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OPVA Mission Statement

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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Courtesy of Scarlett Guerra

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Courtesy of Scarlett Guerra

PRESIDENT NEWS



Larry Gardner – President

Finally, our Summer has arrived and here at the Chapter we are getting really busy with lots of events filling our schedule.

Every year we send out nomination letters to all members to write down who you would like to see go on the ballot for our Board of Directors and Executive Board, all nominations must be in the office by July 25th.

If you're not sure of who you want to nominate and need more information, just call the office so we can help with any information you need. Inside the front page of the Paralog all the Executive Board and Board of Directors are listed there for your information, but you can nominate any member you like or yourself, so please get your nominations sent in as soon as possible.



Recently, National made a change to qualify as a member with MS. Previously, if you were a veteran and had MS that affected the spinal cord only you qualified. Now its if you are a veteran and have MS at any stage you qualify to be a member of the PVA.



I would like to remind all of our members and families about our four-wheel drive Arctic Cat ATV that we will be drawing the winning ticket on July 10th, so if you want a chance to win for only five dollars a ticket don't wait to long to get yours. You can purchase a ticket in person at the office or at at one of our many events this Summer. So stop by our table, say

"hello" and get your tickets!

Also don't forget to use your Recreation Rund of \$250 to go out and have some fun, use it for your hobbies or anything that helps you enjoy life in any way you can. The Rec Fund is in the budget for you, so use it or loose it before the end of September our fiscal year end.



On May 21st, OPVA was invited down to Willamette Speedway, for Armed Forces Day. We were the recipients of the 50/50 raffle. It was a beautiful sunny day. Special thanks to AT&T, the McNary JROTC and Javier for helping us to sell raffle tickets. Great job everyone!

The Chapter has lots of events this year that we are putting on and setting up for. We will need volunteers to help out at these events, so if your interested stop by the office or call in to get on the sign-up sheet so we can control the different events and times needed for volunteers who work the events. We try to list all the upcoming events in the Parallog calendar section so keep your calendars marked so you can join us to help make them successful.

Recently we sent out information to all members about the chapter name change from OREGON CHAPTER to TRI-STATE CHAPTER after going thru all the necessary procedures to get nationals approval we finally are officially – PVA TRI-STATE CHAPTER so from here forward we will be working on changing all of our Chapter logos.

Thank you all and hope to see you real soon!



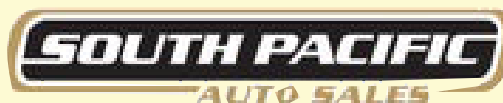
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE



Tom Hurt – Executive Director

Greeting from your Chapter office. It is OFFICAL the Oregon Chapter's name has been approved by National PVA, we are now Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter. This better represents our veterans who we serve; All of Oregon, Idaho and SW Washington. The Board of Directors, with your approval, is moving forward to get the word out of our NEW name. These are very exciting times; this should help us spread our message as well as touching more veterans that may need our assistance.

We have had a few new opportunities to let the general public know about PVA, we did an event called ShowBiz, this event was a business-to-business event which allowed us to get in front of new supporters of our veterans. Also, in June we were invited to set up an awareness table a Hops Baseball game, they are a local minor league team out of the Hillsboro area, they are an affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks. We had great exposure at this event, as well as, enjoying a great

baseball game.

Our schedule has filled up with a variety of Fairs, Festivals and assorted events. We will be starting July off with a bang! On July 4th, I will be in Keizer, at Volcano Stadium, for their Patriotic Game Day.



Don't forget our annual Show and Shine Car show is coming up on July 30th, at the Hagers Grove Home Depot. Home Depot graciously donates a portion of their parking lot for us to hold the show in. We are looking forward to a great turn out this year.

Two weeks before the car show is the 13th Annual Gold Cup Golf

Tournament on July 16th at McNary Golf Club, this is our largest fundraiser event we do all year. As you can see July will be a busy one, if you would like to come out to any of these events don't hesitate. We would love to have you with us at any and all events.



Larry and I just got back from a road trip thru Idaho meeting with our members and potential members letting them know of the benefits that come with their FREE membership, one of those benefits is

your recreation fund of \$250 per fiscal year, this is in place to help assist you in getting out and about.

Our second bottom fishing trip is coming right up on the 19th of July, so if you would like to go out on a 5-hour trip out of Depoe Bay give the office a call and reserve your spot with Marcie. These are great trips! The last trip in May was phenomenal, limiting out on Rockfish and then changing gear up and going for Lincod.

In closing we have GREAT things ahead for all, please give us a call if you would like to be involved. Oh before I close, remember every year we vote in the Board of Directors. Don't forget elections are coming up. If you would like to help direct the direction of your Chapter, please consider it when you look over your nomination ballot. You should have received one in the mail already. If you didn't, please give our office a call.

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Keep on Keeping On !!!!

A promotional flyer for a 2022 Deep Sea Fishing event. The background features a blue sky with clouds and a dark silhouette of a fishing boat on the right. The PVA logo is in the top left, and a purple jellyfish illustration is in the bottom left. The event title is in large orange and yellow text. A grey box on the right contains dates, times, and the charter company name. The address is at the bottom of the grey box.

PVA
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Tri-State Chapter

2022 Deep Sea Fishing

Free For Voting Members!
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Dates and Boarding Times:

- May 25th - 5:30am
- July 19th - 5:30am
- Sept 19th - 6:30am

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Oregon Chapter

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13TH GOLF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

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For more information: Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter
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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR UPDATE



Donnie R. Hedlind - Membership Director

Hello members and volunteers. We have a very busy Summer planned and welcome your participation.

Congratulations on the name change! Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter is our new name.

Members in Idaho may have already met our President Larry Gardner and Executive Director, Tom Hurt, when they came through the "Gem State." We encourage each one of you to get involved and are looking forward to working with you in the future. Don Wyatt is your Ambassador in Idaho and will be contacting you



Summer is here and that means "fairs and festivals!" July 4th is

Tri-State Chapter night at the Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer. So make sure to drive over to Keizer and attend the Volcanoes baseball game. Please stop by our awareness table and enjoy the evening with a hotdog, apple pie and a Coke. Now, that's how a baseball game is supposed to be! Oh and don't forget the peanuts! Baseball is one of America's favorite pastimes and on July 4th, you know that is going to be a lot of fun! I hope to see ya there!



