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# Paralyzed Veterans of America

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## Nevada Chapter



**Paralyzed Veterans of Nevada, 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.

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**Veterans Transportation Service (VTS)**

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*



We hope everyone is enjoying the New Year!

Last year we had another successful Christmas party for our members and chapter friends.

The Paralympic kids party was very successful and we thank all those who joined us. A huge thanks to Help of Southern Nevada and the Chet Buchanan toy drive. We gave away 25 bikes and tons of toys. We were also able to feed a spaghetti dinner to 125 people in attendance that evening. This event consists of many special needs children, their siblings, family members, caretakers and staff. We also sent food packages home with a dozen low income families.

We will be very busy this year and we hope you all can come out and take part in our events. April is Public Awareness Month for Paralyzed Veterans of America. Make sure to check out our calendar of events below.

If you are interested in any or all of the above, give us a call at 702/646-0040.

We are happy to announce we sponsored the Yuccas wheelchair basketball team once again and you can see them play at UNLV, check the schedule below.

The Adopt-A-Vet program has been very successful and we were able to bring basic needs such as food and hygiene products to disabled veterans homes. If you are in need of these items, please give us a call so we can arrange a delivery to your home. At this time we are only covering the Southern Nevada area but if you are in Northern Nevada and are in need please give us a call.

Elections—we want to thank everyone who sent back your election ballots. The results will be revealed at our Awards Banquet in April

Volunteer work—we are always looking for volunteers to help us once a month with our food pantry and for various upcoming events.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 17-18	Yucca's Basketball Tournament
March 10-11	Yucca's Basketball Tournament
March 16	Nevada PVA Pistol Shoot
March 17-18	Nevada PVA Trap Shoot
April 7	Fishing Trip @ Lake Mead
April 14	Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet
April 21	Annual Walk, Run & Roll (register at Active.com)
April 27	Open House

## Advocacy/Legislative News

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced that 100 percent of its more than 1,000 medical facilities across the country now offer same-day services for urgent primary and mental health-care needs.

Same-day services means a Veteran with an urgent need for primary care and mental health-care receives services that may include: a face-to-face visit with a clinician; advice provided during a call with a nurse; a telehealth or video care visit; an appointment made with a specialist; or a prescription filled the same day, depending upon what best meets the needs of the Veteran.

In addition to offering same-day services, VA has reduced patient wait times. VA also implemented a new process to ensure timely follow-up appointments for time-sensitive medical needs. More than 100,000 such appointments have been completed.

In 2017, Veterans completed over 57.5 million appointments and VA clinicians saw almost 6 million patients.

In more news:

With the statement that *“We must ensure that our veterans are given the care and support they so richly deserve. That is our unwavering commitment to those who served under the flag of the United States,”* President Donald J. Trump signed a new Executive Order to ensure veterans have the resources they need as they transition back to civilian life.

There is significant concerns that veterans in their first year after service are particularly vulnerable to mental health risks but often do not receive adequate care. Most veterans’ experience in uniform increases their resilience and broadens the skills they bring to the civilian workforce. Unfortunately, in some cases within the first year following transition, some veterans can have difficulties reintegrating into normal life after their military experiences and some tragically take their own lives. Only 50 percent of returning service members who need mental health treatment seek it, and only about half of those who receive treatment receive adequate care, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Perhaps more concerning, the suicide rate among veterans in the first year after their service is twice the average among veterans. Veterans 3 to 12 months out of military service are 3 times more likely to commit suicide than their active duty compatriots, while those up to 3 months out of service were 2.5 times as likely, according to a study from the Naval Postgraduate School. Approximately 18.5 percent of veterans returning from Iraq or Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or depression.

President Trump and Secretary Shulkin have announced four important initiatives to expand healthcare access for our veterans through technological innovation.

- An expansion of the VA’s “Anywhere to Anywhere” healthcare, which allows VA providers to use telehealth technology to remotely treat veterans regardless of geographic location.
- A greater adoption of VA Video Connect, an application for mobile phones and computers, which directly connects veterans and healthcare providers from anywhere in the country.
- At over 100 VA sites across the nation, a rollout of the new Online Scheduling Tool, which enables veterans to schedule appointments from their mobile devices or computers.
- A launch of the VA’s “Access and Quality Tool,” which allows veterans to view online both wait times at VA locations and important quality-of-care data.

“Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him.” *Booker T. Washington*



## Sports Report

*by Marc Fenn, Sports Director*

Had our first annual Boccia Tournament and had a great time. Thanks to all who participated. We also hosted our first Yucca's basketball tournament of the year. Here's wishing them a great year!



## Step Outside Program

My wife, daughter, mother-in-law and I all went to see KA at the MGM. It's a show that we've wanted to see since we moved to Las Vegas. We had a wonderful evening and we are eternally grateful for the PVA and especially this program. *Mike Romanowski*

# SAVE THE DATE....COMING SOON



## 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.

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## Specialty Adapted Housing Update for 2018

*By Ian Kenner, National Service Officer*

Here we are, another year down and another year kicking off. With this in mind, this is a time to update on the specially adapted housing (SAH) grant for our service connected Veterans. This grant is now increased to \$81,080 for 2018. To qualify, please see the chart below:

### Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant

Eligibility	Living Situation	Ownership	Number of Grants You Can Use
Loss of or loss of use of both legs, <b>OR</b> Loss of or loss of use of both arms, <b>OR</b> Blindness in both eyes having only light perception, plus loss of or loss of use of one leg, <b>OR</b> The loss of or loss of use of one lower leg together with residuals of organic disease or injury, <b>OR</b> The loss of or loss of use of one leg together with the loss of or loss of use of one arm, <b>OR</b> Certain severe burns, <b>OR</b> The loss, or loss of use of one or more lower extremities due to service on or after September 11, 2001, which so affects the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude ambulating without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair *	Permanent	Home is owned by an eligible individual	Maximum of 3 grants, up to the maximum dollar amount allowable

If you need more information or have questions? Contact a Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) staff member via email at [sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov) or by phone at (877) 827-3702. They should be able to guide you through the eligibility process, what conditions need to be in place, etc. Of course, feel free to contact my office if you have questions and concerns in this regard as well.

All information courtesy of <https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>

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## Paralympic Kids Christmas Party





## PVA Christmas Party





### February

Melinda G. Brooks	01	James Troy	08	David M. Schneider	19
Randall C. McKee	03	Arnold R. Aldana	11	Armando Guajardo, Sr.	22
Byron K. Bonaparte	04	Anita Lawson-McGlynn	11	Samuel Owens, Jr.	23
Christopher D. Wood	04	Michael C. McDonald	11	Lowell H. Higley	24
Eric W. Cagle	06	Christine Hoeung	13	Jamie Anderson-Perelman	24
Jennie Vogler	07	William C. Frankell	15	Michael F. Schultz	26
Randall R. Schwartz	07	Cheryl A. Yorkey	16	Jerry L. Myles, Jr.	28
Billy R. Andre	08	Darwin E. Holmes	17		

### March

Ben F. Keechler	04	Michael R. Romanowski	17	Alan K. Marsh	24
Robert (Wes) Jensen	05	Jose L Gonzalez	19	Patricia A. Matysiak	25
William D. Burns	13	Josephine B. Owens	19	Thayer H. Hurd, Jr.	26
Jerry D. Bench	13	Darwin X. Newland	20	Laverne Wood	27
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## Paralyzed Veterans of America

### ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM

**Arizona Air Rifle/Archery  
& Boccia Tournament\***  
Sept. 6-8, 2017  
Phoenix, AZ

**West Virginia Air Rifle  
& Boccia\***  
Oct. 28-29, 2017  
Martinsburg, WV

**Cal-Diego Air Rifle Tournament**  
Jan. 22-23, 2018  
San Diego, CA

**Mid-Atlantic  
Air Rifle Tournament**  
March 7-8, 2018  
Richmond, VA

**Wisconsin Air Rifle Tournament**  
March 23-25, 2018  
Milwaukee, WI

**Buckeye Air Rifle Tournament**  
April 21-22, 2018  
Geneva, OH

**KY-IN Air Rifle &  
Boccia Tournament\***  
Date - TBD  
Louisville, KY

*\*indicates combined events*

### PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

**Wisconsin Shooting  
Sports Tournament  
& Pistol Tournament**  
Aug. 4-6, 2017  
**Pistol & Rifle Tournament -  
Aug. 4**  
Green Bay, WI

