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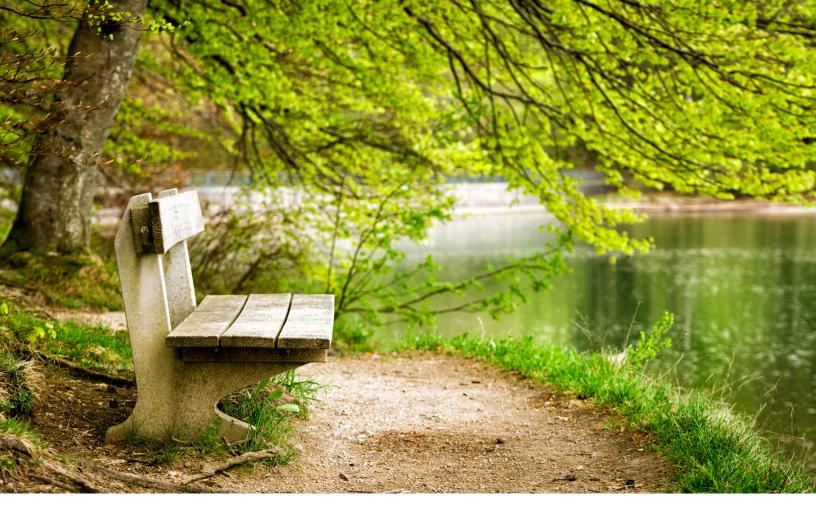
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President's Greeting

Terry Brown-President



Spring, spring, where art thou? I don't know what the rush is? Well, if you live back east I can understand it, but here it seem awful dry for this time of year and if it stays like this it will not be good come summer. Here at the Oregon Chapter everything seems to be running OK, other than the fact that we have a job opening for a Government Relations Director which has been temporarily filled by Roger Robinson at this time. Roger along with Bill Gray will be our delegates to the Legislative and Advocacy Seminar this year. I want to thank both of them for stepping up to the challenge. Thanks also to PVA for providing additional funds for a 2nd delegate to allow us an equal

opportunity to meet with both the Oregon and Idaho elected officials, all eleven of them.

I hope you all received our Annual Report and find it to be satisfactory and well done? The Chapter has added a few more work stations for our directors so that the need to share computers or use personal laptops is eliminated along with another server to speed things up a bit. We lost one of our VA Work Studies to increased school demands on their time. Our chapter van is getting a workout here lately going to and fro picking up or delivering used durable medical equipment and hauling the mustang raffle car to scheduled events in the valley. There is also going to be a new garage added to our property to house our raffle car (on or off the trailer) along with extra storage space. This is all to ensure the security and safe keeping of items in a dry and controlled environment.

We also have a new contest to announce for elk hunting in the Prineville area (Grizzly Unit) for our members that interested in hunting. There will be two chances to win each one being for a separate time segment in the hunting season. One paralyzed or spinal cord impaired OPVA

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member along with an ambulatory hunter for each draw. There is an accessible cabin available to stay in along with other amenities. This is a free contest and non-transferable. (Interested parties only please.) There is a time limit on this because the applications must be turned in to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife by May 15th. So, you need to fill out the application on page 13 and mail it back to the OPVA Chapter by April 1st to be eligible. The drawing will be on April 15th and the winners will be notified by telephone. "Note," We will also be mailing out applications to ensure enough people who are interested get notified.

I would like to personally challenge you to get active in supporting this chapter by getting involved in the activities and events we have scheduled. This may also be the last year for our sports & recreation fund unless we can secure another grant or funding source. Remember, Life is always worth living even if you've gotten a few lemons. Just make something with them, like lemon aid, lemon pie or pudding.

