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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.



Hi All,

Hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated! Summer has been a little busy. NV PVA sent a team to DC for the PVA Advocacy & Legislation seminar.

We had a group outing to a charity softball game. The Vegas Golden Knights verse The Raiders was super fun and the highlight of the night was a flyover by the Nellis Air Force Thunderbirds.

We have a lot of members who do adaptive sports which is a way of doing ongoing rehabilitative therapy. If anyone is interested in any type of adaptive sports/fitness in this newsletter there is information for the City of Las Vegas adaptive sports. You can also reach out to us, and we can discuss other options in our communities. NV PVA also sends members to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, and we would love for those who have never gone to try it out.

We also have a Basic Needs program that helps our members with food each month.

NORTHERN NEVADA: If you are a member of our in Northern Nevada & Rural Areas there is a Military Sports Camp designed for you September 14-18. <https://www.reno.gov/parks-and-recreation/adaptive-recreation/veteran-programs.php> Get your applications in quick.

PVA Reno Takeover: September 19-21 is a 3-day event that Nevada PVA & Bay Area & Western PVA is held in Reno. You can take part in one of the events or all. We will be doing the following: Bowling, Movies, Dinner, Adaptive Sport/Recreation (this year chair yoga and leather making) and possibly a social event TBD.

As always, if you need something please reach out.

Happy hot summer!



Congratulations to Leilani Segarra, Past President, Jay Segarra's daughter. She is officially a US Navy Corpsman and made the Dean's List as well. She will be heading to Norfolk to serve aboard the USNS Comfort. Your PVA family is immensely proud of you. Good luck and stay safe.





This year marked the 80th anniversary of the Paralyzed Veterans of America national organization. To celebrate this milestone, we were thrilled to host the 80th annual convention right here in Las Vegas! Conveniently located in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, the convention took place at Planet Hollywood Hotel Casino. This marked the first time in five years that our local board of directors had the opportunity to attend this event. Fortunately, most of our local board members, along with Nevada's National Director, Jason Kelly, were able to make it to the three-day meeting.

Every May we hold elections for our national staff. Congratulations to the following board of directors for PVA National:

President, Robert Thomas

National Senior Vice President, Tammy Jones

National Vice President, Josue Cordova

National Vice President, Anne Robinson

National Vice President, Lawrence Mullins, Jr.

National Vice President, Marcus Murray

National Treasurer, Tom Wheaton

National Secretary, Matthew Peeling

While the only part of hosting this incredible event isn't just showing up, it's the meticulous planning that took almost a year in advance. We want to express our deepest gratitude to the Pin Ups for Vets. We reached out to them to assist us with creating a welcoming atmosphere for our annual convention's 1946 welcome reception theme, and every woman in the organization attended our event.

We also organized special events for our caregivers during our closed-door sessions. They had the opportunity to visit the Mob Museum, Hoover Dam, and even offered facials. We are eagerly looking forward to hosting next year's annual convention.



Nevada Talking Book Program

The Nevada Talking Book Program is a free service of the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, provided in partnership with the Library of Congress's National Library Service (NLS). We provide audiobooks, audio magazines, braille materials, and specialized playback equipment at no cost to eligible Nevadans of all ages who have a print impairment.

Many people are surprised to learn that a print impairment isn't limited to vision loss. Individuals who have experienced a stroke or brain injury, have difficulty holding a book or turning pages due to a physical disability, or have reading or perceptual disabilities such as dyslexia or certain forms of autism may also qualify for our services. For further information go to their website listed below.

<http://nsla.nv.gov/ntbs>

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of L.E. Curtis.

L.E. Curtis was a beloved member of Nevada PVA. Always cheerful, always had a smile on his face and always willing to go above and beyond, he brought kindness, dedication, and a generous spirit to those around him.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the early stages of the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1966 as an HM2, Hospital Corpsman Second Class.

