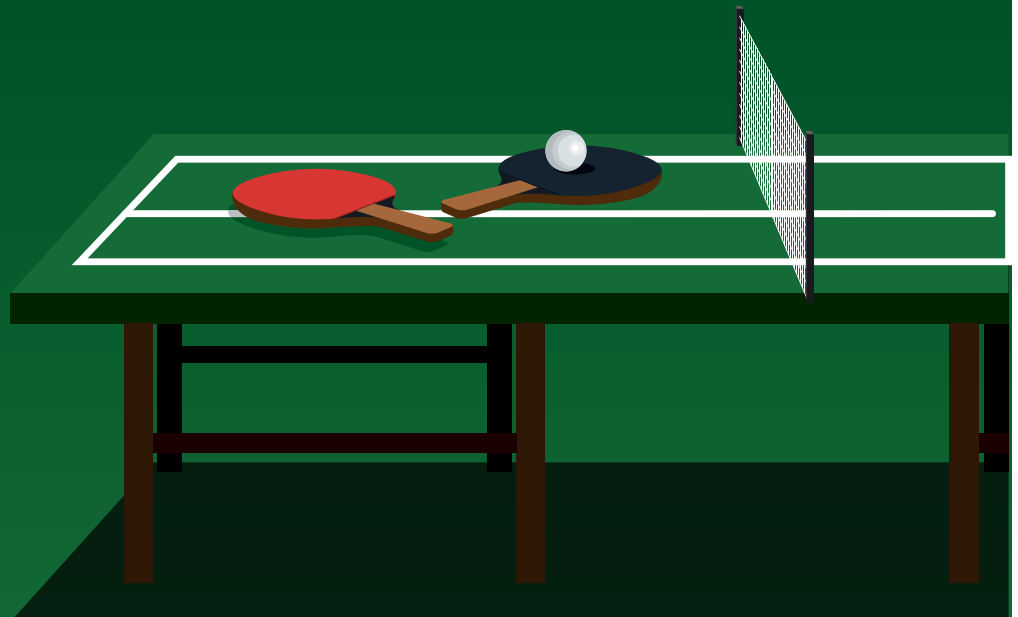
Play days and times:

- Tuesday: 6:30 pm to 9 pm
- Thursday: 6:30 pm to 9 pm
- Saturday: 11:30 am to 4:30 pm

The Kroc Center entrance is on the North side of Bill Frey Drive
Please visit the STTC website for complete schedule, tournament dates,
and coaching information:

www.sunburstech.com/cttc

Please contact me, Bob Mahler at 503-589-4878 for more info.





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Wed May 20th - 6:00 am

Thur Jun 18th - 6:00 am

Wed Sep 23rd - 6:30 am

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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 BOD 10:00 a.m.	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

 **Office Closed**

*Happy
Thanksgiving*





December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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29	30	31				

 Office Closed

Merry
Christmas





PVA TESTIFIES AT SEPTEMBER 11 SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH LEGISLATIVE HEARING

On September 11, PVA Associate Legislative Director, Roscoe Butler testified at a House Veterans' Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Health legislative hearing. The pending legislation discussed at this hearing would improve oversight of women veterans' health care programs, provide vital assistance to help veterans overcome the pain and suffering from domestic violence, enhance VA access and benefits, and increase health care provider staffing levels.

In his written and oral testimonies, Mr. Butler provided examples of the barriers PVA members are encountering when accessing services at VA. Specifically, he mentioned women veterans having to sit in their wheelchairs outside a model three women's health clinic, because the facility did not have a system in place to alert staff that someone was waiting to gain access into the clinic. He also addressed poorly designed facilities that limited VA's ability to provide medical care to women with catastrophic disabilities and the lack of appropriate on-site diagnostic equipment to conduct mammography examinations on spinal cord injured veterans. He also noted that identifying these and other barriers that women veterans face is an important first step toward improving the care they receive from VA.