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Vice President's Greeting

Bill Blake-Vice President



Sure seems like spring came early this year. We have been busy with car shows and cruise-ins for our 1964 ½ Mustang. We will be continuing events throughout the spring and summer with the drawing in mid August. Be sure to read your Paralog carefully as there are many events planned in the future. There will be many opportunities to come work with us and actually play a bit. I believe that we can't become stagnate and must keep physically and mentally active, as much as possible.

We still need volunteers to help at some of our events. It actually is fun, and you meet a lot of fellow veterans. Some of you have signed up and we will be calling. It really makes a difference to us.

Our annual golf tournament is June 6th at McNary Golf Course in Keizer. It is a fun day to come out and enjoy, it is at a great location. You don't have to play golf, just come out for a visit. We are looking for items that can be auctioned off after the dinner. Maybe you have a time share that you could donate, or give a gift certificate(s) to local restaurants. Come visit.

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Sports Updates

Jack Howell—Sports Director



Heroes at Sisters

First night in Sisters starts with dinner. Then Saturday morning it is off to Mt Bachelor, because Hoodoo didn't have any snow. The snow at Mt Bachelor turned out to be OK. The volunteers for Oregon Adaptive Sports were great they spent the whole day making sure we had a great time and we did. The food was great, sub sandwiches for lunch and pizza when we were done skiing. If you went skiing Sunday, one more night in Sisters then back to Mt Bachelor for the day. Think about it for next year its a great time with the family.

The National Wheelchair games are in Dallas, Texas June 21st -27th The deadline for registration is April 15th. If you have never gone to the games before there it is a lot of fun with lots of different events to compete in. For any first time novice the chapter pays your way. Our golf tournament is June 6th at McNary Golf Club in Keizer OR. Come on out to enjoy the day visiting or golfing. The are adaptive golf carts for our use.

Our deep sea fishing trips are June 8th, July 13th and August 10th out of Depot Bay. Call the office to secure a spot first 16 get to go. We are going out with Dockside Charter this year. Check in is at 6:30 A.M. and the boat leaves the dock at 7:00 A.M. sharp.





SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



LOCATION:

South Salem Home Depot 3795 Hagers Grove Rd SE Salem, OR 97317

For information contact: Bryan S. Gwinner OPVA Outreach Coordinator 503-362-7998 • Office: 503-884-4499 Email: outreach@oregonpva.org

This event will be in conjunction with OPVA 1964 1/2 Mustang RAffle







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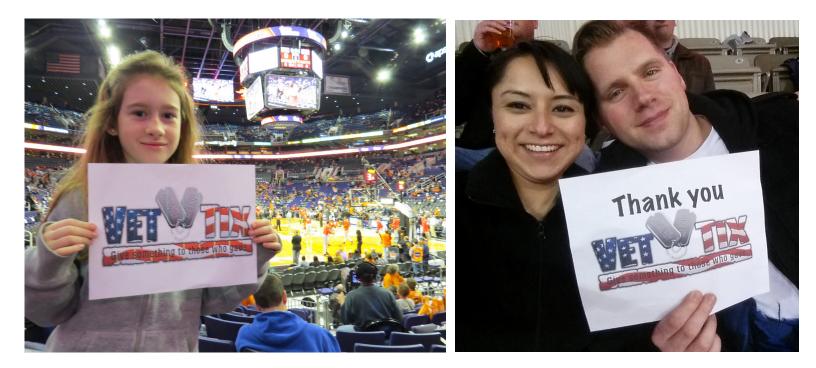
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In Prineville, OR

Hunt

One OPVA Member and a guest will be chosen to Stay in a Cabin and Hunt at Dale and Wendy Acklers Property in Prineville, Oregon.

Chosen Applicant will be notified by April 15, 2015.

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This is a free contest and non-transferanle so interested parties only please.

The hunt in Prineville, Oregon is located in the Grizzly unit.







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OPVA Prineville Elk Hunt Application

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Registration:

March 27, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Partner Pairing at 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park Hotel

Tournament Contact:

Kevin Poindexter 800-397-6540 poindexter.kevin@yahoo.com

February 27 is the entry deadline for disabled anglers.

