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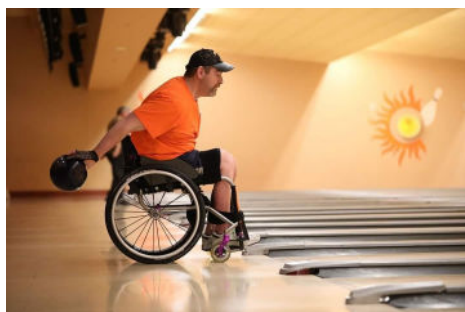
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**Marc Fenn**

**Rest in Peace. You will be missed.**

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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.

# President and Executive Director's Report

*by Dominic Cieino & Julie Johnson*

It has been extremely hot this summer, but we were still able to accomplish quite a bit.

We had a table at the US Vets Standdown and gave away hundreds of hygiene products, cups of noodle soups (thank you Jason & Christina for the soup donation), books, hats and wheelchairs. Approximately 500 veterans attended and were helped by the many service providers.

Buck Bernard Outdoor Foundation sponsored a table for us at their annual fundraiser. This foundation helps veterans, first responders, and children with disabilities.

Our Adopt-A-Vet Program is going strong, and we are supplying over 100 veterans in need every month with basic needs of food and hygiene kits. If you are in need, please do not hesitate to reach out to us and get signed up for the program. Our friends at **Elks Lodge #1468** have endured the brutal Vegas heat while packing food bags on our back patio this summer. We are extremely grateful to all of you.

For those of you in Northern Nevada get ready for the PVA RENO TAKEOVER it is a 3-day event put on by the Nevada PVA and Bay Area & Western PVA. Sept 14<sup>th</sup> is bowling during the day and a group dinner at the Wild River Grille, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> is a movie at the Cinemark Riverside theater, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> introduction to wheelchair football and a SCI/D lunch. If you do not live close to our activities, we have rooms at the Circus Circus hotel for you, but they are on a first come first serve. You and a plus one are invited to each of these events.

Do any of our members have a VA certified caregiver? If so contact us with their information or be on the lookout for a form to fill out in the mail. We want to show your caregivers how much we appreciate everything they do.

**Save the Date of October 19<sup>th</sup> we have our annual general membership and awards banquet at the Aliante Casino in Las Vegas at 5:30 pm. This year is our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

## Picnic in the Park

### October 3rd

Mountains Edge Park

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Come out enjoy some good food and meet fellow PVA members.



# National Director's Report

by Jason Kelley



The 78th Annual Convention of the Paralyzed Veterans of America was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 14-28, 2024. All but one chapter was in attendance. Nevada PVA Executive Director, Julie Johnson and I attended.

PVA's National Board of Directors addressed and resolved several business issues, approved a fiscal year 2024 budget for PVA, received reports from National PVA officers and staff development heads. We also received presentations on PVA digital marketing, corporate outreach, and membership services. Membership processing was discussed during the general session, with the goal of streamlining and speeding up membership approvals.

The National PVA new Executive Committee effective July 1 will be:

Chairman of the Board of Directors: Robert Thomas

Senior Vice President: Tammy Jones

Vice Presidents: Josue Cordova, Ken Ness, Louie Mullins, Anne Robinson

Treasurer: Tom Wheaton

Secretary: Marcus Murray

Nevada PVA congratulates all and we note that Ken Ness is PVA Vice President assigned as the chapter's "liaison" a link in the line of authority between the chapter and National PVA. We look forward to this next year with this great group of national officers and PVA staff.

As Nevada PVA's National Director, I presented checks for a total of \$25,000 to National PVA Chairman, Robert Thomas in support of the work of the PVA Research Foundation during the convention.

## *In Memoriam*

It is with a heavy heart that we are saying goodbye to Marc Fenn. Marc was the last founding member of our chapter and served on our board of directors continuously since its founding in various capacities. He was born in Indiana and that was where he passed surrounded by his wife, Rona and his family. Marc was an Army veteran having served from 1988–1990 as an Airborne Infantry Soldier.

He was a strong advocate for veterans and especially wheelchair sports. He participated in wheelchair basketball and wheelchair bowling.

The following was written by Marc's good friend Bill Burns:

"I am writing this as a friend of Marc and Rona Fenn. I knew Marc for almost 10 years. He was probably the second Nevada PVA member I had the pleasure of meeting when I relocated to Las Vegas. We participated in several Veterans Day Parades together and often spoke of our time in the Army. We were both infantry soldiers in our prime so we shared many memories.

Marc had very strong views on life and we often dabbled in political debate. While we shared a common belief in the way things should be, he was always ready to share his thoughts on all things political. Never a dull moment.