VA DEPUTY SECRETARY CONFIRMED

The Senate confirmed James Byrne to fill VA's number two slot by an 81-11 vote on September 11. Byrne had served as the agency's general counsel since August 2017 and acting deputy secretary

since August 2018. President Trump nominated him for the deputy position on April 29 and the Senate held his confirmation hearing in mid-May. Byrne's confirmation fills one of several persistent vacancies in the VA's leadership. Most notably, the Administration has yet to nominate a permanent leader for the Veterans Health Administration, which has been led by Dr. Richard Stone in an acting capacity for more than two years.

CAVC: "VA MUST REIMBURSE EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXPENSES"

On September 9, the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) struck down a VA regulation, finding it wrongly denied reimbursements to veterans who received emergency medical care at non-VA facilities, a decision that could result in payouts to veterans totaling billions. In an additional and unusual move in the case, *Wolf v. Wilkie*, the CAVC also certified a class action to cover these veterans, who incurred medical expenses that are not covered by private insurance for the emergency care at non-VA facilities.

This is the second time since 2016 that the court struck down VA regulations barring such payments, reaffirming that VA must step in as a "secondary payer" to prevent emergency medical expenses from being unfairly passed on to veterans when their non-VA health insurance doesn't cover the full cost. In its decision, the CAVC noted, "Even after [our previous decision], VA was affirmatively informing veterans that they were not entitled to reimbursement for non-VA emergency medical care if they had any insurance covering the service at issue. In other words, the Agency was telling veterans that the law was exactly opposite to what a Federal court had held the law to be."

The law the court is referring to is the Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2010, which amended 38 U.S.C. § 1725 to expand reimbursements to veterans for emergency care under certain circumstances. The regulation that the court struck down is 38 C.F.R. § 17.1005(a)(5).

While VA may still decide to appeal the ruling, any PVA member or veteran who has received emergency care in the community and had their claim for reimbursement denied, or has not filed a claim with VA for reimbursement, should contact a PVA National Service Officer for assistance.

RAISE FAMILY CAREGIVING ADVISORY COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

On August 28 and 29, the RAISE Family Caregiving Council held its first meeting in Washington, DC. The council was authorized under the RAISE Family Caregivers Act, which became law on January 22, 2018, and directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop a national family caregiving strategy. The strategy is supposed to identify actions that communities, providers, government, and others are taking and may take to recognize and support family caregivers. To support the development and execution of the strategy, the RAISE Act also charged the council with providing recommendations to HHS on effective models of both family caregiving and support to family caregivers, as well as improving coordination across federal government programs.

The council is composed of representatives from federal agencies and the private sector as well as individuals who are caregivers or recipients of caregiving. Among the members of the council are Lynda C. Davis, Ph.D., Chief Veterans Experience Officer with VA, Casey Shillam, Ph.D., R.N., an Air Force veteran with a disability who serves on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Health Policy Advisory Council, and Theresa Tanous, M.A., who retired from the VA in 2012 after 33 years of service, working mostly in the field of health information technology on a national level.

Mr. Lance Robertson, Administrator of the Administration on Community Living (ACL) at HHS and one of the co-chairs of the council, welcomed the members and outlined the processes that the council would follow during its operation. He also pointed to a RAISE Act Family Caregiver Resource Center that would soon be set up and serve as a national resource portal for state policymakers and other stakeholders. To ground the advisory council in its work, the first day was devoted to an overview of federal programs that support family caregivers in various ways and to the national landscape of services and policies affecting caregivers. While uneven funding and programmatic silos were identified as current challenges that need to be overcome, the VA Caregiver program was cited as a model system that blends the needs of the care recipient and the caregiver. In developing the National Family Caregiver Strategy, the council was directed to involve not only HHS but also VA and the Department of Labor. The council broke into small groups for report outs on the second day concerning issues the members believe need to be addressed. Among those issues were a lack of knowledge about resources among caregivers and those they care for, finding evidence based best practices to support caregivers, and enhancing public awareness of the value of caregiving. Information about the RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council and ACL's programs that support caregivers can be found at <https://acl.gov/programs/support-caregivers>.