Able-bodied boat partners are required.



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Tournaments now entering. (Check below.)

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- 2. 🖵 Lake Eufaula, Eufaula, OK Sept. 26–28, 2014
- 3. 🖵 Clarks Hill Lake, Clarks Hill, GA Oct. 10–12, 2014
- 4. 🖵 Rend Lake, Mount Vernon, IL October 24–26, 2014
- 5. 🖵 Lake Toho, Kissimmee, FL March 27–29, 2015
- 6. 🖵 Kentucky Lake, Gilbertsville, KY April 17–19, 2015
- 7. 🖵 James River, Richmond, VA May 29–31, 2015
- 8. Detomac River, Waldorf, MD June 5–7, 2015

9. 🖸 Lake Ray Hubbard, Garland, TX – June 19–21, 2015 –

Disabled Anglers and Boat Partners-COMPLETE

Name		
Birth Date//		
Address		
City		
State Zip		
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Evening Phone ()		
Cell Phone ()		
Email:		
Are you a B.A.S.S. Nation club membe	er?	
If so, which club?		
BASS Membership #		
Will you be bringing and using your boat (boater)?	□ Yes	🛛 No
If no (nonboater), will you have a legal tournament boat available for tournament use if needed?	□ Yes	No
Horsepower rating of motor		
Brand and model of boat		
Brand of motor		
Brand of trolling motor		

Boat Partners ONLY-COMPLETE

PARTNER ENTRY FEES-Includes Big Fish Pot

	ENTRY	NO. OF Events	TOTAL
Boat Partner	\$50	X	\$

Would you be willing to take a disabled angler prefishing? Yes* No Vednesday Thursday Friday * National Paralyzed Veterans of America will contact you if needed.

Disabled Anglers ONLY-COMPLETE

Disability:	🛛 Para	Quad	Amputee
	Other_		

ANGLER ENTRY FEES-Includes Big Fish Pot

	ENTRY	NO. OF Events	TOTAL	
Bank Competition Saturday-Individual Saturday & Sunday-	\$40	X	\$	
Individual & Team	\$80	X	\$	
Disabled Open	\$135	X	\$	
TOTAL			\$	
Saturday Dinner 🗅 Yes! I will be there # of tickets				
I do not plan to attend the dinner.*				
*Indicating that you will not attend prevents waste of Bass Tour funds from no-shows. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase the day of event.				

Please read back side. Sign and date below.

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	Printed Name
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-	Name
	Phone

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Outreach Coordinator Greetings

Bryan Gwinner-Outreach Coordinator



As the gloom slowly lifted a bright red Chevy full sized van barreled down the highway; the driver looking somewhat annoved looks into the rear view mirror to ensure the red 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang that is attached to the van is – well – still attached. The middle aged driver, wearing a dark navy polo with a saluting soldier in a wheelchair over the heart with the words "Paralyzed Veterans of America – Oregon Chapter" stenciled in white. He quickly lifts his sunglasses, stares at the clock on the van radio and mutters to himself those immoral words captured by the White Rabbit in 'Alice in Wonderland'; "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!"

Many a day these last several weeks this has been the scene for your devoted Outreach Coordinator; I am behind the wheel of the OPVA van taking our raffle vehicle to another event. Through the months of January, February and March we have scheduled outreach events at the Albany Classic Car Show; Albany Swap Meet; Portland New Car

Show; Salem RV Show; Ted's Mobility Open House; Portland Roadster Show; Gunrunners 2nd Anniversary Event; Salem Auto Auction; and the Eugene Roadster Show. With all these events, some of them happening simultaneously, the need for people to volunteer is very important. If you feel that you could help the OPVA chapter out as a volunteer; please contact Roger Robinson or Sue Holt at the chapter office!

