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Welcome to PVA National

We are so happy you chose us to host the 80th Anniversary of our organization. It is an honor to celebrate this significant milestone together, and we look forward to making this event a memorable experience for all involved.



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Mission Statement

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.

Disclaimer

The Nevada Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America is a non-profit organization. We do not ask for or receive any money from any federal or state agencies. All of our funds are received mainly from donations. All members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America have sustained a spinal cord injury or disease. This newsletter is a publication of the Nevada chapter and is meant to inform its readers of Chapter activities, legislation, and other matters of concern to veterans and/or members of the disabled community. The opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views of Nevada PVA, its officers, board members, the editor or production staff.

Happy Springtime

Hi everyone. Happy Spring! There are and has been a lot of great things going on in our organization. We had a group of Nevada PVA members meet with National PVA at the Allegiant Stadium to film a b-roll for a new disability awareness video.

Southern Nevada

June 5 - Kids BBQ @ JD Smith Middle School
June 6 - Day of Gratitude @ Allegiant Stadium
June 12 - Kids BBQ @ JD Smith Middle School
Sept. 14- 18 Military Sports Camp, Reno, NV

We also get together for various graduations for Metro and the Corrections Academy followed by a group lunch. If you are interested in any of these events, please reach out to the office for more information. 702/646-0040 or pvanevada@gmail.com

Northern Nevada

Sept 14-18 Military Sports Camp, Reno, NV (with the City of Reno)

We will be up there Sept 19-21 for the 7th Annual Reno Takeover. We will have three days' worth of activities. You can participate in one or all three of them. Stay tuned for the schedule of events.

As always, if anyone would like to take part in our Adopt-A-Vet program, which helps Nevada PVA members with food/hygiene kits every month, call or email us.

We would like to thank Landon and his classmates at CSN East for holding a fundraiser at Red Robin and donating their proceeds to our organization. Then we brought them products that were donated by MGM Resorts, they made 6,000 hygiene kits for us and Nevada Veterans Foundation to disperse into our community. We love seeing the next generation taking time to understand what non profits and giving back to their community really means. Landon will surely be a terrific future leader!



"Spring adds new life
and new beauty to all
that is."

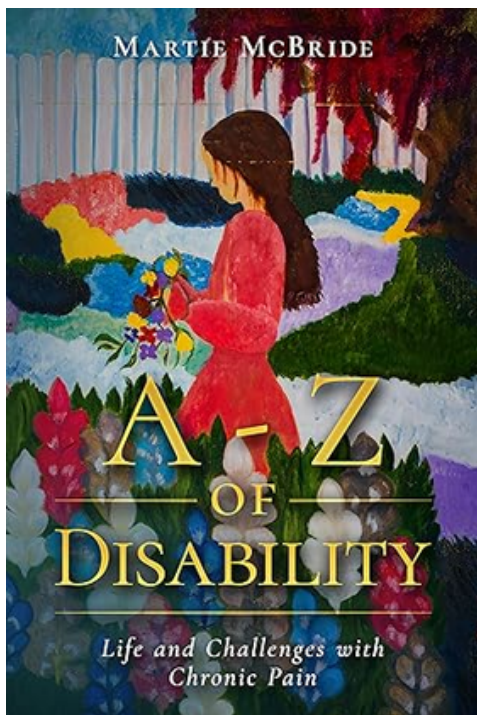


Medication Reductions

Over the past few months I'm sure we have all heard the news about the Department of Veteran's Affairs Secretary, Doug Collins issuing an interim final rule amending 38 CFR 4.10 intending to make clear that Veterans are compensated based on actual level of disability they experience, using real medical evidence. The VA issues this rule to respond to confusion created by a recent court case, *Ingram v Collins*, 38 Vet. App. 130 (2025), which raised questions about whether VA should ignore the effects of medication when rating disabilities. Throughout the Veteran community and beyond there were many advocates against this ruling, which included PVA CEO Carl Blake. You can read Mr. Blake's statement here. <https://pva.org/news-and-media-center/recent-news/paralyzed-veterans-of-america-issues-statement-in-response-to-department-of-veterans-affairs-interim-rule-impacting-veterans-disability-ratings/>

As a result of advocates speaking out against this ruling, VA Secretary Doug Collins rescinded the ruling on February 27, 2026. The rescission was published in the Federal Register and is effective immediately.

So, what does this mean for all of us Veterans. For now, it does not resolve the legal questions that sit before the courts, and it restores the current statutory and regulatory processes for adjudication of VA claims.



Really Great Book. The Wellness Group loved it. The author is truthful and raw about living with chronic pain.