CONGRESS APPROVES VA COLA BILL

Unlike Social Security payments and federal pensions, VA's disability and compensation programs require a special act of Congress in order to receive an annual increase. Recently, lawmakers approved H.R. 1200, "Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2019," which will provide cost-of-living increases for wartime disability compensation; compensation for dependents; clothing allowance; dependency and indemnity compensation to surviving spouses; and dependency and indemnity compensation to children. The rate of next year's increase won't be known until the Bureau of Labor Statistics announces the COLA for Social Security recipients

in mid-October. Assuming there is a COLA, the higher rates would go into effect on December 1 and are payable in January 2020.

HAVEN ACT PROTECTS VA, DOD DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Until recently, disability benefits paid by VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) were included in the calculation of a debtor's disposable income, increasing the portion of the debtor's income that is subject to the reach of creditors. By contrast, bankruptcy law explicitly exempts Social Security disability benefits from this calculation. In late August, President Trump signed the "Honoring American Veterans in Extreme Need Act of 2019" or the "HAVEN Act," which excludes VA and DoD disability payments made to veterans or their dependent survivors from the monthly income calculation used for bankruptcy means testing. The bipartisan, bicameral legislation introduced earlier in the year by Representative Lucy McBath, (D-GA) and Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and John Cornyn (R-TX) passed both legislative bodies by voice vote.

CONGRESS STRUGGLES WITH FY2020 FUNDING LEGISLATION

The two-year budget deal passed in August was supposed to make the annual funding process easier but unfortunately that hasn't been the case. The House has approved 10 of the 12 annual funding bills, while the Senate has approved none. With roughly two weeks left in the fiscal year, lawmakers appear resigned to passing a continuing resolution (CR) to give themselves more time to iron out the details of these line-by-line appropriations bills.

The House has passed a CR that would keep the government running through mid-November. The Senate will need to take action on the bill before the end of September, which would leave little time in between for either chamber to adjust should they encounter resistance with the stopgap measure. There is little appetite for another government shutdown so it is highly likely that the legislative and executive branches will work

out an agreement that is acceptable to both parties. In the meantime, PVA will continue to keep a close eye on the budgetary process and work to preserve key funding increases in the FY2020 Military Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BEFORE RECESS

Just before the August congressional recess, several bills were introduced that would improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities, expand the inventory of accessible housing, and provide faster access to Social Security disability benefits for those with terminal illnesses.

On July 25, Representative Josh Harder (D-CA) introduced the House version of the Disability Employment Incentive Act (H.R. 3992) to expand tax credits and deductions that are available for employers who hire and retain employees with disabilities and to make their places of business more accessible. Like its Senate companion, S. 255 introduced at the beginning of the year by Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), the bill expands the work opportunity tax credit to include the hiring of employees who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits. For employers who hire vocational rehabilitation referrals, Supplemental Security Income recipients, or SSDI recipients, the bill also (1) increases the amount of wages that may be taken into account for the credit, and (2) allows an additional credit for second-year wages. H.R. 3992 and S. 255 also increase a tax credit for expenditures by eligible small businesses to provide access to disabled individuals and expand the tax deduction for expenditures to remove architectural and transportation barriers to persons with disabilities and the elderly. In addition, the legislation allows the deduction to be used for certain improvements in the accessibility of Internet or telecommunications services.

Also on July 25, Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) introduced the Eleanor Smith Inclusive Home

Design Act. Introduced as S. 2291 in the Senate and H.R. 4064 in the House, the bill would require all newly constructed, federally assisted, single-family houses and town houses to meet minimum standards of "visitability" for persons with disabilities. Housing developed with assistance from the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, VA, or Agriculture would have to comply with Standards for Type C (Visitable) Units of the American National Standards Institute (commonly known as "ANSI") Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities (section 1005 of ICC ANSI A117.1-2009). These generally require a no-step entrance to the property, a usable bathroom on the main level, and an accessible path of travel throughout the main floor.