July 8-10th is the Marion County Fair. We will be selling raffle tickets for our Arctic Cat ATV. Don't miss this beauty as we give it away on Sunday July 10th at 3PM.

July 16th, we are at McNary Golf Club in Keizer for our annual Gold Cup Golf Tournament. This event is not only fun and competitive, but also one of our most successful events. We will unveil our new raffle ATV at this event for all to see and purchase raffle tickets as well. Players from all over the Pacific Northwest come to Keizer to compete for the prizes and enjoy a “great day of golf” with their teammates. Give the Chapter a call, if you would like to participate and be on one of the teams. We are always looking for volunteers to help and be a part of your Chapter.



July 19th, our popular Deep-Sea Fishing trip out of Depoe Bay is filling up. Call the office to ensure a seat on the boat. The May trip was such a success, they caught a limit of crab, Rockfish, and some nice Lingcod as well.



July 30th is our annual “Show and Shine Car Show,” in the Home Depot parking lot, in Salem. We will have our awareness table, merchandise, and that flashy yellow Corvette for raffle ticket purchasers. We would like to say Thank You to the Home Depot, it’s

employees and management for making this a special event for us each year.



August is a busy month. We will be at the Klamath County Fair in Klamath Falls August 4-7th. Then the Douglas County Fair in Roseburg on Aug 10-13th. Keizer Fest is August 11-13th, don’t miss the annual Keizer Fest parade on August 13th. Aug 19-22nd we are in Sutherlin for their annual Blackberry Festival. I love Blackberry Cobbler with a scoop of vanilla ice cream! I remember going out and picking buckets full of delicious berries with my siblings, mom and grandma when I was a young boy; blackberry cobbler was the reward. What kid would not go do this? Man that was some good stuff. Maw Maw would make pies for the church and cobbler for her hardworking blackberry picking grandkids. As a matter of fact, I am putting it on my list this Summer, make sure you do to.

Finally, Aug 26-Sept 5 arrives and it’s time for the Oregon State Fair. Located in Salem. This is a fun fair with plenty of concerts and activities going on for families and friends. Our Corvette and ATV will be at our booth located outside of the concert arena. We can hear the concerts from our booth, this is all the more reason to come and hangout with us. Come volunteer to work for one of these fairs or festivals, meet the folks, sell some raffle tickets and merchandise and get involved in your Chapter. That’s the message we are sending. We hope you are listening. We will give the Corvette away to a lucky raffle ticket holder on Sept 5th.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR UPDATE CONT.

We are pleased to announce that your Chapter will be hosting trap shooting competitors from 33 chapters of PVA and Puerto Rico for a National Trap Shoot competition at the Hillsboro Trap Club on Sept 23-25th. There will be trophies, gift cards and prizes for each category of events. The Chapter will be providing breakfast and lunch, as well as trophies and prizes for the winners of each event. If you are interested in competing or being one of our sponsors or volunteers, give the Chapter a call.



For those who would like to drive an RV, the club has hookups for you to use. If you like to shoot trap or want to learn to shoot trap, give our President Larry Gardner a call. Whether you are a Pro or an amateur, we have trapshoots throughout the year, and I am sure he will get you set up and shooting clay pigeons soon.

We plan these events for you and your family and make sure we are in the community you live near. No matter what ailment or disability you may have, we look forward to you joining us. It is important that the community be aware of the service and sacrifice each one of our members has made to this great nation. We are working hard to make sure our member veterans receive the care and support from our government, along with recreational activities they can participate in.



We have an annual \$250 recreation fund for each voting member to use to get outside and enjoy a favorite sporting event or activity; we encourage each one of you to use it. If it is something special that you need approval for, call the office, you never know what we will say and remember to send in your receipts by Sept 25th.

As your Membership Director, I am here to help you with whatever it is you need or would like to do, I am just an email or phone call away. Until then...

Have a Blessed Summer!



***Please consider adding
Tri-State Chapter
to your will or trust***

Recreation Fund Reimbursement

(Members Only)

Oregon PVA voting members are eligible to **RECEIVE \$250** each fiscal year through the Member Recreation Reimbursement Fund. It begins **October 1st** and runs through **September 30th** each year.

Include name, address, phone number, your legible receipts (legible photo copy is ok) and a short description of what you did to have fun with your friends and family. We like pictures too (digital pictures are best), they may make it into the Paralog. Please note: drugs and alcohol will not be reimbursed.

◆ **Eating Out** ◆ **Movies** ◆ **Games** ◆ **Hobby Supplies** ◆ **Motel** ◆ **Sports**
◆ **Event Tickets** ◆ **Guns** ◆ **Trips** ◆ **Vacation Expenses (lodging food, gas etc)** ◆
OPVA Events etc

All receipts must be dated and used within this current fiscal year (10/1 - 9/30). Rec Funds **NOT** received in a timely matter will be denied.

Mail or email to: Oregon PVA, 3700 Silverton Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97305 - oregonpva@oregonpva.org
Your request must be received in the office no later than **September 25th**. 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.



Mark Your Calendar
for the Next:

**Tri-State Chapter
Air Gun Competition**

August 5, 2022
12 pm to 3 pm

Location:

Albany Rifle and Pistol Club
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\$250 REC FUND REIMBURSEMENT

OPVA,

Thanks for the opportunity to use my Recreation Fund to visit the VA in Portland for two appointments. Of course, what would the Rec Fund be without a visit to our favorite beach, Fogarty Beach. It's on the south coast and beautiful!

Sue H.



The Rec Fund allowed us to visit friends in Eugene, Oregon. We had not seen since before COVID. We had a great time catching up! Thank you OPVA!

Sincerely,

Ron L



Dear OPVA,
Thank you so much for the annual Recreation Fund that is allotted to each member. We are so grateful for this as it allows us to go on adventures.

This time, we used it to go to Great Wolf Lodge. It was our very first visit and my boys had a blast!

I was able to join in with some of the activities and truly had a wonderful time with my family.

-Travis N.