My personal goal this year is to sell every raffle ticket we have printed for out delightful small block Ford named after famed P-51 fighter aircraft. To do this I need your help, all the work and the events I have scheduled ensure the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America has excellent exposure; helps people keep in mind our slogan "Serving those who have served" when they see that car or our banner. All we ask is help to ensure we are able to continue to serve you in the days and years to come!



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Paralyzed Veterans Sports & Recreation Schedule

For more information contact PVA Sports at 800-424-8200 or www.pva.org/sports



Mountain States PVA Tournament August 21–24, 2014 Colorado Springs, CO

Cal-Diego PVA Tournament September 12–14, 2014 Fountain Valley, CA

Nevada PVA Tournament December 4–7, 2014 Las Vegas, NV

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February 1, 2015

Melbourne, FL

Tampa, FL

Melbourne Marathon

Gasparilla Criterium

March 20-22, 2015

Redlands Classic

Clocktower Classic

Pittsburgh Marathon

April 9-13, 2015

April 23-26, 2015

Redlands CA

Rome, GA

May 3, 2015

Pittsburgh, PA

Florida Gulf Coast

Annual PVA/AWBA Bowling Tournament Series Schedule

> PVA Tournament April 24–26, 2015 Tampa, FL

AWBA National Event National Event June 8–13, 2015 Tampa, FL

PVA Handcycling Schedule

Oak Ridge TT/RR May 16–17, 2015 Oak Ridge, TN

> **Paracyling Nationals** May 23–25, 2015 Chattanooga, TN

Wichita Omnium May 28–31, 2015 Wichita, KS

Run for the Dream May 30–31, 2015 Williamsburg, VA

Treasure Valley Grand Prix June 5–7, 2015 Nampa, ID

Mid-South PVA Tournament October 17–19, 2014 Memphis. TN

Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament March 20–22, 2015 Midlothian, VA

Mid-America PVA Tournament April 10–12, 2015 Oklahoma City, OK

Annual PVA/NWPA Billiards Tournament Series Schedule

Mountain States PVA Tournament May 15–17, 2015 Fountain, CO

New England PVA Tournament May 30–31, 2015 (Not a NWPA event) Clinton, MA

Buckeye PVA Tournament June 19–20, 2015 (Not a NWPA event) Independence, OH





June 21–26, 2015 Dallas, TX



PVA National Shooting Sports Circuit

Nevada PVA Tournament

Cal-Diego PVA Tournament

March 20–22, 2015

March 27-29, 2015

Iowa PVA Tournament

Mid-America PVA Tournament

Colonial PVA Tournament

Las Vegas, NV

Redlands, CA

Lytle Creek, CA

Pistol & Rifle Shoot

March 27, 2015

May 15-17, 2015

May 22-24, 2015

June 5–7, 2015

Vaughan/National

PVA Tournament

Circuit Year-End

July 10–12, 2015

Edwardsville, IL

Baltimore, MD

Sedawick, KS

Cedar Rapids, IA

Keystone PVA Tournament August 29–31, 2014 Jefferson Hills, PA

North Central PVA Tournament September 6–7, 2014 Sioux Falls, SD

Lone Star PVA Tournament October 17–19, 2014 Fort Worth, TX Pistol & Rifle Shoot October 17, 2014 Fort Worth, TX

Arizona PVA Tournament October 25–26, 2014 Tucson, AZ Pistol & Rifle Shoot October 25, 2014 Tucson, AZ

Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament November 7–9, 2014 Richmond, VA

Florida Gulf Coast

PVA Tournament March 12–14, 2015 Odessa, FL

Annual PVA Air Rifle & Air Pistol Program Schedule

Cal-Diego PVA Tournament January 26–27,2015 Point Loma, CA

Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament March 12, 2015 Richmond, VA Buckeye PVA Tournament May 15–16, 2015 Geneva, OH

