



Nevada Chapter

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## **ELECTION TIME**

### **Start thinking about running**

**We will be holding elections this year, Each position is for a two (2) year period. You do not need to live in Las Vegas to be a board member as you can Zoom in on all of our meetings. Doesn't matter if you are a new member or if you have been with us for years, get involved in your chapter and have a say in our growth as we move forward.**

We are approaching the time for electing a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) members of the Board of Directors for our chapter.

Please get involved and run for office. If you would like to run, please submit your biography to our office, along with a letter of intent advising us of which position you are interested in running for. We will be publishing biographies of all members interested in running for office in our 4th quarter newsletter. Bio's will be due **no later than** August 1st, 2025. Ballots will be sent out in December and due back to our office **no later than** January 15th, 2026.



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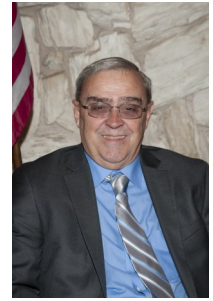
The mission of Nevada PVA is to improve the quality of life of U.S. military veterans and others who have spinal cord dysfunction through the use of adaptive sports, recreation, wellness programs, outreach, education, research and support.

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# President and Executive Director's Report

*by Dominic Cirino & Julie Johnson*



Hello Everyone,

We hope you all are enjoying the New Year! We have a lot of great things planned and hope you can join us for some or all of it.

**March 28** – Cal-Diego PVA has their 4<sup>th</sup> annual symposium. They have a bunch of great speakers lined up and it's virtual. <https://www.sandiegoscisymposium.com/>

April is PVA Awareness Month:

We have a bunch of events as well as opportunities to volunteer by manning one of our tables.

NV PVA will have a table at the VA Hospital Bldg 5 every Tues, Wed, Thursday 10-2pm

**April 15** – 11am-12pm open weightlifting class & tour @ Driven 701 East Bridger 89101

**April 17** – 4pm-6pm open strength and conditioning class & tour @ Driven 701 East Bridger 89101

**April 18** – 2:30pm-3:30pm open weightlifting class & tour @ Driven 701 East Bridger 89101

**April 26** – Annual Walk, Run & Roll 5k or 1-mile fun walk/roll @ Wayne Bunker Park. It is free for all members and caregivers. Everyone else it is \$35

We may have more planned in April so stay tuned.

**July 17-22** – National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Minneapolis

**September 8-12** - Reno Military Sports Camp if you're interested in this let us know because seats fill up quickly.

If anyone is interested in **government relations** let us know. We would love for you to help us advocate for our veterans.

NV PVA received donation of manual wheelchairs, a couple of powerchairs and a scooter if you know anyone in our community in need, please reach out to us.

## Program Reminders

Don't forget, we've got two great programs for our members:

### **Adopt-A-Vet:**

We will send you a \$50 gift card every month to help with groceries and hygiene products. Call the office to sign up for this program.

### **Step Outside Program:**

The Chapter will fund the member and one (1) guest for participation in or attending Basketball, Soccer, Bowling etc., events or will reimburse the member and one (1) guest to attend shows, movies, plays or lunch/dinner, in a sit-down "full service" restaurant.

The amount of the funding will be capped at **\$100.00 per quarter, per member**.

In order to have access to these funds, the member must submit receipts and a short review of the event attended, which will be placed in the newsletter. Receipts and the review **must be** submitted within three (3) weeks of having attended the event in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

This program is designed to get our members out and about in a social setting.

# National Director's Report/Sports Director



Happy 2025 to all!! I am continuously working in the background to try to come up with new activities for us to do. Currently I am trying to see if we can do NIGHT skeet shooting and a few other items. My goal is to try to bring our chapter members out to try something new, hang out with fellow brothers and sisters, and have a great time. I hope to meeting more of our members this year. If you have any ideals or event something in the past that we had done and want to do it again, please reach out and let us know.

## CES

The brand hew company named Lotus that has created an innovative way to turn on and off lights, lamps and event TV's with a ring. This company was coming to CES and offered to two tickets to come check out their product. I was able to attend and check out this great idea. I thought it could honestly help so many that I purchased one to demonstrate it for the PVA and the VA hospital. The ring uses IR sensors to work on the devices to turn them off. If you would like to check them out, please visit [Getlotus.com](http://Getlotus.com)



Also at CES we were able to see the new and improved functions of the Human in Motion exoskeleton suit. The person that was demonstrating the functions was previously a dancer and she was able to stand up and sway her back as if she was dancing again. It was **great to see the way this technology is going. They also mentioned they have started working on a home version of this suit for personal use!!!**

Another company I would like to mention is Strutt. They are coming out with a brand new ev.1 with an expected release date of January 2026, They had one of the chairs out on the floor to try out. They asked me if I was able to do a real world trial run and I met them at the Meadows Mall to trail it. This chair has the most advanced technology with autonomous type features and is whisper quiet, With operating that chair for over an hour, it was definitely going to be a great product for our market. However, this specific chair does not recline or tilt. I did mention that and they are hoping to create a new chair with those functions once this one is launched.