Lastly, July 25 also saw introduction of the Expedited Disability Insurance Payments for Terminally Ill Individuals Act, S. 2262, which expedites the payment of SSDI benefits to individuals who will not live long enough to receive any benefits under the five-month waiting period in existing law. Under the legislation, eligible individuals would begin receiving benefits in the first month of eligibility. "Terminally ill" is defined as a person who has a medical prognosis that his or her life expectancy is six months or less. To prevent fraud and abuse, at least two physicians, who are unrelated and not in the same physician group practice, must certify that the individual is terminally ill. This is bipartisan legislation sponsored by Senators John Barrasso (R-WY) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH). It is a companion bill to a similar measure introduced in January by Representative Rodney Davis (D-IL), H.R. 142. In addition to Barrasso and Brown, the bill is cosponsored by Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), and Jack Reed (D-RI).

AMTRAK RESTORES FARE DISCOUNTS FOR VETERANS

Amtrak has restored the 10 percent fare discounts for military veterans. The discontinuance of the veteran's fare discount in March 2018 had been

widely criticized. In a news release, Amtrak said the discount will apply to active duty military personnel as well as veterans of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. The discount applies to standard fares in coach and Acela Business Class but is not valid on weekday Acela service. It cannot be used with Saver fares, non-Acela business class, first class, or sleeping-car accommodations. Other terms and restrictions may apply and are spelled out on the Amtrak website.

Also, Amtrak has announced that new Acela Express interiors will be accessible. Amtrak's Acela Express trainsets will have restrooms that are ADA compliant and come with changing tables. Likewise snack cars are ADA complaint and the fixed seating has been eliminated.

ACCESS BOARD ISSUES DRAFT ONBOARD WHEELCHAIR GUIDELINES

The U.S. Access Board has released for public comment advisory guidelines for wheelchairs used on commercial passenger aircraft during flight. These onboard wheelchairs are provided by air carriers as a means of facilitating the transfer of passengers with disabilities to aircraft lavatories since personal wheelchairs cannot be used in the cabin. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has expressed its intention to supplement its regulations under the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) to include performance standards for onboard wheelchairs on covered aircraft. The Board is developing these non-binding guidelines as technical assistance to air carriers and manufacturers of onboard wheelchairs by providing an example of how to meet DOT's planned performance standards.

The guidelines specify dimensions, features, and capabilities for onboard wheelchairs that will allow passengers with disabilities to be more safely and comfortably transported aboard airplanes in flight. In addition, the guidelines include criteria to allow the onboard wheelchair to fully enter the lavatory in a backward orientation and be positioned over a closed toilet, and for the lavatory door to be closed.

This feature would afford those passengers who cannot independently transfer to the toilet to have privacy in performing non-toileting tasks related to personal hygiene or medical needs. The Board has posed a number of questions to the public about specific provisions in the guidelines but welcomes input on all portions of the document.

On September 12, Shaun Castle, Deputy Executive Director, testified during a public hearing before the Access Board regarding the proposed guidelines. Mr. Castle testified that PVA unequivocally believes that passengers with disabilities must have access to lavatories on single-aisle aircraft. He also noted that we believe there should be safe and dignified transport to and from the lavatory on these aircrafts. In the short-term, the over-toilet design would allow passengers with disabilities the opportunity to privately address many non-toileting hygiene and medical needs. However, if this design is deemed not feasible, he testified that the other proposed changes to improve the safety of these devices must move forward as some air carriers already have accessible lavatories on some of their single-aisle aircraft.

In addition to Mr. Castle's testimony, PVA will submit substantive written comments for the record, which are due on October 21. Related information, including instructions for submitting comments, is posted at www.regulations.gov (Docket ATBCB-2019-0002).

VETS SAFE TRAVEL ACT PASSES THE SENATE

The Veterans Expedited TSA Screening (VETS) Safe Travel Act, S. 1881, passed the Senate on September 10 by unanimous consent. It was introduced by Senators Todd Young (R-IN) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL). This legislation would allow severely injured or disabled veterans, as defined by the VA Secretary, whether service connected or not, to have cost-free access to the TSA PreCheck program. Now, the House either needs to pass its version of the bill, H.R. 3356, which was passed by the House Homeland Security Committee on July 17, or take up the

Senate version. PVA strongly supports this legislation.