Camp Pendleton September 15–16, 2015 Camp Pendleton, CA



2014–15 Paralyzed Veterans of America Bass Tour

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Southeastern PVA Tournament October 10–12, 2014 Appling, GA – Clarks Hill Lake

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Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament March 27–29, 2015 Kissimmee, FL – Lake Toho Kentucky-Indiana PVA Tournament April 17–19, 2015 Gilbertsville, KY – Kentucky Lake

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Wheelchair Basketball Invitational

Bill Loyd-Basketball Coordinator & Oscar Cisneros

The first annual OPVA Division III Wheelchair basketball tournament held in Salem was an illustration of the progression of Division III teams since the beginning of this season. This tournament was held on the 24-25th of January and was the third tournament for the top Division III Wheelchair Basketball teams of the Pacific Northwest. The tournament format was round robin with all four teams playing one another on the first day. The top two teams from the three games that were played on Saturday will then play Sunday to determine the tournament Champion.

The tournament started off with both of the first games being blow outs by more than 30 points. The next game was a championship match-up preview between the Seattle Sonics and the Portland Wheel Blazers. It was a nail biter that came down to the last seconds when Portland's Walter Jones drove into the middle of the lane to complete a layup with only 7 seconds left. The final game of the day would determine if Seattle or St. Luke's Sports from Spokane, WA would advance to play Portland. Seattle's Karl Robinson helped Seattle get an early lead with 14 points in the first half. Seattle then continued to increase their lead as Scott Smith and Sean Maloney continued to pour in mid-range baskets.

At last the teams that will play the championship game and third seed game were selected. Seattle would play Portland for the championship game right after St. Luke's played Tacoma Titans for the third seed. The Tacoma and St. Luke's game was a game where it was obvious that both of the teams have come a long way since the beginning of the season. Players like Will and Cody from Tacoma showed on the court how well they work the pick and roll and ignite their team's energy on defense. At the beginning of the fourth quarter St. Luke's pulled away despite Russ from Tacoma scoring 9 points in one quarter with



the final game score of 40-27.

Finally it was Seattle vs. Portland. This game was intense as ever. These two teams have met three prior times with the game decision coming down to the final seconds of regulation and one of them had to be decided in overtime. There was a lot on the line because both teams are competing for a spot in the top 25 National Division III Wheelchair Basketball rankings. James Whitaker and Scott Smith had a combined total of 19 points that helped Seattle enter the half with a four point lead over Portland. Like the previous games before these two teams, Portland made adjustments to chip away their deficit and position themselves for the championship win. Bill Loyd's 12 points in the second half and Mike Morin's command of the paint helped Portland secure their fourth victory over Seattle with a final score of 46-44.

A huge thank you to OPVA for sponsoring the tournament. The Red lion for providing the morning coffee and food. The Outlaw Grill and Catering for the awesome lunches. And thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make this a success.

8th Annual Canadian International Wheelchair

Bonspiel Photos from Bill Gray





VA Choice Card and Washington Update

Paul Dahlke-National Director

The 29th edition of the Independent Budget [IB] has been released, which is co-authored by AMVETS, DAV, PVA and the VFW. This year there were many changes to the IB. For the entire 114th Congress, this will used as a policy guide, to be released every 2 years at the start of the new Congress. Along with the new policy guide, there will be reports on important issues released over the course of the two year period. The first of these reports will be released in February and will address the VA.

The five critical issues that will be at the forefront are:

1] Ensuring timely access to high quality health care.

2] Expanding access to caregiver support

for all veterans of all eras.

3] Fixing VA's claims process to include the appeals systems.

4] Maintaining and rebuilding VA's infrastructure.

5] Ensuring programs and services meet the gender specific/unique needs of woman veterans. The Independent Budget is available online at www.independentbudget.org.