**North Central Shooting  
Sports Tournament**  
Sept. 8-10, 2017  
**Pistol Tournament - Sept. 8**  
Sioux Falls, SD

**Keystone Shooting  
Sports Tournament**  
Sept. 22-24, 2017  
**Pistol Tournament - Sept. 22**  
Clairton, PA

**Arizona Shooting  
Sports Tournament**  
Nov. 3-5, 2017  
**Pistol Tournament - Nov. 3**  
Phoenix, AZ

**Mid-Atlantic Shooting  
Sports Tournament**  
Nov. 10-12, 2017  
Charles City, VA

**Florida Gulf Coast  
Shooting Sports  
Tournament**  
March 1-3, 2018  
Odessa, FL

**Nevada Shooting  
Sports Tournament**  
March 16-18, 2018  
**Pistol Tournament - March 16**  
Las Vegas, NV

**Cal-Diego Shooting  
Sports Tournament  
& Cal-Diego Air Rifle/Pistol**  
March 23-25, 2018  
**Pistol & Rifle Tournament -  
March 23**  
Redlands, CA

**Vaughan Shooting  
Sports Tournament**  
April 20-22, 2018  
Edwardsville, IL

**Minnesota Shooting  
Sports Tournament**  
May 18-20, 2018  
Minneapolis, MN

**Lone Star Shooting  
Sports Tournament**  
June 22-24, 2018  
Waxahachie, TX

**Iowa Shooting  
Sports Tournament  
& Pistol Tournament**  
June 15-17, 2018  
**Pistol Event - June 15, 2018**  
Cedar Rapids, IA

### PARALYZED VETERANS BASS TOUR

**Mid-America  
Bass Tournament**  
Sept. 22-24, 2017  
Eufaula, OK

**Lone Star Bass Tournament**  
Sept. 29—Oct. 1, 2017  
Garland, TX

**Southeastern  
Bass Tournament**  
Oct. 13-15, 2017  
Evans, GA

**Vaughan Bass Tournament**  
Oct. 27-29, 2017  
Mt. Vernon, IL

**Florida Gulf Coast  
Bass Tournament**  
March 30-April 1, 2018  
Kissimmee, FL

**KY-IN Bass Tournament**  
May 4-6, 2018  
Gilbertsville, KY

**National Bass Tournament**  
June 1-3, 2018  
Marbury, MD

**Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament**  
June 8-10, 2018  
Richmond, VA

### ANNUAL PARALYZED VETERANS/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

**Mid-Atlantic  
Billiards Tournament**  
Sept. 15-17, 2017  
Virginia Beach, VA

**Mid-South Billiards  
Tournament**  
Oct. 13-14, 2017  
Memphis, TN

**Mid-Atlantic  
Billiards Tournament**  
March 23-25, 2018  
Midlothian, VA

**Mid-America  
Billiards Tournament**  
April 20-22, 2018  
Oklahoma City, OK

**Mountain States  
Billiards Tournament**  
May 4-5, 2018  
Fountain, CO

**Buckeye  
Billiards Tournament\*\***  
June 22-23, 2018  
Wickliffe, OH

*\*\*non-sanctioned events*

### ANNUAL PARALYZED VETERANS/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

**Great Plains  
Bowling Tournament**  
July 6-9, 2017  
Council Bluffs, IA

**Mountain States  
Bowling Tournament**  
Aug. 24-27, 2017  
Colorado Springs, CO

**Mid-Atlantic  
Bowling Tournament**  
Sept. 22-24, 2017  
Glen Allen, VA

**Nevada Bowling Tournament**  
Nov. 30-December 3, 2017  
Las Vegas, NV

**Florida Gulf Coast  
Bowling Tournament**  
Feb. 23-25, 2018  
Tampa, FL

**Mid-America  
Bowling Tournament**  
March 29-April 1, 2018  
Shawnee, OK

**Vaughan Bowling Tournament**  
May 3-6, 2018  
Romeoville, IL

### BOCCIA

**Nevada Boccia Tournament**  
Jan. 26-27, 2018  
Las Vegas, NV

**Cal-Diego Boccia Tournament**  
Feb. 20-21, 2018  
San Diego, CA

### PARALYZED VETERANS RACING

**Off-Road Handcycling  
Championships**  
Aug. 18-20, 2017  
Crested Butte, CO

**Pensacola Cycling**  
Sept. 16-17, 2017  
Pensacola, FL

**Air Force Marathon**  
Sept. 16, 2017  
Dayton, OH

**Pocahontas State Park  
Off-Road Ride**  
Sept. 30, 2017  
Richmond, VA

### 38TH NVWG

July 30-Aug. 4, 2018  
Orlando, FL

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