PVA SERVES AS A PANELIST ON DISABILITY ACCESS IN AIR TRAVEL BEFORE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION FORUM

On September 12, Heather Ansley, Associate Executive Director of Government Relations, spoke on a panel entitled, "Airline Disability Regulation: A Nose-To-Tail Review of Emerging Global Trends and Other Hot Topics," at the American Bar Association's Forum on Air and Space Law in Seattle. The Forum brings together airline in-house counsel, federal agencies, outside counsel for airlines, and other stakeholders. It presented a tremendous opportunity to talk with air carriers about the issues facing PVA members, including the lack of a private right of action under the Air Carrier Access Act; damage to wheelchairs; delayed or poorly trained assistance for boarding and deplaning; and injuries to passengers with disabilities in the air travel process.

Also on the panel were Maren Matal, Senior Attorney, Southwest Airlines; Doug Lavin, Vice President, Member and External Relations, North America, International Air Transport Association; and Livaughn Chapman, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, U.S. Department of Transportation. The panel was moderated by Evelyn Sahr, Chair, Aviation Group, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC.

TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISCHARGE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, honors veterans who are totally and permanently disabled as a result of their service by providing for the discharge of their federal student loan debt. It is not applicable to private student loans. For veterans to be eligible for the program they must be rated as 100 percent service connected or determined by VA to be totally disabled due to individual unemployability.

This program has been a lifesaver for veterans who are unable to meet the financial burden of paying their student loans due to the severity of their service-connected disabilities.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of outreach and red tape associated with the program application, only half of the 50,000 eligible veterans have even applied to have their loans forgiven. This resulted in many veterans having their accounts placed in collection status which could have detrimental effects.

In response to this critical issue, President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order that directs the Secretary of Education to develop a process to facilitate the swift and effective discharge of the federal student loan debt of totally and permanently disabled veterans. To the maximum extent feasible, the process developed by the Secretary of Education should account for and make use of disability determinations made available to the Secretary by VA. The VA and Education Secretaries are also required to consider all pathways for VA to share disability determinations with the Department of Education, so that veterans may be relieved of the burdensome administrative impediments to federal student loan debt discharge.

PVA has been advocating for easier access to this program and will work with our stakeholders on its prompt implementation.

NEW (FREE) MOBILE APP STREAMLINES VA HEALTH CARE ACCESS

[VA Launchpad](#) is a new mobile app that simplifies and organizes several existing tools and resources into one convenient location. It arranges all of VA's previous apps into five categories for veterans: health management, health care team communication, vital health information sharing, mental health improvement, and quality of life improvement. Some of the apps include

- Airborne Hazards and Open burn Pit Registry
- Annie App for Veterans (set up reminders for self-care and health tracking)

- My VA Health Journal (track and record military and health history)
- Pressure Ulcer Resource (resources to help prevent ulcer injuries)
- Summary of Care (access your official medical record)
- VA Online Scheduling (if you are already enrolled, you can schedule primary care appointments)
- NetResponse Mobile (answer health questions and update with biometric inputs)
- Secure Messaging (ask your VA care team non-urgent personal health questions)
- VA Health Chat (ask VA staff minor health questions)
- VA Video Connect (connect with your health care team from anywhere)
- MobileKidney (track and enter kidney health information)
- REVAMP (Connect with positive airway pressure machine)
- ACT Coach (works with mental health professional during acceptance and commitment therapy)
- Anger and Irritability Management Skills
- CBT-i Coach (Get the most out of cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia)
- Concussion Coach (support for physical, cognitive, and emotional symptoms related to traumatic brain injury)
- PE Coach (for therapy with a prolonged exposure therapy health professional)
- PTSD Coach (for those who, or may have, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD))
- PTSD Family Coach (for family members of those living with PTSD)
- MOVE! Coach (weight loss app for Veterans, service members and their families)
- Stay Quit Coach (resources and tools to help with quitting smoking)

Click on the link in the first paragraph if you're interested in trying out the new app.



