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Happy Holidays from our PVA family to yours! May your holiday season be filled with warmth, joy, and cherished moments with the people you love. We're grateful to have you as part of our community and look forward to sharing a wonderful 2027 together!



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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.

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Hi Everyone,
What a year it has been. 2026 has flown by! We want to take a moment to share a few highlights and thank the people who made them possible.

A big thank you to Henderson Harley-Davidson for hosting a special event with all proceeds benefiting Nevada PVA. Your generosity goes directly to the programs our veterans count on, and we are so grateful for your support.

We were also proud to send VA SCI/D staff from both Northern and Southern Nevada to the annual PVA Summit. There they learned about the newest adaptive technology and earned the continuing education credits their roles require. When the people caring for our veterans stay current, our veterans' benefit.

Right now, we're busy planning our winter and holiday events, so keep an eye out for details coming soon. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you.

And here's something fun to look forward to, next year we will hold a contest to name our newsletter! Start thinking of ideas now. The winner will receive a prize.

Thank you for being part of the Nevada PVA family. Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

Warm regards



—— Team Mildenhall Airmen, along with SR-71 Blackbird veterans and their families, pose for a photo with a CV-22 Osprey during a visit at RAF Mildenhall, England, July 27, 2026. Veterans of the SR-71, along with their families and members of the RAF Sculthorpe Heritage Centre, received mission briefings and a tour of the base, including hangars where they once worked, and static displays. (Image credit: U.S. Air Force photo by Karen Abeyasekera)

Good day I was fortunate enough to travel to RAF Duxford for symposium we were invited to RAF mildenhall them base was so accommodating and took us around the base I get to see my old workplace which was great and I had to describe it to a few people.

I was very fortunate to meet meet a lot of military personnel and spend time with we are in good hands and God bless our troops overseas thank you Robby Butterfield



This year the Reno Military Sports Camp welcomed five Nevada PVA members from Las Vegas. The Camp took place from September 14-18. Our local Executive Director, Julie Johnson, organized the Reno Takeover, a weekend filled with exciting activities, following the Sports Camp.

The camp was packed with fantastic activities and set against a backdrop of breathtaking scenery. Among the most popular activities for the veterans who attended was Horsemanship 4 Heroes. They offer an excellent equine therapy program where we learned at our own pace and were eventually able to lead the horses through an obstacle course! Unfortunately, everything after that was compared to the horses.

We also had the opportunity to visit Lake Tahoe, but the wind advisory limited canoeing to just one group. The scenery at Lake Tahoe and Tahoe City was simply stunning. For most of us, trying the Grit chair for the first time at 6000 feet in the mountains was an incredibly challenging yet beautiful experience.

To conclude our week, we had an amazing breakfast and tour of Liberty Dogs. They kindly requested that we refrain from taking any pictures, but I can confidently say that they are an exceptional company. Liberty Dogs pairs a service dog with a veteran for free. They provide complimentary room, laundry service, food and training for the two-week program, allowing the veteran to meet and learn about their new service dog. They even have five out of the twenty rooms designated as ADA rooms, complete with roll-in showers. If you're in need of a service dog, I highly recommend exploring Liberty Dogs. They also offer free adoptions for dogs who have failed to complete dog academy (only 30% make it to full training).

Please let us know if you are interested in joining us next year.





New TSA PreCheck Program for Certain Veterans

Recently the Transportation and Security Administration rolled out a new program with TSA PreCheck. TSA now offers free or discounted TSA PreCheck enrollments for the following military and veteran groups:

- Uniformed Service member – Free
- Military Spouses - \$25.00 discount
- Military Survivor Families – Free
- Certain disabled Veterans – Free

TSA has now partnered with the Department of Veterans Affairs to offer free TSA PreCheck enrollment to certain disabled Veterans under the Veterans Expedited TSA Screening Safe Travel Act. Veterans who are eligible for free enrollment include:

- Those who have a service-connected disability that resulted in:
 - o Loss, or loss of use of an extremity
 - o Full or partial paralysis
 - o Permanent blindness

As a result of that disability, they require the use of a VA-issued wheelchair, prosthetic limb, or other assistive device to aid with mobility, and they must be in the patient enrollment system of VHA.

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Had a great time at our annual Reno Takeover



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WOW Car Wash honored our organization at the opening of its newest location by presenting us with a generous check to help support our efforts.



We hosted a table at Bonanza High School and connected with students from student councils representing schools across the community. Last year, several schools organized canned food drives for us, helping to fully stock our pantry. They're planning to support us with even more drives this year!



Our athletes from this year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games received proclamations from the City of Las Vegas and Mayor Shelley Berkley as well as from Governor Joe Lombardo.



Several of our members attended the annual Military Sports Camp in Reno.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 3	Toys 4 Tots Golf Tournament Palm Valley Golf Course 9201 Del Webb Blvd 7:30 am
Oct 10	NVF Golf Tournament Durango Hills Golf Course
Oct 16	BOD Meeting/Dinner 4 pm
Oct 17	NV PVA Banquet 5:30-9 pm
Oct 23-25	MCON World Market Center
Nov 11	Veterans Day Parade
Nov 12	Women Veterans Gala Silverton Casino
Nov 13	Women Veteran's Range Day Clark County Shooting Park 10-3pm
Nov. 15	Los Prados Golf Tournament 6-8 am
Nov 13-17	Fall Boards Orlando, FL
Dec 3	Up/Down Bowl Santa Fe Station
Dec 3-6	Bowling Tournament Santa Fe Station
Dec 12	PVA Holiday Party Lieburn Community Center 12-2pm
Dec 16	Kids Holiday Party JD Smith Middle School Serve at 7

Ways you can support our programs:

- Donate your vehicle
- Become an event sponsor
- Organize a canned food drive
- Hold a sock drive
- Explore Community Grant Opportunities

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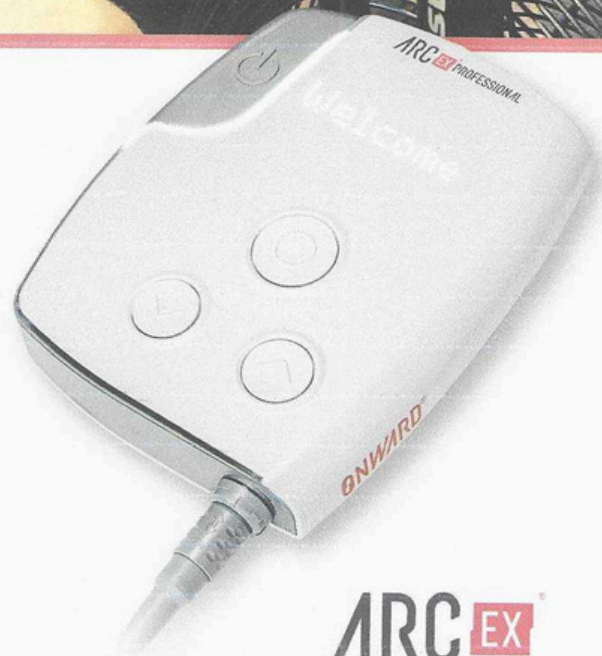
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