I think I saw Marc the happiest when he finally got his beautiful wife Rona to Las Vegas. She was the light of his life. I never met any of his family other than Rona. They were always together and Marc was at his best when she was near.

Marc will be very much missed by his Nevada PVA family. REST IN PEACE



## **National Cemetery Administration adds options for commemorative plaques and urns**

Effective June 10, 2024 families of deceased and cremated Veterans can apply to receive commemorative plaques or urns from the VA if they do not want to inter their loved ones in a VA National Cemetery or receive a government-furnished headstone, marker or medallion for placement in any in any cemetery.

Commemorative urns are used to hold the remains of a deceased, cremated Veteran, and commemorative plaques are designed to hang on a wall. Both the urns and the plaques honor a Veteran's service and serves as a lasting tribute to the individual's status as a Veteran. Eligible family members can request one or the other, but not both.

It's important to note that, if a family chooses a plaque or an urn to commemorate a Veteran, VA is prohibited by law from interring that Veteran's remains in a VA national cemetery or from providing a headstone, marker or medallion for placement in any cemetery. Families should be certain of their choice. If the family chooses to receive a plaque or an urn to commemorate their Veteran, their decision cannot be undone. The law does not provide a method to restore these benefits.

To be eligible, the Veteran (or service member who died on active duty) must have served in the Armed Forces on or after April 6, 1917; the Veteran must be eligible for a headstone or marker under 38 U.S.C. § 2306(d), and the Veteran's remains must have been cremated—with no portion of the remains interred at any location.

More information about NCA memorial options can be found on the VA website <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/headstone-markers-medallions/>. More details, including an application for commemorative plaques and urns, will be available on June 10. Information about VA burial and memorial benefits is available [online](#), at [VA national cemeteries](#), or by calling toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117.

**Don't forget about this program. It allows our members \$100 a quarter to go out into the community and have some fun. Just submit your receipts and do a write up similar to those below:**

### **Step Outside Program**

Went to Maggiano's to celebrate Mother's Day and 42 years together. *Scott Alderman*

Dined at Applebee's at their South Rainbow location. We initially went in to do the Unlimited Wings special but the promo had already ended. We came in and the restaurant was half occupied, it is very accessible and the host was very inviting. We started off with the boneless buffalo chicken wings and they were delicious. The wings satisfied my cravings. We ordered their promo that comes with two entrees and an appetizer for \$32. My other half had the chicken and shrimp and I had the four cheese mac and cheese with honey pepper chicken tenders, The food came our fairly quickly and was still hot and it was delicious. They also offered a 10% veterans discount. Thank you Nevada PVA for allowing this kind of experience. *Nikko Olalia.*



This year at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in New Orleans we had a team of five representing the Las Vegas Roadrunners. Out of the five, four are PVA members and the fifth is an Air Force veteran. We practiced at the shooting range, pools, gyms and parks and other various locations around town. Our team participated in fishing, air guns, archery, basketball, rugby, football, corn hole, swimming, disc golf, adaptive fitness., field events and softball. Joining our team is VA Recreational Therapist, Everett Lowry and, of course, our very own Julie Johnson to help keep us all in line. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the Las Vegas Roadrunners team next year in Minneapolis.

We had the honor of hosting a football scrimmage between the Las Vegas Raiders Wheelchair team vs MVP (Merging Veterans with Players). This is an exciting program that has combat veterans come together and learn from the athletes in all different ways. The first scrimmage was on June 1st and MVP provided lunch. It was a great Saturday at Dula Gym. Lester with MVP reached out and said that the veterans that came out on June 1st loved it so much that they want a rematch. MVP showed up to the Wheelchair Raiders team practice again on Monday, July 1st. If you are a combat veteran, please look into MVP and become a member.

I would like to take a moment to thank Driven NeuroRecovery Center. Their staff gives great support to our members and really helps us get to where we need to be, whether it's for the NVWG or just our personal goals.



**Forgotten Not Gone**

This is a veterans nonprofit engaged in suicide prevention through Veteran Peer Support Outdoor Recreation. Every day, veterans return home to face new battles, ones often marked by silence, isolation and despair. Since 2013 Forgotten Not Gone has been dedicated to breaking this cycle of solitude stamping out veteran suicide.