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ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM

Cal-Diego Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

January 27-28, 2020
San Diego Naval Base
San Diego, CA

Mid-Atlantic Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

March 4-5, 2020
Colonial Shooting Academy
Richmond, VA

Wisconsin Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

March 21-22, 2020
Milwaukee Area Tech College
Milwaukee, WI

Buckeye Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament*

April 16-18, 2020
Spire Institute
Geneva, OH

*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

PARALYZED VETERANS BOATING/FISHING TOUR

Mid-America Bass Tournament

September 20-22, 2019
Lake Eufaula
Eufaula, OK

Vaughan Bass Tournament

October 4-6, 2019
Rend Lake
Mount Vernon, IL

Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament

April 3-5, 2020
Lake Harris
Tavares, FL

Kentucky-Indiana Bass Tournament

April 24-26, 2020
Lake Barkley
Kuttawa, KY

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament

June 5-7, 2020
James River
Richmond, VA

Capital Clash Bass Tournament*

June 12-14, 2020
Potomac River
Marbury, MD

*Year-end Tournament

ANNUAL PVA/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-South Billiards Tournament

October 11-12, 2019
Clicks Billiards
Memphis, TN

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament Chuck Willis Mem

March 20-22, 2020
Diamond Billiards
Midlothian, VA

Mid-America Billiards Tournament

April 3-5, 2020
Slick Willies Pool Hall
Oklahoma City, OK

Buckeye Billiards Tournament

June 5-6, 2020
Wickliffe Lanes
Wickliffe, OH

Mountain States Billiards Tournament

June 20-21, 2020
Widefield Corner Pocket Billiards
Fountain, CO

ANNUAL PVA/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Great Plains Bowling Tournament

August 1-4, 2019
Thunderbowl
Council Bluffs, IA

Mid-Atlantic Bowling Tournament

September 13-15, 2019
Bowl America
Glen Allen, VA

Nevada Bowling Tournament

December 5-8, 2019
Sunset Station Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Mid-America Bowling Tournament

April 9-12, 2020
Firelake Bowling Center
Shawnee, OK

Vaughan Bowling Tournament

May 21-24, 2020
Bowlero
Romeoville, IL

PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

North Central Shooting Sports Tournament

September 6-8, 2019
Crooks Gun Club
Sioux Falls, SD

Mid-Atlantic Shooting Sports Tournament

October 25-27, 2019
Conservation Park of Virginia
Charles City, VA

Nevada Shooting Sports Tournament

March 13-15, 2020
Clark County Shooting Park
Las Vegas, NV

Cal-Diego Shooting Sports Tournament

Redlands Shooting Park
March 27-29, 2020
Redlands, CA

Lone Star Shooting Sports Tournament

Desoto Gun Club
Dates TBD
Waxahachie, TX

Vaughan Shooting Sports Tournament

June 5-7, 2020
St. Charles Sportsman Club
Elburn, IL

Iowa Shooting Sports Tournament

June 12-14, 2020
Otter Creek Sportsman Club
Cedar Rapids, IA

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Tournament*

June 26-28, 2020
Brown County Sportsman Club
Green Bay, WI

*Year-end Tournament

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PVA National Boccia Tournament

October 22-26, 2019
The Pavilion at Lamay
St. Louis, MO

Bayou Boccia Tournament

November 8-9, 2019
Harrison County Shelter
Gulfport, MS

Buckeye Boccia Tournament*

April 16-18, 2020
Spire Institute
Geneva, OH

Mid-Atlantic Boccia Tournament

May 6-8, 2020
Fort Monroe at
Community Center
Hampton, VA

Vaughan Boccia Tournament

June 26-28, 2020
Fountain View Recreation Center
Carol Stream, IL

*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

HANDCYCLING RACING

PVAR Hi Performance Off Road Camp

August 17-26, 2019
Crested Butte, CO

Off Road Handcycling Championships

August 23-25, 2019
Crested Butte, CO

Off-Road Fall Expo

October 4-6, 2019
Chesterfield, VA

Army Ten Miler

October 13, 2019
Washington, D.C.

