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Nevada Chapter



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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*



Springtime also means it is Paralyzed Veterans of America Public Awareness Month.

Nevada PCA has a bunch of event planned for the month of April so call our office to RSVP and join the fun!

April

- 7th Fishing at Lake Mead on pontoon boats—members, family & associate members welcomed
- 14th General Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony—members plus 1 guest and invited guests.
- 21st 6th Annual Walk, Run and Roll 5k/1 mile fun walk/roll—see flyer at the back of the newsletter.
- 26th Open House—Free BBQ and friendly company—11 am—2 pm—Open To All
- 26-29th We will have a booth at the Foodie Fest—Sunset Station

If you or anyone you know would like to have a “day in a chair” event at your place of business, please contact us.

Our **Adopt-A-Vet Program** is going strong and growing. If there are any members who have not signed up and are in need of a week’s worth of food every month, hygiene products or clothing, please contact the office at 702/646-0040 and let’s get you signed up. Your confidentiality is highly respected so please give us a call. We deliver to your home.

Hope you’re having a Beautiful Spring!!!

Adopt-A-Vet March Delivery



Adopt-A-Vet February Delivery



The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



National Director's Report

By Lester Wood

Hi Everyone,

Spring is here and hopefully we will have warmer weather. I have had a month long cold that wouldn't go away. I am looking forward to participating in all upcoming events.

I attended the awards ceremony for the Veteran of the Month honoring John Friscia and Debbie La Rocca as Veteran Supporter of the Month. These two people have always gone over and above the call of duty to help our military family.

We hosted our annual Trap Shoot and saw old friends and made some new ones. We have lots of events planned for April such as fishing, our awards banquet, our Walk, Run and Roll and our Open House. For those of you visiting Vegas in April look up the events on our website or call the office and feel free to join us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7	Fishing Trip @ Lake Mead
April 14	Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet
April 21	Annual Walk, Run & Roll (register at Active.com)
April 26	Open House
April 26-29	Foodie Fest @ Sunset Station

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering to help out at any of our events, please contact the office. We are always looking for committed volunteers.

Sports Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Pistol Shoot and Trap Shoot. Below are the results:

Overall High Score	Doug Vann
High Overall SCI	Ed Hutchison
Doubles	
Division B	Kelly Mitchell
Division D	Leon Bostick
Singles	
Division B	Keith Rheinhardt
Division C	Gary Trenkle
Division D	Bob Butterfield
Yardage	
Long	Fred Schultz
Mid	Dan Mitchell
Short	Kenny Lloyd
Pistol Shoot Winner	Kelly Mitchell

Congratulations to all the winners.



Advocacy/Legislative News

We completed another successful PVA Advocacy and Legislation Seminar. We sent two representatives this year to meet with our Members of Congress and their representatives. This year PVA focused on Protection of Specialized Services. PVA believes that:

- ◆ Congress must provide sufficient funding for the VA to hire additional clinicians, including physicians, nurses, psychologists, social workers and rehabilitation therapists to meet demand for services in the SCI/D system of care.
- ◆ Congressional oversight is needed to ensure that VA is meeting capacity requirements within the recognized specialized systems of care.
- ◆ Congress must ensure veterans who receive care in the community retain current protections unique to VA healthcare under Title 38, particularly including medical malpractice remedies, clinical appeal rights, no-cost accredited representation, and Congressional oversight and public accountability.

Also of great importance to PVA is to Expand Eligibility for the VA Comprehensive Caregiver Program. Currently the program is only available to a veteran seriously injured due to military service on or after September 11, 2001. Congress must eliminate the unjust date of injury requirement and include “service-connected illness” as a criterion for the program. Doing so will give the majority of veterans’ caregivers access to critically needed support services.

- ◆ Congress must pass the bipartisan S. 2193 the “Caring for our Veterans Act,” passed out of the Senate VA Committee in November 2017. This legislation would incrementally expand the caregiver program to veterans seriously injured during and prior to the Vietnam War. After a two-year period the program would be open to all eras.
- ◆ Congress must also pass H.R. 1802 the “CARE for All Veterans Act.” This legislation would expand eligibility to the caregiver program to include veterans of all eras with service-connected illnesses.

Also on the agenda for the legislative seminar were:

- ◆ Air Carrier Access Amendments Act
- ◆ ADA Notification
- ◆ Improve Benefits for Catastrophically Disabled Veterans
- ◆ Automobile Adaptive Equipment
- ◆ Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP)
- ◆ Congress Targets Safety Net Programs

Scholarships

Nevada PVA offers three (3) annual full-time scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. It is open to any student attending a college or university as long as they are a member or a family member of a Nevada PVA member. Deadline for application submission is June 30, 2018 and awards will be made in August in time for the fall semester. The money will be sent directly to the college or university. Please contact the office if you would like a scholarship application package sent to you.

