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Nevada Chapter



We are so saddened to announce the passing of one of our longstanding members, Tom McNaughton. As one of our early members Tom held several offices during his tenure on the Board of Directors. Even after leaving the board Tom stayed in touch with several members and our office staff and he and his wife participated in events, when his health allowed. He will be greatly missed by all of us here at Nevada PVA. Our condolences go out to his wife, Annette and their family. Rest in peace dear friend, you will be missed.

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President/ED Report

by Dan Kaminski and Julie Johnson



We lost a couple of true friends of our chapter, Mr. Tom McNaughton and Ernie Butler. You both made this world a better place. God Speed Our Friends.

Our chapter would like to thank Mr. Lester Wood for being the National Director for the past few years. This volunteer position comes with a lot of hard work and we appreciate you for all you have done.

We enjoyed another year at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG). Our team did amazing. They participated in bowling, table tennis, power soccer, archery, trap shooting, Boccia ball, cycling and basketball among other events. We may have a small team but we are mighty! We won:

Leon Bostick

Archery—Gold

Trap Shooting—Gold

Table Tennis—Bronze

Dan Kaminski

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Mike Romanowski

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Lester Wood

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National Director's Report

By Lester Wood

We in Las Vegas have entered into the hottest part of the year. I personally am limited to indoor activities because of my MS, but in spite of the heat, our chapter continues to serve its members with great efficiency.

In May I attended my last PVA Convention, accompanied by Chapter President, Dan Kaminski and Executive Director, Julie Johnson. The meeting was held in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting went well but we did have a difficult budget to pass, also by now you probably know that David Zurfluh was re-elected as National President.

I just want to take a moment to thank those chapter members that voted for me to represent them as National Director. It was a pleasure to work with all the National Directors from our chapters around the country. Thanks to all for the tireless work you do to make the PVA the best organization out there.

Thanks to all the caregivers that helped us to do all the things that make us look good. The National Staff in Washington, DC and all the people behind the scenes that make things run smoothly. Special thanks to Ms. Coloyer Brown for taking care of all of us, and to Eddie Cherry for providing great transportation. I have met so many great people while serving as National Director and will always remember them. There are a few of those no longer with us that stand out in my mind, Homer Townsend, David (Puff Daddy) Fowler, Willie Harvey, Ernie Butler and others.

I am leaving with great memories of the time spent helping our military and their families to have a better life. Chapter President, Dan Kaminski will replace me as National Director, many thanks to Dan for returning as National Director. Last but not least I will miss those famous words "Stan Brown: Gateway". (LOL)

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Legislative News

SENATE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HOLDS NOMINATION HEARING FOR ROBERT WILKIE

Robert Wilkie, President Trump's nominee to serve as head of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), testified at his nomination hearing before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. Mr. Wilkie was nominated to the position following a recent stint serving as Acting VA Secretary in the wake of the departure of Dr. David Shulkin.

During the hearing, Democratic Senators pressed Mr. Wilkie on his views concerning privatization of VA health care. Mr. Wilkie consistently stated his opposition to any privatization efforts. He also asserted his intent to be transparent and, if needed, to stand with veterans over the views of the President. Importantly, he also highlighted VA's SCI care on two occasions, noting the importance of VA continuing to provide such specialty care.

The Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee voted on July 10th to send his nomination to the full Senate. Based on support expressed by the committee, it appears that Mr. Wilkie is headed for confirmation. With congressional leaders anxious to have permanent leadership in place at VA as implementation of the VA MISSION Act begins it is likely that a floor vote will take place soon.

HIRING AND RETAINING VETERANS FOR THE MODERN DAY WORKFORCE

The House Veterans' Affairs Economic Opportunity Subcommittee held a hearing titled, "Hiring and Retaining Veterans for the Modern Day Workforce." There was a single panel that included representatives from Hiring Our Heroes, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Walmart; Starbucks; Prudential Financial; and Dell EMC. All panelists agreed that veterans bring a work ethic and leadership skills that are valued by employers. They also agreed that gaps between discharge and the time a service member becomes employed must be identified.

At the hearing, Mr. Matt Kress, Manager, Veterans and Military Affairs, Starbucks, stated that his company has committed to hiring 25,000 veterans and spouses by 2025. Mr. Robert Douthit, Senior Director, Dell EMC, emphasized that his company has a long history of identifying with and working with the military and will continue to do so by focusing on employing veterans and their spouses. It was also noted by panelists that some corporations actually have a difficult time finding qualified veterans for specific leadership positions.