They offer free rides for veterans and even have a van that will pick you up if you want to join a bike ride. All bikes also have an electric assist. They also offer compression machines.. They can be reached at 702/706-5777 [www.forgottennotgone.org](http://www.forgottennotgone.org)



My name is Michael Humel. I am a disabled writer, speaker and podcaster. I recently made a post about wanting to collaborate with disabled people on stories and possible novels. My mission in life is to end the judgment and assumptions surrounding disability. The reason I want to collaborate is to get people's stories out and be as authentic to the disability as I can. I specifically have two ideas for detective novels. Once is an amputee detective and one is a paraplegic detective. I am definitely open to all ideas. I can be reached either on my wheels n warriors Facebook page, Instagram page or my email [michaelhumel@wheelsnwarriors.com](mailto:michaelhumel@wheelsnwarriors.com)

**PVA**  
**RENO**  
*Takeover*

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

**BOWLING**  
11:00 AM  
LOCATION: TBA  
**PVA DINNER**  
6:00 PM  
LOCATION: WILD RIVER GRILLE  
17 SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET  
RENO, NV 89501

**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

**MOVIE & SNACK**  
1:00 PM  
MOVIE: TBA  
LOCATION: CINEMARK CENTURY  
RIVERSIDE 12  
11 NORTH SIERRA STREET  
RENO, NV 89501

**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

**PVA MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCH /  
ADAPTIVE SPORT CLINIC (ADAPTIVE FOOTBALL)**  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
LOCATION: EVELYN MOUNT NORTHEAST  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
1301 VALLEY ROAD  
RENO, NV 89512

**RSVP BY FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024  
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**\*\*MEALS ARE ONLY PROVIDED DURING SCHEDULED PVA EVENTS\*\***

*Sponsors*

**Annual Bowling Tournament**  
**December 5-8, 2024**  
Sunset Station Hotel & Casino

All tournament bowlers need to submit your room request to Julie Johnson. **Cut off date for rooms is November 1, 2024.**

Rooms are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. Get your reservation in early.

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**Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Las Vegas Invitational**  
**December 5-8, 2024**

**9 Pin No Tap Up/Down Bowl Competition**  
**December 5, 2024**  
5 pm-6 pm Registration  
7 pm-9 pm Up/Down Bowl  
Sunset Station Henderson

Get your three (3) person team together and you will be teamed with a wheelchair bowler. It's a night of fun and all proceeds benefit Nevada PVA



**Aviator Baseball Game**



**Paralympic Kids Summer Camp**



**Paralympic Kids Bowling**

*Special Thanks to Elks Lodge #1468 for help serve pizza and soft drinks*



**Veterans Stand Down**

*Special Thanks to the Kelley's for donating 500 Cup A Noodles*



Our Nevada PVA team did an awesome job at the 2024 National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Lisa -- **GOLD**  
Bowling

Darnel — **GOLD**  
Softball  
Javelin

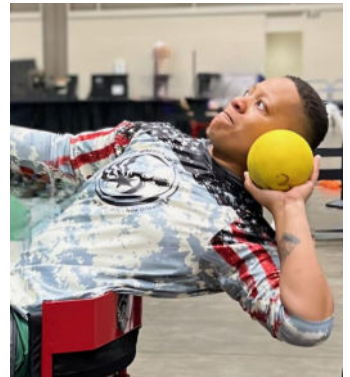
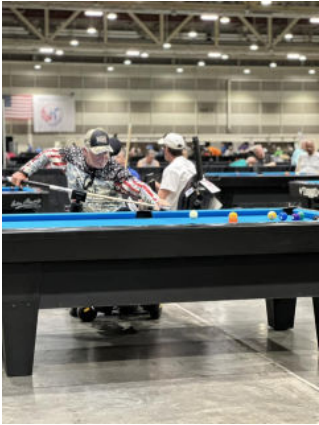
Brad — **GOLD**  
motorized slalom

Jason — **GOLD**  
Javelin  
**SILVER**  
Softball  
Shot put

**BRONZ**  
Discus

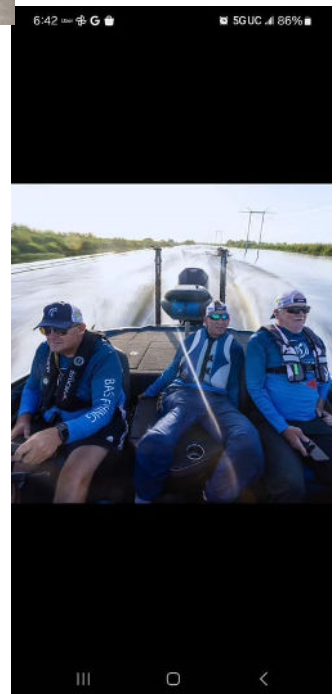
Le'Toi — **GOLD**  
Adaptive fitness  
Shot put  
Discus  
Power lifting  
**SILVER**  
Javelin  
**BRONZ**  
Basketball