The recreation fund allowed me to participate in the OPVA Fishing Trip out of Depoe Bay. The weather was good, the fishing was great and the catching was even better! Everyone on the boat limited out on black Rockfish and almost everyone limited out on Lingcod.

The limit on black Rockfish is 5 fish per day. Lingcod is 2 fish per day and the Lingcod must be longer than 23 inches.

I personally caught my limit of Black Rockfish and 4 Lingcod (all well over 23 inches). I gave one Lingcod to Caroly Hamstreet Shores and one to another OPVA member on the trip. Carolyn really enjoys the Lingcod. The crabbing was not as productive.

I think each person got 3 crabs. I didn't take any crab, but donated my share to whomever wanted them. This was

without a doubt the best OPVA fishing trip I've been on yet!

My sincere thanks to OPVA for helping me be able to participate in the fishing trips offered. I've done a lot of ocean fishing over the course of my life (sport and commercial) and I truly enjoy this type of fishing.

J. Jabson



Dear OPVA,

For the month of April, my husband and I had a terrific cross-country RV trip planned to visit our Coast Guard son, currently stationed in Washington D. C.



Mother Nature had other plans for us. The weather across the middle of the country was dangerous for an RV and we were forced to turn around.

After we turned around, we headed a bit south to try to get "below" the worst of the weather and stopped in Colorado Springs, CO. Where we visited the National Museum of WWII Aviation.

It was absolutely wonderful!

Sincerely,

Linda A.



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Adaptive Sports Spotlight

ADAPTIVE SPORTS
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Adaptive Kayaking

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ASNW Membership is a suggested donation of \$100 annually. Benefits include access to adaptive sports equipment, participate in ASNW Sports Programs, special events at low or no cost and, competition and training.

For more information:

Adaptive Sports Northwest
4841 SW Western Ave #500, Beaverton OR 97005

Phone: 503-241-0850

Visit: www.adaptivesportsnw.org

* OPVA members: Don't forget about your Rec Fund Reimbursement!*



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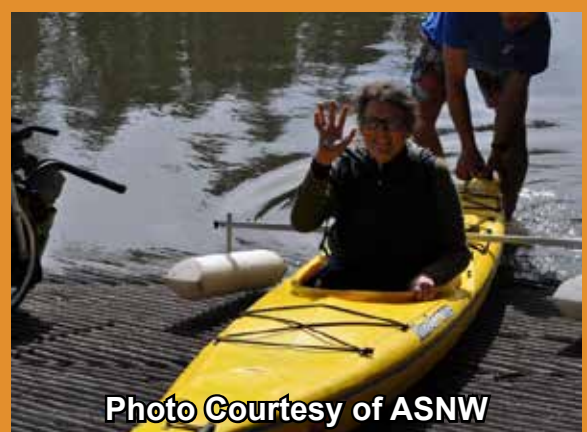
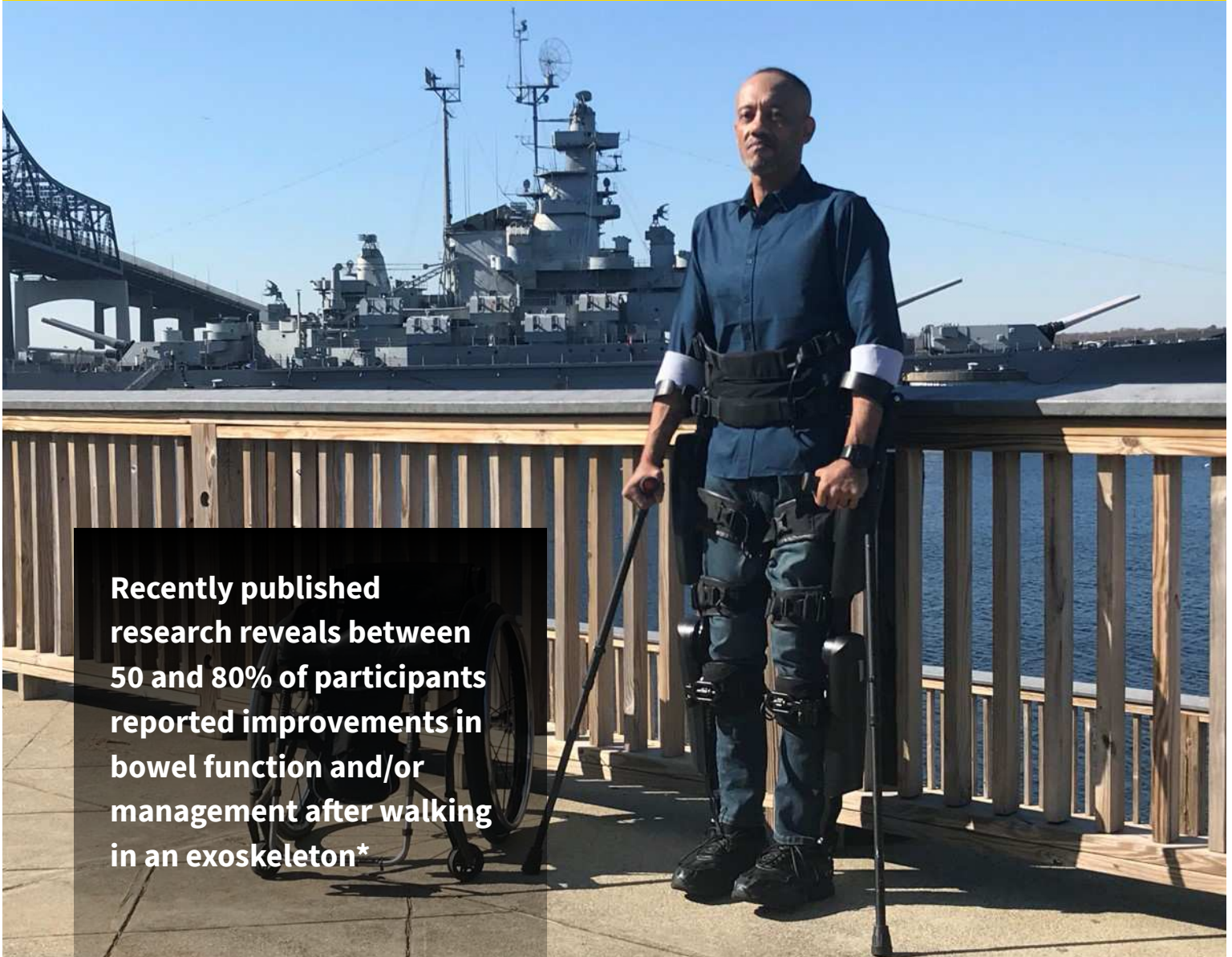


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Our sports programs are finally beginning to pick back up. The Air Rifle team has been very successful this year with our shooting events held at the Albany Rifle and Pistol Club indoor shooting range. We currently have completed 4 events at the range and are scheduling them every other month.

