



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Nevada Chapter

Adopt-A-Vet Program

As some of you know, in 2015 Nevada PVA launched our Adopt-A-Vet Program to provide veterans in our community with the basic needs and food they need to thrive.

If you have been struggling to make ends meet and need assistance with food or clothing during this upcoming holiday season, we are here to help you.

We will once again be supplying turkey's and other food items to those in need. All you have to do is contact our office and let us know if you would like assistance with food and/or clothing.

Since the program's inception, it has continually grown and we are now up to 100+ veterans that we serve each and every month.

Without the assistance of our Adopt-A-Vet Program Sponsors, this program would not be the success that it is today. We are grateful to them and their generosity to our chapter and to veterans in our community. Thank you.



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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.

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Veterans can schedule transportation through their VA primary Care Provider or by calling the VTS office at 1/844-859-5074. Please schedule transportation ahead of your appointment time.



President/ED Report

by Dan Kaminski and Julie Johnson



Welcome to Fall/Winter. As we start to cool down we start to get busy again.

We just finished up working with National PVA in Orlando, Florida where the National Staff and Executive Board come together with the National Directors from around the country to help improve our organization as a whole. We attended the board meeting and Julie attended the Association of Chapter Executive Directors.

The Nevada PVA chapter will be involved in the following events and if you are interested in any or all please contact our office 702-646-0040 or email pvanevada@gmail.com

November

3rd – UNLV vs Fresno @ Sam Boyd 6:30 pm VIP style need to be on rsvp list

9th – Toys 4 Tots Golf Tournament – We have a table at the first hole. Painted Desert Golf Club. If you would like to join us let us know.

11th – Veterans Day Parade – We are in need of more volunteers to walk/roll with us in the parade so if you are interested please give us a call. We will provide lunch afterwards.

29th – Bowling @ Sunset Station

30th – UP/Down Bowling-This is a \$25 entry open to the public and you will be teamed up with a wheelchair bowler. First place prize is \$500

December

1st-2nd – Bowling @ Sunset Station

15th – Nevada PVA Holiday Lunch – Howard Leburn Senior Center – All of our members, associate members, community partners and volunteers are welcomed to this event.

19th – Kids Xmas Dinner – Rancho HS – We provide a spaghetti dinner for the Paralympic Children and their families plus we bring Christmas presents for the children and the look on their faces is so heartwarming.

We really need more people to sign up for the Veterans Day Parade!!

As stated on the front page regarding our Adopt-A-Vet program. Please if you can use some food and clothing please sign up. We will deliver to those in our area.

Let us know if you would like a free Turkey!!

If you are a federal government employee or your employer offers a charitable giving campaign through United Way, you can help us continue the programs and services we offer to our members, veterans and other individuals with disabilities.

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Vice President's Report *By Lester Wood*

I am so glad that the fall season is here. As if it wasn't hot enough here, we set a record of temperatures of 100+ in September.

In spite of the heat, our chapter was able to host the Paralympic kids, we also set up an air gun workshop. We hope our veterans and friends will come out and be active and join us.

We attended the Barrett Jackson Auction where our good friend Richard (the King) Petty donated a truck to the PVA. A donor purchased the truck for \$100,000. Our hats are off to Mr. Petty for his generous donation to us. Plus, other donors stepped up and added several more thousands to help the PVA. The truck was then donated back by the buyer to be re-sold.

As we are finishing our fundraiser at Foodie Fest, our thoughts are turning to our bowling tournament coming soon. We look forward to seeing old friends and hope many new ones will join us on November 29 through December 2nd.



Step Outside Program

Went to Nikos Greek Kitchen #2 for some great Greek food. My wife had the side of Pita & Hummus and a small Greek salad. I had the Breakfast Gyro while helping her with the Pita & Hummus. Everything was great and they do not skimp on serving sizes.

Wrap It Up Mediterranean Cuisine was visited at the month's end. We both had their Gyros which were served on flat bread that resembled a lightly grilled flour tortilla. It was stuffed with lamb meat and traditional Greek greens and dressings.

SK Noodle was a long overdue trip during the heat and smoke from the California fires. My wife had their Vermicelli Noodles with grilled pork and egg rolls, while I had the Vietnamese Grilled Pork & Rice Noodles. As always the food was excellent.