Give it a read, we highly recommend it. You can order it on Amazon

Advocacy/Legislative News

The VA recently announced that they are developing a new tool to scan submitted Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) for “telltale signs” of fraud. According to the VA, this new system, which is not active yet and may be rolled out sometime in 2026, will help VA field staff detect suspicious patterns that may help identify when organized fraud rings are posing as legitimate medical providers to prey on veterans. They stress that this new system is not AI but relies on manual data entry and analysis. However, this announcement was not without its controversies.

A “Stars and Stripes” article initially reported that the VA had plans to “analyze one million old disability benefits questionnaires dating back to 2010 to identify possible signs of fraud using this tool. However, after backlash from the veterans community, the VA clarified that this new system is “forward-looking only... No Veteran’s claim or benefit will be reduced or denied because of this effort.”

AMTRAK ACCESSIBILITY UPDATES

Amtrak recently unveiled new trainsets that will provide increased accessibility for passengers with disabilities. The new Airo fleet includes additional accessibility features, such as more spacious and accessible restrooms and vestibules, accessible café cars, and wheelchair lifts. The trains also feature adjustable tables in the wheelchair accessible seating areas and new accessible elements. The trains will initially debut on the Amtrak Cascades in the Pacific Northwest corridor and then expand to other areas.

In addition, Amtrak is developing a new long-distance fleet. Initially, this fleet was expected to be a bi-level train. However, after further evaluations and considerations, the fleet will be transitioning to a universal single-level fleet. The fleet will replace today’s mix of bi-level and single-level long distance trainsets.

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Upcoming events

2026 EVENTS

April 11	MS Walk @ Sunset Park
April 25	Pistol Shot, Clark County Shooting Park
April 27	PopStroke Fundraiser
April 29	Health Month Info table at VA 10-2
May 2	Lester Lombard SNVCC Event Downtown Summerlin
May 11-16	National Convention Planet Hollywood
May 11	Paralympic Kids Pizza Party @ Gold Coast
May 23	Harley Davidson Henderson Event
June 5	Paralympic Kids BBQ @ JD Smith Middle School
June 6	Day of Gratitude @ Allegiant Stadium
June 12	Paralympic Kids BBQ @ JD Smith Middle School
July 8-15	NVWG Detroit, MI
Sept 14-18	Reno Military Sports Camp
Sept 16	Paralympic Kids Event
Sept 19-21	Reno Takeover
Oct 3	Military Appreciation Day
Oct 3	Toys for Tots Golf Tournament
Oct 17	General Membership Meeting @ Aliante
Oct 19	NVF Golf Tournament
Oct 23-25	MCON & World Market Center
Nov 11	Veterans Day Parade
Dec 3	Up/Down Bowl @ Sunset Station
Dec 3-6	Annual Bowling Tournament @ Sunset Station
Dec 12	PVA Christmas Party @ Lieburn Senior Center
Dec 16	Paralympic Kids Christmas Party @ JD Smith Middle School

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for individuals knowledgeable in CANVA to help us create flyers and newsletters.

Ways You Can Support Our Programs

- * **Donate Your Vehicle**
- * **Become an Event Sponsor**
- * **Organize a Canned Food Drive**
- * **Host a Sock Drive**
- * **Explore Community Grant Opportunities:**

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MS Walk 2026



PAM Event at VA Hospital



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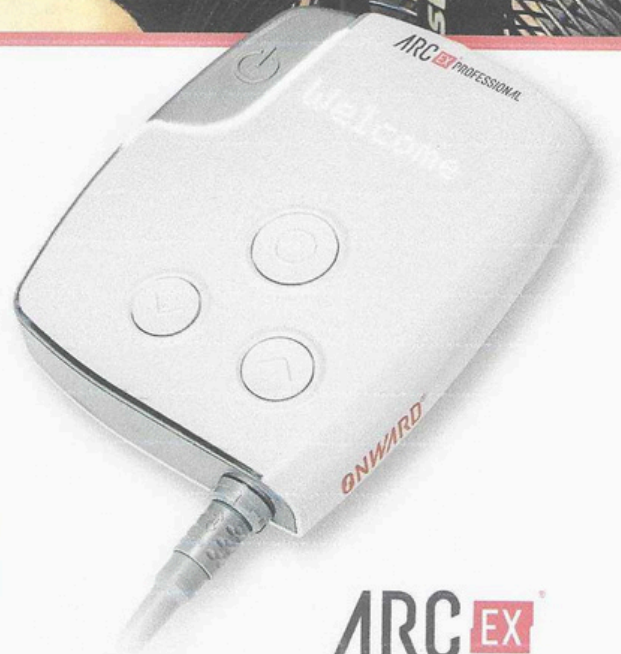


AJ Walker, ARC^{EX} User,
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