Our Trap team has been hanging in there with not as many shoots available at the clubs, as in previous years, but seems to be picking up as time goes on.

This year on September 23rd thru 25th our Chapter will be hosting a National Trapshoot event at the Hillsboro Trap Club, so if you enjoy trap shooting be sure to mark your calendars. This event is open to all members of PVA, as well as, the general public. Even if you don't want to shoot the event, feel free to come out and give us some support.

The multiplex shoots are year-round and at most local clubs they shoot on the first Sunday of the month remember the Chapter pays your multiplex registration when you join the team.

We had our Chapter Funshoot Fundraiser. in May at the Albany Trap Club. It turned out ok considering the weather was against us but over all was a good event for the Chapter.

May 21st the Chapter set up at the Willamette Speedway in Lebanon. We did a 50/50 raffle along with selling hats, car, and ATV tickets. The Keizer Air Force JROTC and AT&T personnel volunteered to help us sell tickets in the grand stands which made our night at the races very successful.

The Chapter is working on getting the bowling program going again along with table tennis, boccie ball, and other sports of interest for the members. WE are still looking for a Sports Director and some sports coordinators to work with us to build our sports programs and start some new teams, If anyone has some interest in giving this a try please contact the office so we can work with you to get started.

Also don't forget about our Deep-Sea Fishing trips on the calendar. The boats fill up quick, so call in and get on the list for the trip you desire.



Thank you all and take care,

-Larry Gardner

VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE



**Group Elk Hunting
with Wyoming Disabled Hunters**



Bill Gray—Vice President & National Director

Hunting Opportunities in Wyoming

If you are interested in a fun experience you need to contact Wyoming Disabled Hunters Association, they are offering a great experience hunting for Elk, Deer and Antelope. Now is the time to plan for a hunt. I've hunted for Elk and Deer and would like to hunt for a nice Antelope if I get the chance. They really take care of all your needs: lodging, Meals, and Processing your animal.

The following information is what was shared by the President. Happy Hunting!

Our hunting application process is now online, as we are no longer doing paper applications. You can review the available disabled licenses for which you qualify - go to our website (www.wyomingdisabledhunters.org), click on the

“Hunts” link that is the 1st tab from the top left, click on “Applications” in the drop-down menu and review that page of information. You can actually review this info now as I believe it should answer many of your questions related to the Wyo G&F licenses for disabled individuals beforehand. Link to our online hunting application is normally located at the bottom of that page but has been removed since our application period is closed. We'll be re-opening the online application (for our 2023 hunts) around Dec 1st this year, leaving it open until approx. Jan 25, 2023.



As to the criteria to be allowed to hunt with us, we have a particular process that we follow. Our single MUST-HAVE qualification for in-state/out-of-state hunter applicants is they must qualify and receive a Disabled Hunter license issued by Wyoming Game & Fish. (FYI: A veteran with a 70% or higher disability rating would qualify for a disabled hunter license.) Those 100% VA rated veterans also qualify for the season extension permit.



For those non-veteran individuals, they must have some physical disability that fits into one of five boxes and have their doctor sign off on their disabled hunter license applications to Wyoming G&F. There are two other licenses (Shoot-from-vehicle and Season-Extension) that are available to disabled hunters. Links to these licenses are provided on our same website page described in the preceding paragraph. Links for all three licenses are provided below, for your convenience. I trust you have your disabled veteran hunter permit but am unsure about other permits you may have. A veteran should use the first link for a disabled

hunter license. All such license applications are simple 1-page paper forms, cost nothing and are lifetime licenses. You must submit to Wyoming G&F the original paper applications as they need your and the doctor's original signatures on the applications. Veterans need to attach their VA disability paperwork to their applications as well. A non-veteran needs to have a doctor sign off in the bottom section of the applicable license applications for which you qualify. You then mail all your license applications to Wyoming Game & Fish at their Cheyenne, WY address located at the bottom of each form. Submitting these applications can be done any time during the year. Applying for, and receiving any additional permits should be completed in this interim period leading up to Dec 1st.

- Disabled Veteran Permit (wyo.gov)
- Disabled Hunter Permit (wyo.gov)
- Hunting Season-Extension Permit (wyo.gov)
- Shoot From Vehicle Permit (wyo.gov)

For more information on these hunts please use our Contact page on our website www.wyomingdisabledhunters.org

And direct any questions to our President, Terry Skinner or Vice President, Bryce Fauskee

Wyoming Disabled Hunters
PO Box 2232
Cody, WY 82414



Save the Date

Members Banquet 2022

September 17th
Holiday Inn - Wilsonville

Shooting

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2021 -2022 OPVA Trap Team Current Scores:



Singles Average/Doubles Average

Larry Gardner	85% / 70%
Brad Gardner	94% / 86%
Jack Howell	76% / 68%
Wayne Howell	72% / 58%
Paul Dahlke	82% / 39%
Bill Gray	86% / 64%

Upcoming shooting opportunities:

- September 24-25 National Trapshoot, Hillsboro OR

Please call the office at 503-362-7998 for more info.



Shooting

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Corner



April 29, 2022 OPVA Air Gun Competition Results:

Glorible Casalduc	69 pts
Scott Larsen	64 pts
Bill Gray	43 pts
Larry Gardner	42 pts
Carolyn Hamstreet Shores	37 pts



June 10, 2022 OPVA Air Gun Competition Results:

Larry Gardner	73 pts
Bill Gray	72 pts
Ken Cornelius	50 pts
Tom Hurt	38 pts



**Congratulations to our winners!
Thank you to everyone who came out
and participated!**

**Our next Air Gun Competition will be August 5, 2022 at 12pm.
Please mark calendars and save the date.
You don't want to miss out on all the fun!**

SOUTHERN OR AMBASSADOR REPORT



2021 Members Picnic
at Bowman's Pond

Have fun at a Members Picnic!!