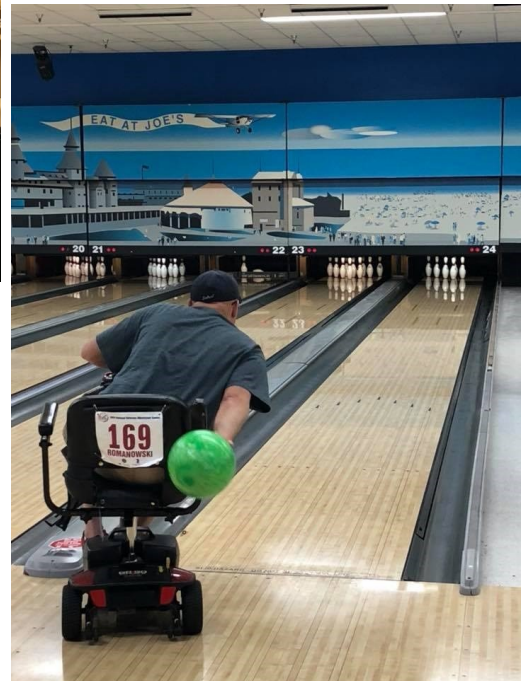
Chairman Jodey Arrington (R-TX) requested that panelists review H.R. 5649 and provide the committee with feedback on how to improve its provisions. This legislation would make improvements to facilitate separating service members' transition. PVA submitted a statement in May in support of the legislation.

For more legislative news go to our website www.nevadapva.org, under About Us then under Newsletters you will find our Washington Updates.

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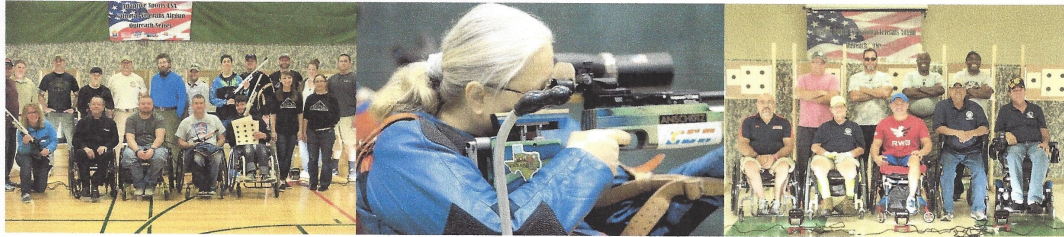
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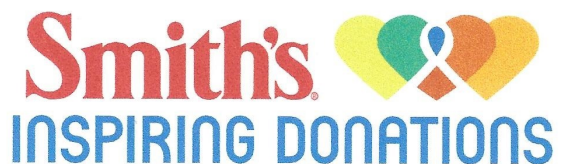
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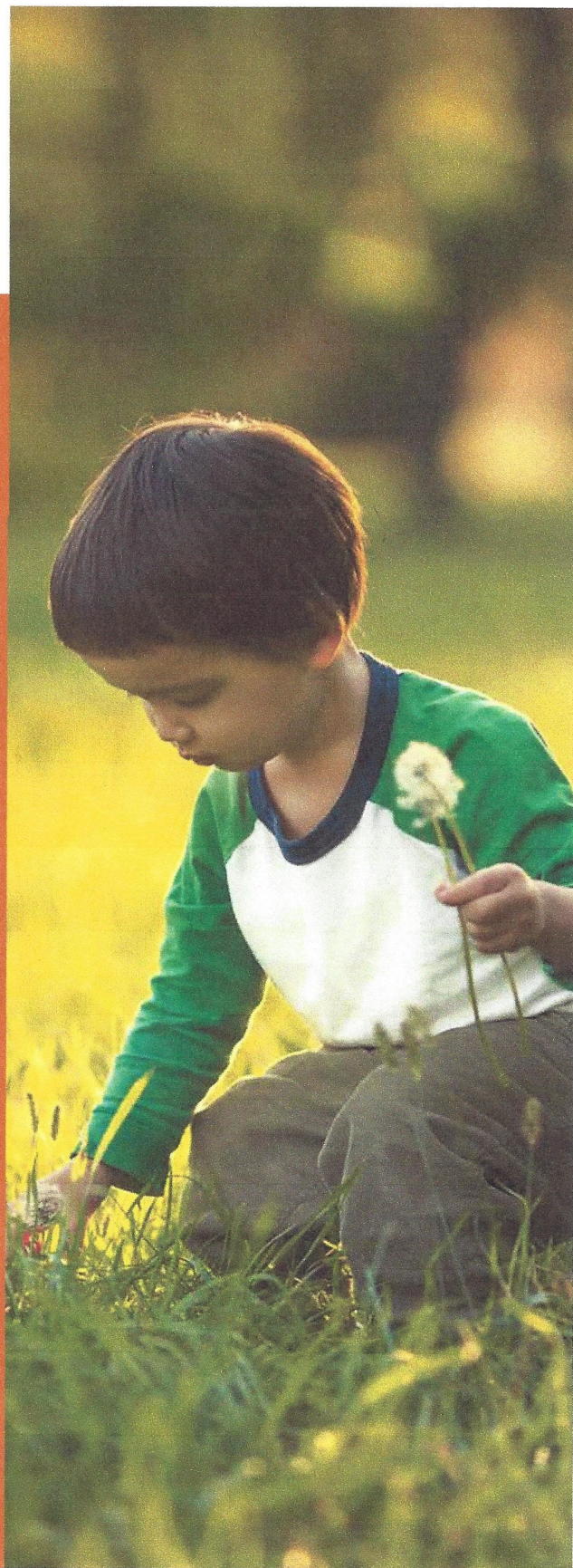
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