For 2016, the Social Security Disability Insurance [SSDI] trust fund will be depleted, resulting in a 20 percent cut in SSDI benefits. A solution would involve adjusting the percentage of payroll taxes flowing into the old age and survivors disability insurance trust funds. This adjustment has been made over ten times since 1968. The last reallocation was done in 1994 and passed Congress in a bi-partisan fashion without opposition. At that time it was thought reallocation that another would be needed in little over twenty years. However, on its first day in session, the House passed a rule precluding that simple fix unless it is accompanied by cuts in Social Security benefits or increases revenues. something in not likely to happen in the present political environment. There is a great deal of agreement that the Social Security system needs to be strengthened for long term financial soundness, but by taking this action, the house has stopped any opportunity for any kind of open debate on ways to ensure the overall

health of the Social Security system.

Something else interesting for you; check out this web-site. www.Patriots4.com. Patriots4outdoor resorts. General Randy West has acquired property in West some Virginia and is building a lodge for veterans and their families to visit free of charge. Veterans can stay there twice a year. The plan is to have 12 cabins for use all year; the area offers all sorts of outdoor related activities and is accessible to all abilities. At this time I'm not sure how far the project is going, there is a general store and I think two cabins completed at this time. I think this will be a good opportunity for members that

like to travel and enjoy doing outdoor related activities.

The chapter will be attending many events in the upcoming months, I urge you to please attend or volunteer, we are in need of some good reliable people to help us out. Remember we do this for our members and we want you to be involved. So please contact the chapter office if you have some time, and help out. Thank you Paul Dahlke, National Director

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Oregon Chapter





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Here at the OPVA we accept donations of medical equipment from a variety of different sources. Here is a current list of some of the items we currently have available to our members for no charge at all.

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M.S. News

Sue Holt-M.S. Liaison

Valentine's Day has come and gone but it got me to thinking about the people, places, and Organizations that I love. Foremost is of course my family. Miami, Florida covers the place category and two organizations fill the last category. OPVA and The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

They all have given me the reason for what I do. How do you give yourself a shot every day? Why do you go on working all the time and volunteer on top of that? HOW do you do it? WHY do you do it? I found an article on the internet that I'd like to share, which may explain all of that. http://www. nationalmssociety.org/Get-Involved/ Raise-Awareness -Involved/Raise-<u>Awareness</u> is an article put out by the National MS Society to let you know how to get more involved in raising awareness during March 2-8. MS Awareness Week. "Multiple Sclerosis and the MS movement-everyone engaged in addressing the challenges of MS today while moving toward long-term solutions for tomorrow become better known each year. But more must be done. Every connection counts when it comes to increasing awareness and support of our cause.

Every individual we connect with personally, every letter we write to an elected official, every person in our Facebook network, every poster we put up, every Dollar we raise every video viewed-each connection has the opportunity to change the world for People affected by MS."

I'll be busy the next couple of months trying to raise awareness through a yard sale. We are now accepting donations here at OPVA for the vard sale PLEASE CALL BEFORE DONATING- 503-362-7998. We are looking for baby items; kitchen items; and tools. Please be sure the items are clean and gently used. This will be greatly appreciated. The sale is scheduled for Friday April 3rd 10-4pm. Location to be announced. Guess what comes the next Saturday? – April 11 will be the MS Walk in Salem. Our team Walk, Roll, and Thunder will be participating-we hope to see you there.

Call the office 503-362-7998. For more details-watch out for our posters and billboards. SEE YOU THERE! (All money made at the Yard Sale will be donated to the MS Society at the walk on April 11.)

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In Memory of Wyatt A Newman Nancy Newman

On Behalf of Marcie Garrett & David Rebner Melanie Smith

Thank you for your donation!