By Dennis Hooper – Southern Oregon Ambassador

I am honored to embrace another summer as your Southern Oregon Ambassador. The Summer brings us many events to enjoy and explore. So let's get to it!

Our members can catch up with our Chapter outreach booth at many fairs and festivals. The weather dealt us a setback for the Azalea Festival in Brookings. I don't have to tell you how rainy Memorial Weekend was. That should not be a problem in July.



This will be a great opportunity to relax before embarking on the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, July 7-12 in Phoenix. Rolling up and down the midways will bolster your stamina.

If festivals are not your thing, how



about some county fairs? Your Chapter outreach booth will be at two Southern Oregon fairs this year. We will be at the County Fair in Klamath Falls on August 4-7 and the Douglas County Fair, August 10-13. Please take the time to visit some of your fellow members. Let this Summer be the best one yet!



Klamath County Fair

On other topics, hopefully, those of you that use a CPAP machine have received your replacement machine from the recall. I have received mine and it is quite swanky! If you have not received yours yet, be

patient, as there are millions of machines to be replaced.

As you may have heard, the VA is revamping their health information system beginning in June. My HealthVet is now My HealthVA. Hopefully, this transition will go smoothly. None of us need any added stress, when accessing our healthcare.



If you need to reduce stress, try attending one of our Member's Meeting or our annual Member's Banquet, both of which are in September this year. For us in Southern

Oregon, we will be at Bowman Pond again on September 10. Don't let all the fish you catch scare you!



Finally, I want to thank all our Southern Oregon members who try their best to communicate their needs. Your Chapter is here for you! If at first you don't get through to us, keep trying. The Summer can be a busy time for all of us. Safe Travels!

Mark your calendars for our Members Picnic in beautiful southern Oregon!

Come and enjoy a fun afternoon of:

Food • Fellowship • Archery • Disc Golf • Fishing • Games • Prizes!!!

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***Members Picnic
September 10, 2022
Bowman's Pond***

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT



By: Donnie R. Hedlind - Government Relations

Atlanta, Georgia “The Peach State” the home of the National Football Hall of Fame and yes there are many members from football teams from the Pacific Northwest, who are in this cool place. It’s Monday May 16th, I am sitting at a table with PVA members from Nevada, South Carolina, Iowa, and Louisiana. Why here? This is the place that PVA President Charlie Brown chose to kick-off the 76th Annual Paralyzed Veterans of America Convention. All 33 National Directors, the Executive staff and family members were here to enjoy a week of fun and festivities for the family members and caregivers. It was fun-filled night, with great food, catching up, laughter and banter. Many of us participated on the field trying to throw the football into the basket, no prizes, just “I did it! That was fun, but that was not why we were here, we were here to handle National and Chapter business, making sure member needs are addressed and met.

The following is a comment from PVA National President Charles Brown

"We held a meeting to start bringing in the larger group to put PVA’s legislative priorities out to our representatives and senators. This meeting was a base of information that helps us become better advocates for change and improvements. I had prayed for years that we would be able to stop constantly fighting for our SCI system of care. Unfortunately, there will only be a day that we can stop fighting. That is the day the last living member of PVA is no longer alive. Our system of care is constantly attacked because it is an expensive system to maintain. We need

every member to know that information. We need them to understand that we are going to be losing pieces of the system we desperately need. Staying back and not using the services is going to weaken the system and when they desperately need it, it will be gone."

Understand that he is making the point that is up to us as PVA members to lobby and commit to call and participate in our Chapter’s operation or we may find out someday very soon, that our ability to be the force we once were, is no longer viable and it will go the way of the horse and buggy. As time moves on, so do legislators “point of attention” new issues arise, new ideas come in and if there is not enough support for a particular budget item (Your VA) then it will be folded into some other one and you no longer will have the autonomous healthcare agency you had. Get involved, work hard to save what you have now.

Tuesday morning started early 8AM breakfast down in the convention floor lunchroom. The food was amazing, each day the hotel made sure we enjoyed a new style of southern cooking. The breakfast and lunches were plentiful and delicious, making sure to keep the National Directors full and happy or there would have been grumbling and that includes stomachs. The opening ceremony was held in the convention room with a color guard from D.M. Therrell High School JROTC with Rev Eugene Atwater giving the invocation. President Charles Brown gave in the official meeting of the 76th Annual Convention. After

the Executive Committee reported on the status and future planning of PVA, it was time to address any new issues or administration. New resolutions were voted on and passed by the Directors, the resolution that was debated the most, was our name change. The Executive Committee did not have a say on it, it was left up to the body. There was vigorous debate on the name change, some were for, some were against. My goal was to lobby as many as I could while I was there and in the end. WE WON! Thank You to all who voted with us. The new budget was passed, along with the recommendations from the various committees.

Now back to what affects you as a member of the Tri-State Chapter. AIR Commission is a new commission that is working on re-alignment or restructuring of the VA Hospitals/clinics in the US and its outlying territories. The Senate Approved Commission will consist of 8-9 members who will work tirelessly for the next year to give them the recommendations. PVA's own Executive Director Carl Blake has been nominated to be on the commission, this will ensure our member's needs and recommendations are addressed. Some hospitals/clinics in different areas of the country are recommended to close, while new ones are recommended to replace them. The Pacific Northwest is staying the same, except for some clinics moving different services from one to the other. The new White City, OR clinic design is being used for a proposed new clinic in the Albany area. VA likes this building and the way it is designed to replicate for new clinics, so they will be implementing its make-up along the way.

The Air Carriers Act Committee (ACGRD) is working hard on getting our government to push the airline companies and manufacturers to re-design aircraft to accommodate wheelchair users with an aisle chair to access the lavatory on a single-aisle aircraft. Many of us must reduce our fluid intake 12 hours before we fly, so we can make it through a 5-hour flight without using the bathroom. Some of us know full well this is a major

problem when it comes to flying. The

Department of Transportation is on board with solving this problem and we are finally getting to solutions with flying. We will keep you updated on this.