July

Lillian Bowers	Linville Hinch	James Leinberger
Charlotte Bradley	Phillip Holt	Mariza Shaffa
Mary Cunningham-Irwin	Jeanenne Hubbard-Dunbar	Bill Sharkey
L.E. Curtis	Kenneth Johnson	Richard Squires
Merle DeLong	Katherine Jones	William Taylor
Christopher Ford	Yokiko Knowlton	Celisa Willette
Sara Ford	Patricia Lechuga	Betty Williams

August

Guy Andrews	Thomas Glasby	Kathi Lowry
Lionila Angelias	Fletcher Hantke	John Lowther
Susumu Arishita	James Hoban	Timothy Manchego
Rickey Bossert	Brandon Jones	Lyndon Ruddle
Robert Butterfield	Paige Livingston	Lester Wood
David Fivecoats	Edward Loesch	Joe Ybanez

September

Le'Toi Adams	Ronald Cantagallo	Christopher McMahon
Cedrick Arinwine	Dominic Cirino	Tom McQuade
Robert Artz	Norman Cruz	Pattie Stambaugh
Kimberly Bernstorff	Joseph Hauk	Tad Stuart
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# Monthly Chat with your National Service Officer (NSO)

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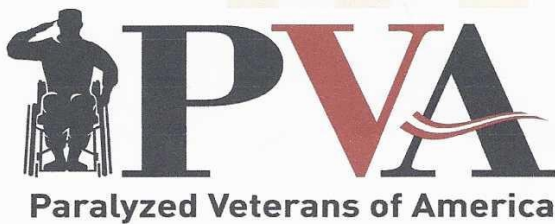
**Who:** PVA Members &  
SCI/D Veterans

**When:** September 9, 2024 @ 11:00am  
(Will only stay on the call for 15 mins if no one calls in)

**Where:** Virtual (Zoom)  
Meeting ID: 867 9150 1025  
Passcode: 127229  
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

[https://pva.zoom.us/j/86720305202?  
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**Why:** To receive benefit updates  
and to ask questions



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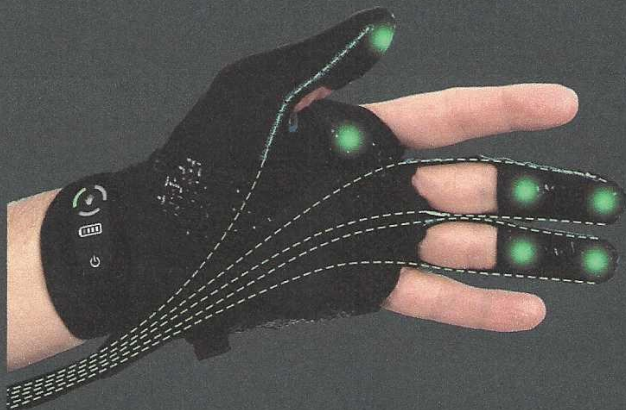
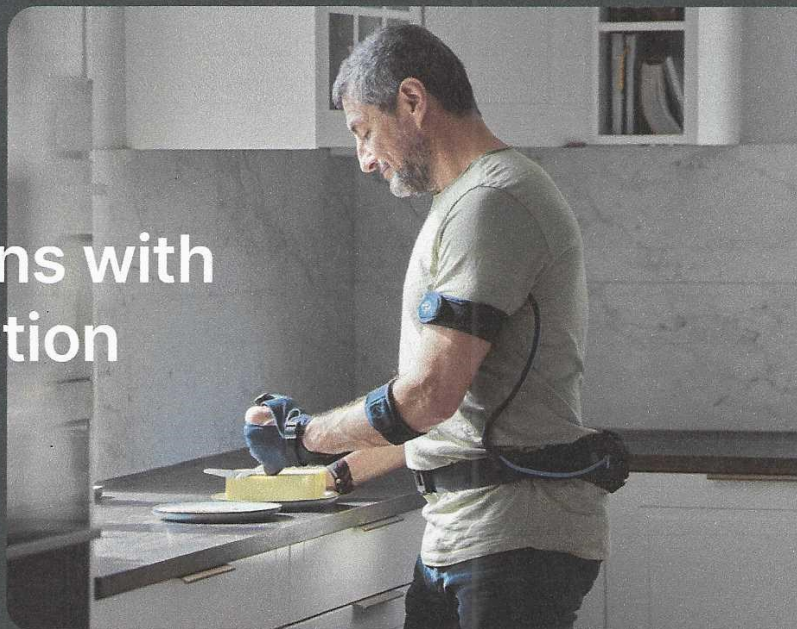
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**Toll-Free Nurse Advice Line:** 1-877-252-4866

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