He studied at San Diego State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Science, and at San Jose State University, where he earned a Master of Public Health.

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure and we are so grateful you touched our lives.



VETERANS RECREATION PROGRAM

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VETERANS INTRODUCTORY PASS (\$10 FOR 6 MONTHS)
Admission into Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs • Weight Room
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Monthly Memberships includes; Weight Room • Pickleball • Gardening
Racquetball • Fitness Classes • Golf • Bowling • Esports • Strength/Conditioning

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MEMBERSHIP LOCATIONS
Dula Community Center • 702.229.6307 • 451 E. Bonanza Road
Chuck Minker Sports Complex • 702.229.6563 • 275 N. Mojave Road

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DAYS | ACTIVITIES | TIMES | LOCATIONS

Monday	Bowling	10 a.m.-NOON	Santa Fe Hotel & Casino • 4949 N. Rancho Drive
Tuesday	Pickleball	8-10 a.m.	Dula Community Center • 451 E. Bonanza Road
Thursday	Golf	8-10 a.m.	Las Vegas Golf Club • 4300 W. Washington Ave.
Friday	Gardening	9-11 a.m.	Dula Community Center • 451 E. Bonanza Road
Friday	Esports	1-3 p.m.	Dula Community Center • 451 E. Bonanza Road
Friday	Billiards	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	American Legion Post #8 • 733 Veterans Memorial Drive

For more information or to sign up, please contact **Andrea Anzalone** at 702.229.6706 or email at aanzalone@lasvegasnevada.gov



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Advocacy/Legislative News

Our 2026 visits to the Hill hopefully yielded support for our policy priorities. It is always good to sit down with our congressional representatives and outline the needs of our veterans and others with spinal cord injury, dysfunction, or disease.

This year's priorities included:

- Strengthen the foundations of VA's specialized health care services
- Maximize VA long-term services and supports for veterans with SCI/D
- Fortify the financial security of veterans with SCI/D, their families, and survivors
- Increase SCI/D veterans' access to health care services
- Ensure equal opportunity and full participation for catastrophically disabled veterans

We advocate for laws, regulations, and public policies that improve access, healthcare, benefits, and independence, as well as fight for improved accessibility standards and the advancement of assistive technologies and independent living.

Through education, we increase awareness of spinal cord injuries and related conditions, reduce stigma, and provide education to veterans, families, and employers.

Through recreation, we promote quality of life by offering adaptive sports, recreational activities, and hobbies that enhance well-being and social connection.

We offer peer mentoring, caregiver support, counseling, and case management to help individuals and families navigate challenges.





This year, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games took place in Detroit, Michigan, from July 8 to July 15. The Nevada Roadrunners had their largest turnout of 11 athletes so far. Our team consisted of Mark Christenson, Nikko Olalia, Taylor Bocclair, Le'Toi Adams, Darnell Callahan, Brad Whiting, Mike Romanowski, Dominic Cirino, Tereasa Zamora, Alan Marsh, and Jason Kelley. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our VA coaches, Everett and Emma, for their invaluable contributions. Our team participated in a wide range of sports, including bocce ball, archery, swimming, softball, disc golf, adaptive dead lift, solemn, and more! The team collectively secured an impressive 20 gold, 10 silver, and 5 bronze medals! Darnell Callahan triumphed in Super G for the second consecutive year! Despite the scorching heat and humidity, our team remained dedicated, and the camaraderie among us was truly remarkable. I am incredibly proud of our Nevada team and everyone who participated. While it was undoubtedly mentally and physically demanding, it was an experience that was truly rewarding. I am already eager to begin training for next year games being held in Orlando. Who else is ready to join me on this journey? Let's go Roadrunners! OORAH



Had a great time at our 80th Anniversary Annual Convention.
We are looking forward to all the great things to come this next year.

Thank you to Mayor Shelley Berkley for joining us at our Welcome Reception.
Also a big thank you to the Pin-Up Calendar girls who joined us that evening as well.
Everyone had a great time taking pictures and talking to them.