Amtrak has re-designed some of their trains to allow full wheelchair aisle and bathroom access. This design will be in the new trains and some existing ones have been already re-designed and are in service. I would check with them before booking your trip, however it looks like our government is finally listening to us. Keep your comments coming, the car companies are listening as well. Many are addressing accommodations and the use of artificial intelligence for disabled drivers. University of Pittsburg in conjunction with PVA's own Dr Roy Cooper are now working on a complete automobile design for disabled drivers, what they need and will need in the future, along with how they will drive. They are asking for comments from all disabled drivers.



Photo courtesy of Amtrak Vacations

The Convention was a highly successful one with many new issues proposed, that will be addressed in the future. It was nice to meet National Directors from all over the country and catch up with what is going on with them. PVA is doing great and will continue to work with the Chapters and their members concerning issues that may arise in the future. Government Relations is here for you, if you have something you think we can help you with, give us a call or send us an email. Until next time...Enjoy the Summer!

By Tami J. Anderson – Senior National Service Officer

Protecting what is OURS:

As we may or may not know, there are a lot of scams circulating with one goal, to get access to our money and/or to get us to send the scammers money.

The Department of Veterans Affairs sent the information below regarding the Pension Poaching Campaign,

What is Pension Poaching? Pension poaching is a financial scam targeting Veterans, survivors and their families who are potentially eligible for VA benefits.



An example of a pension poaching scam is someone with malicious intent profiting financially from assisting a Veteran and artificially qualifying them for VA Pension benefits. If Pension benefits are approved and VA later determines that eligibility did not actually exist, the claimant would be required to repay these benefits to the government. To educate and prevent fraud, VA sent a letter and email to approximately 162,000 Veterans over the age of 65 and in receipt of VA Pension benefits. This outreach provided resources for Veterans on how to prevent fraud, as well as resources for anyone who believes they have been a victim.

Another resource for protecting what is ours is the The National Council on Aging posted an article dated February 19, 2021 stating “the

FBI estimates that seniors lose more than \$3 billion each year to fraudsters”. The scammers target the elder population because they believe they have wealth, to include low-income seniors. The scammers are no respecter of person, both wealthy and low-income seniors are vulnerable to financial abuse.

It has also been documented in the article that over 90% of all reported elder abuse is committed by a family member, first their own children, or grand children and nieces and nephews. As a National Service Officer, I unfortunately have seen this first hand, parents taking from their veteran child that was severely disabled from an IED and spouses abusing their veteran husband/wife for their money. If a veteran feels he/she is being financial abused, let your physician know, they can request the VA to name a fiduciary on your behalf.

The following are 10 popular scams and a brief description:

- 1. Government Imposter scam** – calling victims and stating they are from the IRS, SS and/or Medicare and threatening them if they do not pay up.
- 2. The Grandparent scam** – calling a grandparent and pretending to be a grandchild asking them for money for an unspecified bill and ask them to not tell anyone. The scammer will ask them to pay in gift cards and/or money transfer due to not always requiring identification.
- 3. Medicare/Health Insurance scams** – the scammers pose as a Medicare representative and ask them for their personal information, or offer bogus medical services at makeshift mobile clinics, then bill Medicare or health care.
- 4. Computer tech support scam** – the scammers prey on the lack of knowledge elders have when it comes to computers equipment. The scammer may ask for remote access or you have to pay a fee. The Federal Trade

Commission found that “seniors who fell for this lost an average of \$500 each to computer tech support scams in 2018”.

5. Sweepstakes & Lottery scam – the scammer calls and states you have won and need to send money to unlock the supposed prize.

6. Robocalls/phone scams – one popular robocall was the “Can you hear me?” call and they record your voice and use it for a voice signature to authorize unwanted charges on items like credit cards.

7. Romance scams – scammers exploit lonely elders on dating sites.

8. Internet and email fraud – Phishing emails and text messages.

9. Elder Financial abuse – this is carried out by someone the elder person knows.

10. Charity scams – call claiming they are collecting money for a good cause.

If you suspect any of the above, call the Eldercare Locator, a government-sponsored program national resource line at 1-800-677-1116 or visit their website at <https://eldercare.acl.gov>.

If you are interested in reading the whole article or additional information on the National Council of aging, go to <https://www.ncoa.org>.

want to feel that we are vulnerable, however, we need to be realistic with ourselves and ask for assistance when needed.

Additional VA news:

Presumptive service connection for Gulf War Toxic Exposure:

VA has added 12 conditions to the list of disabilities presumptively connected to toxic exposure for Gulf War Veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations. These conditions include asthma, sinusitis, rhinitis and nine respiratory cancers -

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung

If a veteran served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations beginning August 2, 1990 to present, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning September 19, 2001 to present. The Department of Veterans Affairs will contact veterans and survivors who have been impacted.

If you have any questions, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-827-1000 or your Veterans Service Organization.

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Roger Watson	7/3	Marc Stump	8/11
Kirk Parkhurst	7/4	Lisa Travis	8/11
Kenneth Woodward	7/4	Dinah Wells	8/13
Daniel Gifford	7/5	Lawrence Rathbun	8/14
Jeremy Turner	7/5	John Brasch	8/15
Douglas Powell	7/6	Bob Mahler	8/16
Charles Younglove	7/6	Richard Rayas	8/16
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William Shields	8/1	Addam Green	8/31
Douglas Carr	8/2	Timothy Walusiak	8/31
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July

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Save the Date

July 1	OPVA Night at Keizer Volcanoes	Aug. 26 - Sept. 5 State Fair
July 4	Military Tribute at Keizer Volcanoes	Sept. 5 Corvette Raffle (State Fair @ 2pm)
July 8-10	Marion County Fair	Sept. 10 Members Picnic Bowman's Pond, Winston OR
July 10	ATV Artic Cat Raffle (Marion County Fair @ 3pm)	Sept. 10 Salmon Fishing (Check in at 6:30am)
July 16	OPVA Gold Cup Golf Tournament Keizer	Sept. 17 Members Banquet, Wilsonville
July 19	Deep Sea Fishing (Check In at 5:30am)	Sept. 19 Deep Sea Fishing
July 30	OPVA Show and Shine Car Show	Sept. 23- 25 National Trapshoot



Washington Update

Recent news regarding legislation and regulatory actions affecting veterans and people with disabilities.