Sunday Friday Tuesday Saturday Monday Wednesday Thursday

Mark Your Calendar

- 3/8 Daylight Savings Time
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/19-3/21 Portland Roaster Show
- 3/20 Spring Begins
- 3/26 Board Meeting
- 3/27-3/29 Eugene Roadster Show





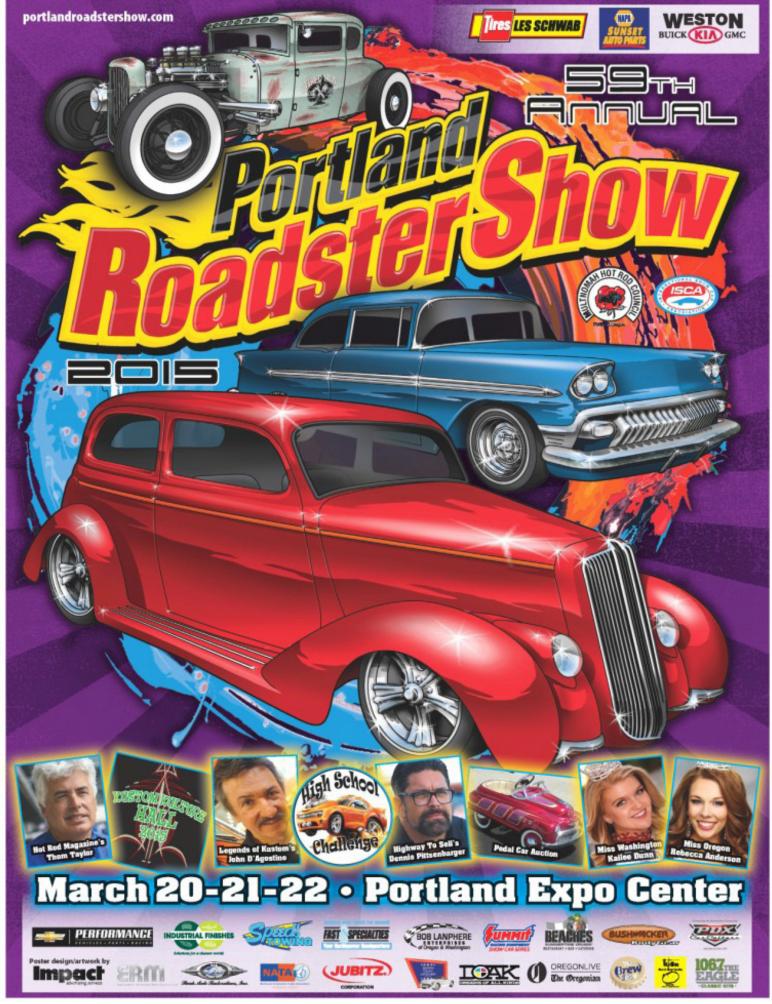
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Mark Your Calendar

- April Fools Day 4/1
- 4/3 M.S. Walk Yard-sale
- 4/5 Easter
- 4/11 M.S. Walk
- **Board Meeting** 4/30

Volunteers Needed

- Volunteers needed for all events. Please contact the office for how
- you can volunteer
- Office: (503)362-7998



Annual Oregon Paralyzed Veterans Gold Cup



June 6, 2015

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Benefit Golf Tournament



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Ore	gon Paralyzed	TOURNAMENT	INFORMATION
	Veterans	Date:	Saturday, June 6, 2015
	Gold Cup	Registration:	10:30 am
1		Warm-Up:	11:30 am Warm-up
		Tee Time:	12:30 p.m. Introduction / 1 p.m. shotgun
Benef	it Golf Tournament	Where:	155 McNary Estates Drive North Keizer, OR 97303
		Format:	Four-Person Team Scramble
Ju	une 6, 2015 Paralyzed Veterans	Cost:	\$100 per golfer. Includes green fees, golf cart, snack and awards BBQ. Pre register by May 1, 2015 and receive a 10% discount.
	of America Oregon Chapter	Awards BBQ:	Begins at 4:40 pm, included with player fee for tournament participants. Guests are invited to join us for the BBQ with a reservation at a cost of \$15 per person.
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TAKE A SOLDIER