Overall CES was a wonderful experience and I sincerely appreciate the chance to go from Lotus!!

## Sports

Come join the Las Vegas Roadrunners as we bring home some more medal at the best event of the year, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games!! This year they are being held in Minneapolis, MN in July, Registration opens February 3rd so it is time to get an appointment with Dr. Brookman and get the medical form fill out. Everett Lowery, our local VA Recreational Therapist, is our team coach and gets everyone submitted and ready to go. Let's go Roadrunners!!!

To wrap this up, the 2024 Las Vegas Raiders Wheelchair team, our very own chapter VP, Le'Toi Adams and board member Darnell Calahan were chosen to represent the veterans for the Raiders wheelchair team. Have a great time playing in New Orleans in February.





## January

Rickey Altimus-Carrauthers  
Sandra Bradford Graves  
Derek Curtis  
Joseph Cypher  
David Gray  
Samuel Hagaman

Julie Johnson  
Mervyn Kaya  
Robert Nolan  
Francisco Novero  
Stephen Pipkin  
Kurt Redinbaugh

Tx P. Vogler  
Samuel Whitt  
Paul Winter  
Norman Woods  
Teresa Zamora

## February

Jaime Anderson Perelman  
Billy Andre  
Thomas Brittingham  
Melinda Brooks  
Eric Cagle  
Lloyd Eggstaff  
William Frankell  
Armando Guajardo

Darwin Holmes  
Anita Lawson-McGlynn  
James Lewis  
Kamron Lopez  
James McCollem  
Randall McKee  
Samuel Owens

David Schneider  
Michael Schulz  
Randall Schwartz  
Roland Teal  
James Troy  
James Washington

## March

Kanique Adams  
Jerry Bench  
Larry Caroon  
Michael Cole  
Janice Collins

Jose Gonzalez  
Tyler Jeffries  
Robert (Wes) Jensen  
Ben Keechler  
Alan Marsh

Darrin Newland  
Josephine Owens  
Timothy Prophet  
Armando Rivas  
Michael Romanowski  
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# PVA Christmas Party





# L.E. Curtis Invitational Bowling Tournament



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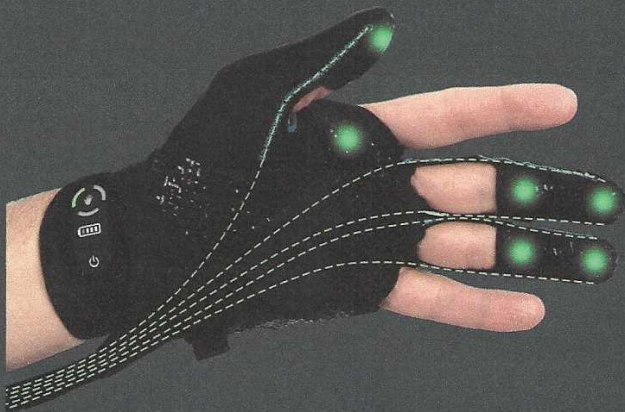
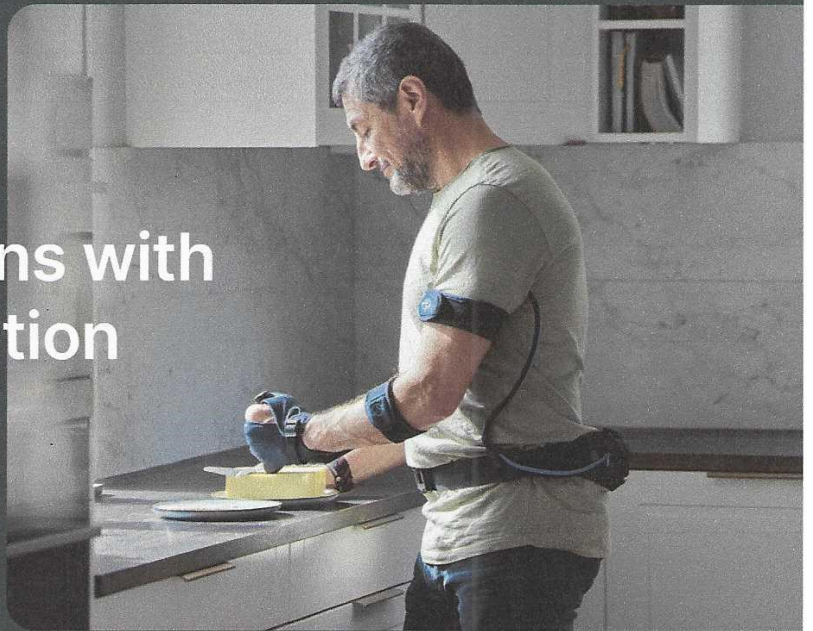
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