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Check out the PVAction Force page to view our latest alerts and a list of key legislation and its status.

PACT ACT PASSES THE SENATE

On June 16, the Senate voted 84-14 to pass the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022. Now that the Senate has approved the legislation, it will go back to the House where an earlier version passed 256-174 in March. As a reminder, the PACT Act is a comprehensive legislative package that will deliver all generations of toxic-exposed veterans their long-overdue VA health care and benefits. Some of its provisions would expand VA health care eligibility, improve VA's presumptive process, bolster VA's toxic exposure resources, and strengthen toxic exposure research. Others lay the groundwork for future success by boosting VA claims processing capacity, strengthening VA's workforce, and investing in VA health care facilities. The House is expected to pass the legislation next week.

Senate Panel Examines VA's FY23 Budget Proposal

On June 14, the Independent Budget (IB) veterans service organizations—DAV, PVA, and VFW—participated in a Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (SVAC) hearing looking at VA's proposed budget request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The goal of the hearing was to ascertain how the agency's budget aims to better serve veterans and their families through increased benefits, care, and services.

VA Secretary Denis McDonough was the department's only witness. He fielded questions from SVAC members on a wide variety of

subjects ranging from funding for the department's community care programs to the pending Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission.

During its portion of the hearing, the IB noted that while our recommendations and the Administration's recommendations for FY 2023 are much closer than they have been in recent years, we continue to differ on the appropriate amount of funding for VA health care. The IB testified about the need for additional projected medical program funding of over \$2.7 billion. These additional funds include the cost to expand and improve services for women veterans, to implement the phase two expansion of VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC), to address the *Beaudette v. McDonough* court ruling regarding the appeal of PCAFC decisions, and the cost to fill at least 33 percent of the Veterans Health Administration's vacant positions.

The IB also stressed that to overcome VA's infrastructure challenges, Congress must not only provide significantly increased funding to address long-standing issues but also enact comprehensive planning, budgeting, management, and oversight reforms to ensure effective use of those funds. The IB recommended that VA's construction budget be at least three percent of the department's budget to keep up with the backlog of construction projects and even more if it intends for the department to get ahead on infrastructure. A recording of the hearing, which featured testimony from Associate Legislative Director Roscoe Butler, and the IB's written statement can be found [here](#).



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VA SUSPENDS ANNUAL CAREGIVER PROGRAM REASSESSMENTS

Recently, the VA announced it was suspending annual reassessments for participants of the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) while the department continues its review of the program. The action compliments the department's March 22 decision to temporarily stop dismissing veterans from the PCAFC while officials evaluate the program's eligibility rules and the fairness and effectiveness of its assessment tools. Facility Caregiver Support Program staff will however continue to initiate reassessments for veterans and family caregivers for certain purposes, such as when a veteran or caregiver requests to be considered for an increase in stipend level or if there is evidence of an increased need for personal care services. The VA will also continue to conduct wellness visits. Appeal and review options for those who disagree with a PCAFC determination remain the same. To learn more about other steps the VA has taken to improve and enhance the program, please click [here](#).

SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HOLDS HEARING ON SOCIAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-VT) convened a hearing on June 9 to announce his introduction of the Social Security Expansion Act (S. 4365) and hear from witnesses about the importance of making improvements to Social Security and strengthening its financing. The hearing featured witnesses from Social Security Works, Alliance for Retired Americans, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, and the Bipartisan Policy Center.

The focus of the hearing was Senator Sander's legislation that would extend the solvency of Social Security for 75 years by lifting the premium cap (currently payroll taxes are not

applied above \$147,000 in annual earnings) and subject all income, including investment income, above \$250,000 to the Social Security payroll tax. A fact sheet issued by his office says that, under this bill, over 93 percent of households would not see any increase in their taxes. The legislation would increase benefits for anyone turning 62 this year and older by \$200 a month and use the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) as the standard for cost of living increases (COLA). The bill would also update the Special Minimum Benefit so that it is equal to 125 percent of the poverty line and it would restore the student benefit up to age 22 for children of disabled or deceased workers, if the child is a full-time student in a college or vocational school. While several of Senator Sanders' Democratic colleagues spoke positively about his efforts, Republicans on the Committee expressed skepticism about the prospects for the bill. The video of the hearing is available [here](#).

CBPP ANALYZES SOCIAL SECURITY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Social Security Trustees issued their Annual Report on June 2 which indicated that the depletion of the Old Age and Survivors trust fund has been pushed back a year to 2035. An analysis of the report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) highlighted several findings:

- "While most of Social Security's benefits are funded by the payroll taxes collected from today's workers, the program has also accumulated \$2.9 trillion in trust fund reserves over the past three decades. During that period, Social Security's income exceeded its costs, and the program invested the surplus in interest-bearing Treasury securities. Over the next 13 years, those reserves will make up the difference between Social Security's income and costs.

- After 2035, Social Security could still pay roughly 80 percent of scheduled benefits using



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no steps to shore up the program. Those who claim that Social Security won't be around at all when today's young adults retire and that young workers will receive no benefits either misunderstand or misrepresent the trustees' projections.

•The program's shortfall amounts to 1.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) over the next 75 years (and about 1.4 percent of GDP in the 75th year).”
CBPP's full analysis can be found [here](#). The 275-page Trustees' report can be found [here](#).

GAO SAYS VETERANS FEDERAL CONTRACTOR EMPLOYMENT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report on the performance of the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) in helping federal contractors comply with affirmative action provisions for veterans protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (VEVRAA). Approximately 123,000 contractors are covered by VEVRAA and some 5.6 million veterans fall into at least one category protected by the law. PVA was among the veterans groups interviewed by GAO for this report and we shared our concerns that veterans with significant disabilities were being overlooked by government contractors in their recruitment and hiring under VEVRAA as well as Section 503, which applies to contractor employment of people with disabilities. GAO made seven recommendations in its report, including that OFCCP incorporate key practices on employing veterans into its VEVRAA information, clarify hiring benchmarks, and use available data to better approximate the protected veteran population and assess discrimination. The agency had no comments on these recommendations. The GAO report can be found [here](#).