FISHING

Upcoming Events in Oregon:

Henry Hagg Lake: Near Forest Grove Oregon Saturday, May 16, 2015 (Pre-Registration is Required) OPVA Sponsored Event

Diamond N' Vets: Diamond Lake Oregon Wednesday June 17, 2015 (Pre-Registration Not Required)

To Sign Up: either as a <u>Soldier</u> or <u>Volunteer</u> OR for more information go to:

www.takeasoldierfishing.org

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Chapter Name:	Oregon			
First Name:		Mid	dle Initial: Last Name:	
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Start Date		Discharge (D) or	Copy of DD214 showing type of discharge or VA Medical Services Card Required (attach a copy to application)	
month/date/year	month/date/year	Retirement (R)	Still on Active Duty Copy of Military ID Required (DD214 Not Required)	
		or	Army Air Force Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard	
		or	Army Air Force Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard	
Have vou ever b	been discharged	under conditions the	at are less than honorable? Yes No	

Have you ever been discharged under conditions that are less than honorable?YesIs your spinal cord injury or spinal cord disease service connected?Yes

DISABILITY CLASSIFICATION SPINAL CORD INJURY

(Complete ONLY if you have a traumatic spinal cord injury)

Date of Injury: / /
Injury Level: C1-C08 Cervical T01-T12 Thoracic
L01-L05 Lumbar S01-S05 Sacral
Cause of SCI:
Vehicular (auto, motorcycle, aircraft, bicycle, etc.)
Violence (gunshot, stabbing, explosion, etc.)

Pedestrian (hit by car, etc.)

- Flying or falling object
- Medical-surgical complications
- Other traumatic injury
- Unknown

SPINAL CORD DISORDER

(Complete ONLY if you have non-traumatic spinal cord disorder)

No

Date of diagnosis/onset of condition:

_____/ _____/ _____

Specific disease:

Multiple Sclerosis (involving spinal cord)

- Poliomyelitis
- Amyotrophic diseases (lateral sclerosis, transverse myeltis)
- Syringomyelia

Other (specify)

LEVEL OF FUNCTION

Indicate your level of function:

Paraplegia	Tetraplegia (Quad)	Hemiplegia	□No paraly	vsis at this time
Please check the ap	ghest level) M ghest level) M school graduate [] duate/GED [] trade school [] ree [] ee [] ate school []	ne blank of each of the ca		est describes your present status. nentation and support of our programs. TYPE OF RESIDENCE Apartment Assisted living facility Single-family home/condominium State/veterans retirement home Nursing home VA hospital VA nursing home 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 PVA presently your benefits representative? \Box Yes \Box No

If yes, I have no objection and hereby permit PVA Service Officers to provide information to the PVA National Membership Department that pertains to my qualifications for membership.

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

Applicant's Signature

Office Use Only
Date Received:
Member ID#:
Processed Date:

2/18/14

Date

Birthday List

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Brenda Marsters	04/01
Edward Suhr	04/01
Mike Neher	04/02
Darrel Ackerman	04/03
Michael Geoghegan	04/03
George Nordling	04/04
Jeffery Johnson	04/04
Daniel Watts	04/05
Loy Huskey	04/07
Steven Willard	04/07
Richard Saxton	04/08
Clinton Black	04/10
Michael Clark	04/10
Kelly Tadlock	04/10
Raymond Roberts	04/12
Dana Strasheim	04/15
Timothy Hagberg	04/16
Frank Schindler	04/16
AngelaTunnissen	04/16
Michael Williamson	04/16
Richard Montiel	04/17
Robert Brush	04/17
Christopher Weatherby	04/17
Jonathan Cline	04/18
Dustin Simmons	04/18
David Huston	04/19
RonaldHeard	04/23
Bruce Henion	04/23
William Tucker	04/26
Robert Phillips	04/26
William Cooper	04/26
Rick Williams	04/27
James King	04/27
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