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MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

An individual is eligible for membership by meeting the following criteria: (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) was regularly enlisted, inducted or commissioned for active duty service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States, or our allies as evidenced by other-than-dishonorable character of service documented by a verifiable DD-214 or DD-215 (entry-level separation not acceptable); (3A) was separated from the service in the Armed Forces under conditions other than dishonorable; or (3B) is on active duty or must continue to serve after the cessation of hostilities; and (4) has suffered a spinal cord injury or disease (such as MS, ALS), whether or not service connected in origin. Membership is free. **Complete and return application to the chapter or by mail, email, or fax to:** Paralyzed Veterans of America Membership Department, 801 Eighteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006; (E) ChristiH@pva.org; (F) 202.466.6549. Providing the requested information is entirely voluntary but required for membership with Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Chapter Name: Oregon PVA, 3700 Silverton Rd NE, Salem, OR 97305

First Name: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____ **Last Name:** _____

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / _____ **Social Security Number:** _____ Male Female

Race/Ethnicity:

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- African American/Descent
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Caucasian

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Email:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Other Phone:** _____

VETERAN STATUS INFORMATION

Please submit the following with application:

- Proof of U.S. or U.S. Territorial Citizenship (Birth Certificate, Passport, INS Form, or Voter’s Registration Form).
- DD214 showing character of discharge.
- Medical evidence of spinal cord injury or involvement (medical records or physician’s statement).

Proof of active duty status must be verified prior to membership approval.

Have you been discharged under conditions that are less than honorable? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Is your spinal cord injury or spinal cord disease service connected? Yes No

DISABILITY CLASSIFICATION

Injury or diseases involving the brain but not the spinal cord do not qualify.

SPINAL CORD INJURY

Complete only if you have a traumatic spinal cord injury.

Date of Injury: ___ / ___ / _____

Cause of Spinal Cord Injury:

- Vehicular (car, motorcycle, aircraft, etc.)
- Violence (gunshot, explosion, etc.)
- Flying/Falling object
- Sport/Recreation (swimming, diving, etc.)
- Pedestrian (car accident, etc.)
- Unknown
- Other traumatic injury: _____

SPINAL CORD DISEASE

Complete only if there is no spinal cord injury.

Date of Diagnosis/Onset of Condition: ___ / ___ / _____

Specific Disease Involving Spinal Cord:

- Multiple Sclerosis
- Poliomyelitis
- Syringomyelia
- Amyotrophic diseases
(lateral sclerosis, transverse myelitis)
- Other: _____



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The Veterans Benefits Department advocates for quality health care for our members and can assist you to obtain the appropriate benefits available as a result of your military service.

Is Paralyzed Veterans of America presently your accredited representative? Yes No

If yes, I hereby request that my eligibility for membership in the Paralyzed Veterans of America be certified. I consent to process my submitted medical documentation to a confidential review by a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America National Medical Staff, to validate that my condition presents as having spinal cord involvement and to allow official Certification by the Paralyzed Veterans of America National Secretary. I have no objection and hereby permit Paralyzed Veterans of America Service Officers to provide information to the Paralyzed Veterans of America National Membership Department that pertains to my qualifications for membership/certification.

I declare that I have read and meet the qualifications. I understand that my membership/certification could be denied or revoked if any information provided is inaccurate.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** ___ / ___ / _____

I do not wish to become a certified member

OFFICE USE ONLY

CAUTION TO ANYONE HAVING ACCESS TO THESE DOCUMENTS

The documents provided by the requester are personal in nature and are for membership eligibility and certification only. Information contained within these documents shall be treated with extreme confidentiality and released only to those employees of Paralyzed Veterans of America authorized to access.

I certify that I have personally examined the documents provided by the requester and find him/her to be eligible for membership/certification.

National Secretary's Signature: _____

Date Received: ___ / ___ / _____ **Date Acted Upon:** ___ / ___ / _____

Member ID Number: _____

Date Received: ___ / ___ / _____ **Date Processed:** ___ / ___ / _____

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- Air Rifle/Pistol
- Basketball
- Softball
- Slalom
- Swimming
- Power Soccer
- Table Tennis
- Power Lifting
- Archery
- Golf
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- Boccia
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- Trapshoot
- Bowling
- Cycling



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