SENATE ISSUES LETTER TO VA TO FIX WEBSITE INACCESSIBILITY

Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) led a bipartisan Senate letter to the VA urging the department

to improve website accessibility for veterans with disabilities. Website accessibility is required under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. The VA Website Accessibility Act passed in December 2020, requiring VA to identify inaccessible websites, files, and applications and send a report to Congress on VA's plan to make them accessible.

In September 2021, VA submitted its report to Congress. The report found that only eight percent of VA's internet sites were fully compliant with Section 508. While the Veterans Health Administration provided a detailed remediation timeline, the Veterans Benefits (VBA) and National Cemetery (NCA) Administrations' plans were less than a page long. In the letter, among other things, the lawmakers requested a revised, detailed report from VBA and NCA and for the VA to describe what steps the department is taking or will take to engage groups representing different classes of disabilities. In March 2022, PVA met with Senator Casey's office to discuss website inaccessibility and how it affects PVA members.

NEWS OF NOTE

Accessible Golf and Miniature Golf Facilities Webinar Now Available

If you missed the U.S. Access Board's webinar on accessible golf and miniature golf facilities earlier this month, you can still access the webinar recording and presentation materials. This webinar reviewed the scoping and technical requirements for accessible golf and miniature golf courses. Board staff also addressed frequently asked questions and common sources of confusion about accessibility at golf and miniature golf facilities. Archived copies of other Board webinars are also available for viewing.

DOT Selects Four Projects to Receive Funds to Improve Transportation Mobility and Access for People with Disabilities

As part of its comprehensive strategy to support accessibility across all modes of transportation for all travelers, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will provide \$27 million

to four projects that will incorporate innovative business partnerships, technologies, and practices to promote independent mobility. The funding supports the implementation of Phases 2 and 3 of the Complete Trip - ITS4US Deployment Program. The program is helping to modernize the nation's transportation system to provide safe, affordable, and equitable access to opportunities and services for all travelers while reducing adverse community impacts. To view the list of projects, [click here](#).

Self-Service Appointment Check-In Coming to Some VA Facilities

Beginning this summer, some VA facilities will allow veterans to start their check-in process up to seven days in advance of their appointment and/or check in at the clinic using their smartphone on the day of the appointment. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Reading of the Names

As part of the 40th anniversary commemoration of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, each of the 58,281 names on The Wall will be read between November 7-10, 2022, in Washington, D.C. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation is currently accepting applications from volunteers to support this event. Reader registration will close on August 1 and reading slots will be confirmed by early September. For more information about the Reading of the Names or to sign up for this in-person event, [click here](#).

WEBINARS AND HEARINGS

U.S. Access Board Webinar: Accessible Residential Facilities

Residential dwelling units are addressed by accessibility guidelines and standards issued under the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Fair Housing Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. These laws, guidelines, and standards can be difficult to understand and lead to confusion for many design professionals, lawyers, and citizens. The next webinar in the Board's free monthly series will take place July 7 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET and will clarify these laws and their application in the ABA and

ADA Accessibility Guidelines for residential facilities. Presenters from the Board and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will review differences between Title II and III of the ABA and the ADA, as well as overlaps with HUD's 504 Rehabilitation Act regulations. Additionally, presenters will highlight accessible design and construction requirements under the Fair Housing Act that apply broadly to most multifamily housing. The session will also cover scoping and technical requirements in the ADA and ABA Accessibility Guidelines for work surfaces, turning space, accessible routes, reach ranges, and windows in residential dwelling units.

Visit [AccessibilityOnline](#) for more information or to register.

Upcoming VA Committee Activities

On June 22 at 10:00 a.m. ET, Associate Legislative Director Julie Howell will testify before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee (HVAC), Subcommittee on Health about pending legislation, including a bill that would improve access to IVF. To watch the hearing live on the 22nd, [click here](#).

Please visit the HVAC webpage and the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee webpage for information on other upcoming hearings and markups.



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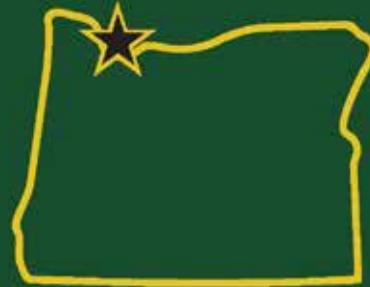


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September 24 – 27, 2022

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Join us for Paralyzed Veterans of America's 4th Annual Women Veteran Empowerment Retreat. Come enjoy three days in beautiful San Antonio with other women members of PVA. This event is limited to 40 attendees so be sure to register ASAP!

Participants will enjoy time in an inclusive, supportive environment with other women Veterans with sessions that focus on:

- VA Benefits & Services
- Self-Advocacy
- Leadership Skills
- Resilience
- Empowerment

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- Three days of education, opportunities, and camaraderie
- Interact and learn from experts
- Meeting other women members

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Membership 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 of choice or by mail/email to: Paralyzed Veterans of America Membership Department, 801 Eighteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006; (E) members@pva.org. Providing the requested information is entirely voluntary but required for membership with Paralyzed Veterans of America.**

Chapter Name: PVA Tri-State Chapter, 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: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

VETERAN STATUS INFORMATION

Please submit the following with application:

- DD Form 214 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: _____

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

Do you have a spinal cord injury or disease? Yes No If disease, specify: _____

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

If Paralyzed Veterans of America is your accredited representative, do you permit PVA Service Officers to provide information to PVA National Membership Department relative to your membership eligibility? Yes No

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I have read and meet the qualifications and I understand that my membership could be denied or revoked if any information provided is inaccurate.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____



Physician's Statement Form

_____ is a veteran who has a spinal cord injury or disease.

His/her diagnosis is:

- Paraplegia
- Quadriplegia
- Brown Sequard Syndrome
- Cauda Equina Syndrome
- ALS
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Transverse Myelitis
- Other (please specify) _____

Physician's Signature

Physician's Name

Physician's Title

Physician's Phone/Email

Date Signed



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