M B Grill was visited during the Nugget's Best in the West Rib Cook-Off. What says BBQ better than a traditional Mongolian BBQ? We both did the medium bowls. My wife did the generally "healthy" one with veggies, etc., while I did lamb and seafood. They were delicious and disappeared in short order. Thank you to these grants for making outings possible. *Tom Hudson*

Went to Macayo. The food was extremely good and the service was great. We had a really good time. I ate more than I should have but when the food is so good, I don't want to leave before everything is gone. *William Frankell*

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The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. Mark Twain

Legislative News

PRESIDENT SIGNS FAA REAUTHORIZATION ADDRESSING TRAVELERS WITH DISABILITIES

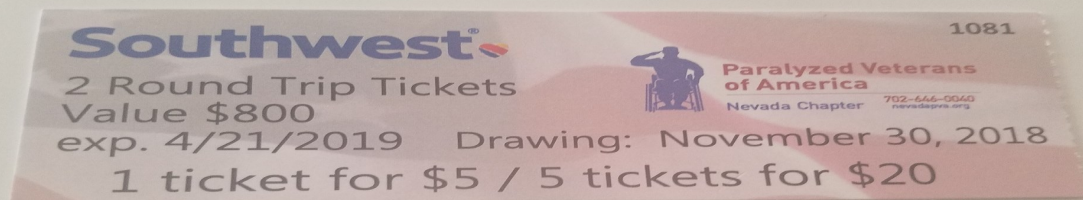
On October 5th, the President signed into law the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018. PVA played an instrumental role in the inclusion of several disability-related provisions, many of which are similar to those found in the Air Carrier Access Amendments Act (H.R. 5004/S. 1318).

The legislation includes an entire subsection devoted to improving the air travel experience of passengers with disabilities. Specific provisions in the bill include:

- A study of airport accessibility and airline training policies, including any best practices that go beyond the requirements of current civil rights laws.
- A determination of whether in-cabin wheelchair restraint systems to allow passengers to fly while seated in their wheelchairs are feasible.
- A requirement for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to work with stakeholders to develop an airline passengers with disabilities bill of rights.
- An increase in the civil penalties that may be assessed by DOT for violations of the Air Carrier Access Act that result in injury to a passenger with a disability or damage to a passenger's wheelchair or other mobility aid.
- A requirement for DOT to establish an advisory council on the air travel needs of passengers with disabilities. This committee will advise the Secretary of Transportation on air travel issues impacting people with disabilities. In addition, the Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing regulations governing ticketing, pre-flight seating assignments, and stowage of assistive devices.
- A review of the regulations ensuring assistance for passengers with disabilities, including a requirement that airline personnel and contractors who are providing personal assistance to passengers receive, as deemed appropriate, hands-on training about the proper use of aisle chairs or other relevant equipment.
- A requirement for DOT to move forward in implementing reporting by large domestic airlines on the number of wheelchairs and scooters enplaned and subsequently damaged.

The legislation also includes provisions aimed at modernizing the Transportation Security Agency (TSA). One of those provisions requires a revision of the training for Transportation Security Officers on screening people with disabilities. TSA must work in consultation with disability and veterans organizations to revise their training requirements. TSA also has enhanced reporting requirements on issues such as the wait times for same gendered assistance to complete the screening process for passengers with disabilities.

PVA has already begun to work with DOT to ensure that the provisions outlined in the FAA Reauthorization are implemented in a timely and effective manner. In a release following final passage of the bill, PVA National President David Zurfluh stated, "We applaud the bipartisan passage of this bill. This is truly a move in the right direction and we will continue to support efforts to prohibit discrimination based on disability in air travel, whether that's on Capitol Hill or in the courts."



If you would like to enter our raffle for two round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines, contact our office. The drawing will be held on November 30th at our Annual Up/Down Bowling Event. You need not be present to win. Contact the office for tickets.