VA MORTGAGE SCAMS: THE EPIDEMIC

By Ian Kenner, National Service Officer

If you have been watching the news lately, you might have noticed there have been a multitude of scams noted in the media. This could be from phishing (email) scams to phone call scams to support the King of Nigeria, Social Security scams, etc.

However, this scam problem has now started to focus on a benefit that we as Veterans served our country for: the VA Home Loan.

Please review the following statement:

“The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Veterans Affairs Department issued a joint “Warning Order” asking service members and veterans with VA loans to beware of “too good to be true” unsolicited offers that could turn out to be financial scams.

Among the types of offers that should set off alarms, according to a [CFPB blog post](#):

- ◆ Lower-than-expected interest rate offers that don’t include specifics regarding term length, rate type (adjustable or fixed), or points.
- ◆ Promises of skipped mortgage payments, a tactic expressly forbidden by the VA for vendors of the [Interest Rate Reduction Refinance Loan](#).
- ◆ Escrow refund promises that appear linked to specific amounts, but may depend on how much money is left in escrow when the loan closes.
- ◆ Aggressive or unusual sales tactics, such as repeated phone calls or offers to refinance almost immediately after closing.
- ◆

[VA home loan](#) recipients who believe they’re being hassled by scammers or think they’ve unknowingly entered into a scam can file a CFPB complaint, or call the bureau at 855-411-2372.”

Going forward, make sure you work with a recognized lender, and if possible, one you can sit across a desk from. This will ensure your time and efforts are not being wasted.

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If interested, contact:

michael@newenglandpva.org



Clothing Allowance

By Patricia Matysiak, Accredited Administrator

The following is the amended Department of Veterans Affairs regulation regarding clothing allowances. The amendment provides for an annual clothing allowance for each qualifying prosthetic or orthopedic appliance worn or used by a veteran for a service-connected disability or disabilities that wears out or tears a single article of the veteran's clothing and for each physician-prescribed medication used by a veteran for a skin condition that is due to a service-connected disability that affects a single outer garment.

The amendment also provides two annual clothing allowance if a veteran wears or uses more than one qualifying prosthetic or orthopedic appliance, physician-prescribed medication for more than one skin condition, or an appliance and a medication for a service-connected disability or disabilities and the appliance(s) or medication(s) together cause a single article of clothing to wear out faster than if affected by a single appliance or medication.

Please notify my office if the above pertains to you. We will get VA form 21-8678 (Clothing Allowance Application) sent to you promptly. Clothing allowance payments are usually paid out the end of August of each year. If you have further questions, please contact my office 702-791-9000 ext. 14458.

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Reason for selling: I have had a lot of fun riding my trike but because of medical reasons it is best that I give up riding.



We wanted to remind our members of this program that was designed to help them get out and about in the community.

Step Outside Program

The Chapter will fund the member and one (1) guest for participation in or attending basketball, soccer, bowling etc., events or will reimburse the member and one (1) guest to attend shows, movies, plays or lunch/dinner, in a sit-down restaurant environment, **not** fast food.

The amount of the funding will be capped at **\$100.00 per quarter, per member.**

In order to have access to these funds, the member must submit receipts and a short review of the event attended, which will be placed in the newsletter. Receipts and the review **must be** submitted within three (3) weeks of having attended the event in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

This program is designed to get our members out an about in a social setting.

ADDEENDUM: You do not need to spend \$100.00 on any one event, the money is \$100.00 **per quarter** so if you pay \$10.00 ten times for movies you still get the funding. However, you must submit the receipt and the **write up** within three weeks of the event. **DO NOT SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS UNTIL YOU ACCUMULATE \$100.00, NEVADA PVA WILL KEEP TRACK OF THE FUNDS.**

Step Outside Program

A good friend and I went to lunch at Klondike. The food was really good, and the amount of food was enough for both of us to take a “doggie box” home.

On another date the same friend and I went to Arizona Charlie’s for lunch, the food was good and we had very good service.

Took my good friend to Olive Garden. I wanted to do something nice for her to let her know that I’m really grateful for all the help she has given me the past couple of months. The food was very good. *William Frankell*

Went to IHOP with a friend, the food was pretty good. *Marc Fenn*

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Larry Freezor	08	Brad J. Whiting	13	Kenneth Armstrong	26
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March

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Main Number: 702-791-9000 **Toll-Free Phone:** 1-888-633-7554 **VA Pharmacy:** 702-791-9076

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

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