Lieutenant Governor Stavos Anthony spoke at our Opening Ceremony and welcomed everyone to Fabulous Las Vegas.





BIRTHDAY'S

July



Charlotte Bradley
Mary Cunningham-Irwin
L.E. Curtis
Merle Delong
Mary Jo Fernando
Linville Hinchey
Jeanne Hubbard-Dunbar
Kenneth Johnson
Katherine Jones

Yokiko Knowlton
Patricia Lechuga
James Leinberger
Raymond Long
Mariza Shaffa
Bill Sharkey
Richard Squires
William Taylor
Betty Williams

Guy Andrews
Susumu Arishita
Christopher Bauman
Rickey Bossert
Robert Butterfield
David Fivecoats
Thomas Glasby
Fletcher (Rick) Hantke
James Hoban
Brandon Jones

Timothy Kast
Edward Loesch
John Lowther
Kathi Lowry
Timothy Manchhago
Lyndon Ruddell
Robert Tackitt
Lester Wood
Joe Ybanez

August



September



Le'Toi Adams
Cedrick Arinwine
Robert Artz
Kimberly Bernstorff
Darnell Calahan
Ronald Cantagallo
Mark Christianson
Dominic Cirino
Norman Cruz
David Fellingham

Oscar Frias
Joseph Hauk
Christina Kelley
David Matthews
Christopher McMahon
David Pressler
Pattie Stambaugh
Tad Stuart
Greg Weeks

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:**

Does your workplace offer community grants or donate items for raffles?



We had a great turnout for our 1st Range Day Event



We attended a softball game between the Las Vegas Golden Knights and the Las Vegas Raiders. The Tunderbirds did a flyover

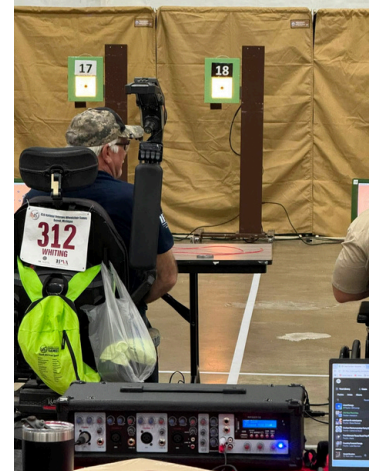


This year we participated in two summer camps for the paralympic/autistic kids.
These are always our favorite events. The kids are so much fun and so appreciative of the BBQ





More pictures from the NVWG



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much!

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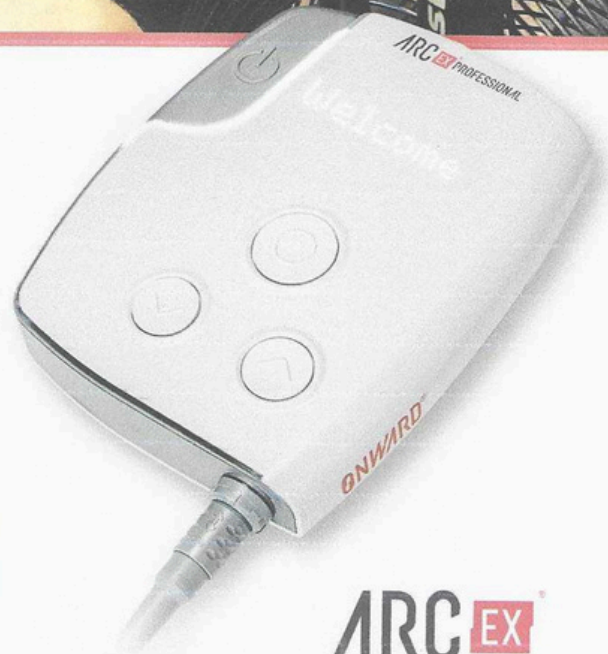
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