October

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Asa K. Richter	02	Robert Yee	12	Gary H. Brown	23
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Chris Ewer	06	Jon C. Arnesen	17	Brian C. Walker	25
Larry F. Orr	07	Jeffrey Z. Futter	17		

November

Robert D. Hudson	02	Patricia A. Meints	10	Wade N. Reckinger	19
Ann Perelman	03	Janet Bowen	11	Joseph J. Blicharz	21
Robert T. McFalls	03	Greg D. Hughes	12	Kenneth T. Harrop	23
Gary Odorowski	05	William Willhite	12	Jaime (Jay) L. Segarra	23
Anthony Cherry	06	Frank E. Kennemur	13	John C. Burns	25
Bryan A. Bedoy	06	Daniel Pierson	14	Linda C. Bennett	25
John B. Simmons	07	Susan Maddox	15	Jeffrey A. Alcorn	26
Bo Rollins	09	Lawrence Cabrera	18	James A. Oliver	27

December

Shane W. Irwin	04	Judith M. Cirino	12	Carol (CeCe) L. Davy	24
Richard S. Chadwell	04	Steven R. Simmons	15	Jan P. Thomas	25
John E., Kennedy	09	Donald G. McCrory	18	Lawrence L. Cook	26
Alan D. Britton	10	Kenneth J. Sandoval	21	Lilian Curtis	27
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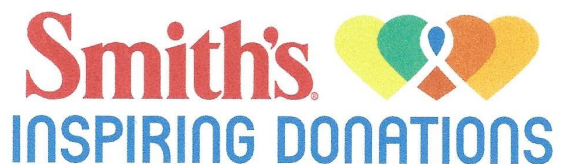
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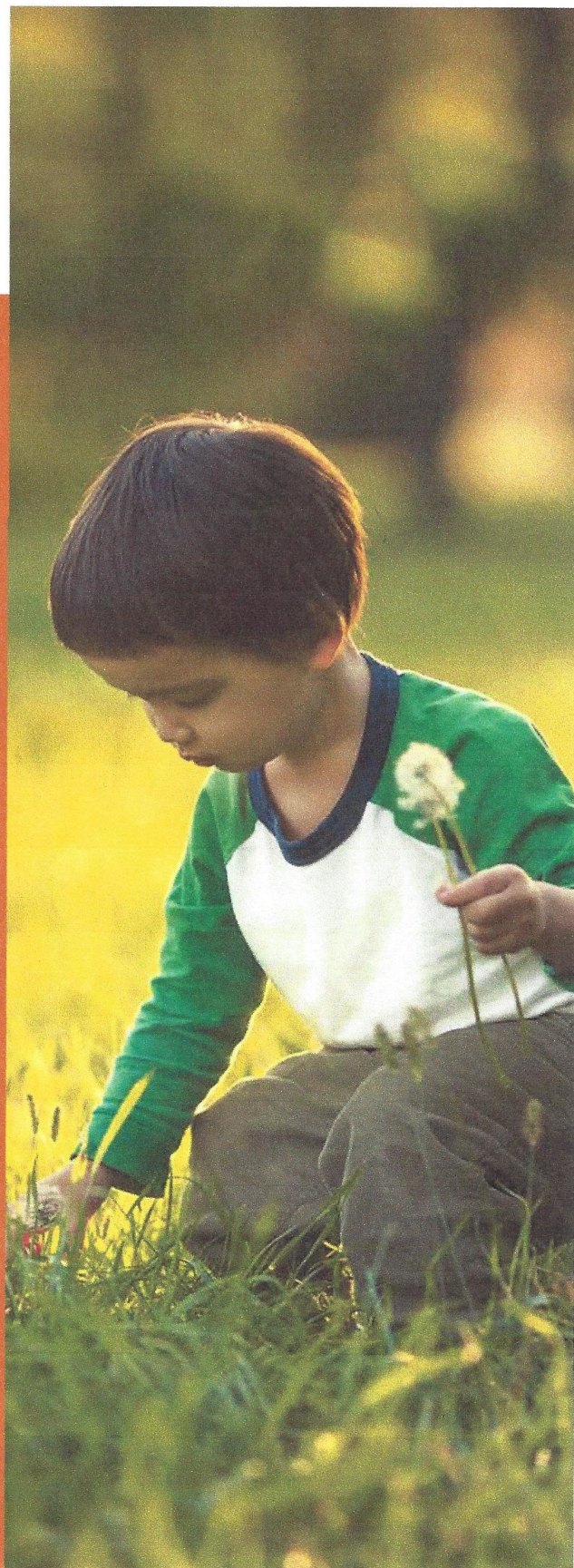
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