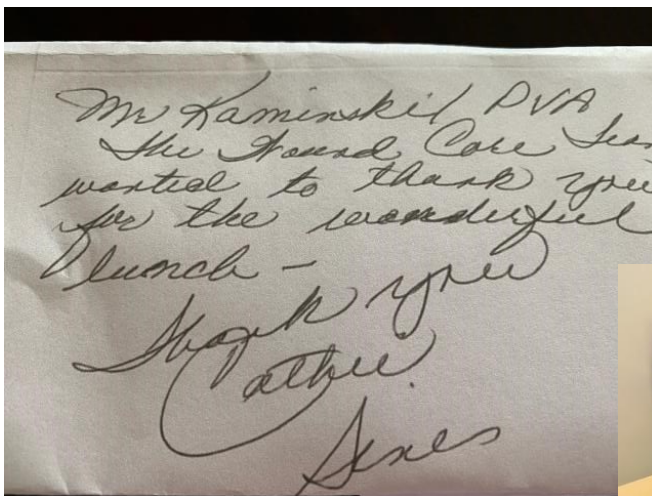




# Paralyzed Veterans of America

## 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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## **President/Executive Director Report** *by Dan Kaminski and Julie Johnson*



We hope everyone has been staying safe and healthy since this pandemic began. With the precautions still in place, I believe this will be the normal for quite some time for everyone. With that said, Chapter staff had been working from home and individually coming into the office periodically. We have now opened the office working from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, however, we are closed to all foot traffic for the time being.

Our board members have been trying to call all of our members to do a buddy check. If we were unable to contact you please reach out to us and let us know if you are having any issues or are in need of groceries. Our Adopt-A-Vet program has been up and running throughout the pandemic and we will continue to make sure veterans in need are receiving basic needs.

All of our events have been cancelled for 2020. National PVA has a variety of virtual classes and events going so please check our website calendar or go to [pva.org](http://pva.org) for more information.

The VA is taking appointments but no walk-ins except for the ER. The VA is also stocking up on PPE and increasing antibody test on staff and veterans. There are still no routine visitors allowed until a vaccine is available. End of life veterans will be allowed one visitor and the rest will can visit through video chat. KT, PT, etc., will remain virtual only until Phase 3. The Women's bldg. will begin building the first of the year.

The Governor has mandated wearing masks in public except for those with medical issues. Stay safe and let us know if we can help you.

### **National Director's Report** *by: Dan Kaminski, National Director*

The National PVA annual convention was held online over three days in the last week of May. It was attended by Julie Johnson and myself. This was the first time this meeting was not face to face. We used Zoom videoconferencing and it went really well.

The current budget has been extended until December. There is a Fall PVA Board meeting this October in Orlando, however due to the pandemic this might be cancelled as well and back to Zoom we go. One of the main discussions was the low performance of the stock market and national PVA's investments; this could lead to cutback's, including the chapter monthly grant.

All of national PVA officers were reelected for FY 2021. Congrats and thank you all for doing such a great job during difficult times.

## National Service Officer Report

*by Jason McDonald*

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone doing well and staying as healthy as you can during this ongoing pandemic. As we are slowly moving back to “normal” life. Throughout this pandemic the Department of Veteran’s Affairs reported that over 12,000 plus Veterans have tested positive for COVID 19 with over 1000 Veterans passing from it since March.

As of May 18, 2020, VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System in Las Vegas is 1 of 20 Veteran Healthcare facilities nationwide beginning a phased in approach to reopening. By the time all of you are reading this we should be well on the way into this phased in approach to returning to “full spectrum of care.” VA Sierra

Nevada Healthcare System in Reno will also begin a phase in approach beginning tentatively in June. If you are having any issues do not hesitate to contact the NSO Office so we can see what we can do to assist you.

Finally, the Las Vegas National Service Office is being manned by Jason McDonald in our Reno National Service Office at 775-321-4789 or email [jasonm@pva.org](mailto:jasonm@pva.org) for assistance with all matters.

**NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev.** – As part of reintroducing in-person care, which was curtailed due to the coronavirus, the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System is resuming lab and imaging services at its community VA clinics in the Las Vegas valley.

Labs at the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest VA clinics reopened June 17. Veteran patients may visit one of these locations between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for a scheduled lab draw. Veterans may also continue to access the lab at the North Las Vegas VA Medical from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Laboratory services at the Pahrump VA Clinic and MCPO Jesse Dean VA Clinic in Laughlin will continue to be available by appointment only.

“Due to the need for physical distancing and limited seating due to COVID-19, we are recommending that Veterans who do not have to fast for their lab draws visit us in the afternoons to avoid delays and extended wait times,” said Karen Abrams, VASNHS’ lab manager.

To improve customer service and minimize wait times for Veterans, VASNHS will also be implementing a direct scheduling option for lab draws in the near future.

Effective June 22, on-site imaging will resume at VA clinics in the Las Vegas valley. Veterans may visit the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast or Southwest VA clinics between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for general X-ray services. General X-ray services will also continue via walk-in visits from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily (excluding holidays) at the North Las Vegas VA Medical Center. All other advanced imaging services are available by appointment only. No imaging services are available at the Pahrump or MCPO Jesse Dean VA clinics.

“We are happy to re-introduce imaging services at our community VA clinics,” said Dr. Melissa Palmer, VASNHS’ chief of Radiology. “The only exception is that we will not be able to see patients who are COVID-19 positive or suspected of having COVID-19 at our community clinics. Those individuals will need to access imaging services at the VA medical center.”

As one of the first sites nationally to return to in-person care, the expansion of lab and imaging services are the latest actions in a phased approach to reintroduce care while ensuring a safe environment.

“The safety of Veterans and staff is our highest priority as we continue to expand in-person health care and services for the foreseeable future,” said William J. Caron, VASNHS director and chief executive officer. “While we are now offering more face-to-face appointments, we also continue to maximize personalized virtual care options like telehealth, phone consults and VA Video Connect, as we know these services have been a valuable link to our Veterans during this challenging time.”

To ensure the safety of Veterans and staff, patients coming to a VASNHS facility for an appointment should be aware of the following changes:

- Veterans should arrive at facility screening areas no earlier than 15 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment time. If Veterans arrive sooner, they will be asked to wait in their vehicle.
- A no visitor policy is still in effect, meaning the additional visitors will not be permitted to accompany a Veteran to an outpatient appointment unless they are directly assisting or caring for the Veteran during his or her time in the clinic. Additionally, no children under 18 are currently allowed in VASNHS facilities.
- Anyone entering VASNHS facilities will be screened. Screening includes answering some health-related questions and taking each person’s temperature. If it is determined an individual is experiencing a health issue that needs to be addressed immediately, they will be escorted to another location for further evaluation.
- Veterans, staff and any approved visitors are required to wear a mask or other face covering while in VASNHS facilities.
- Veterans and approved visitors are asked to practice physical distancing in all interactions within VASNHS facilities. Waiting areas have been reconfigured with fewer chairs spaced further apart to support distancing practices in compliance with CDC guidelines.



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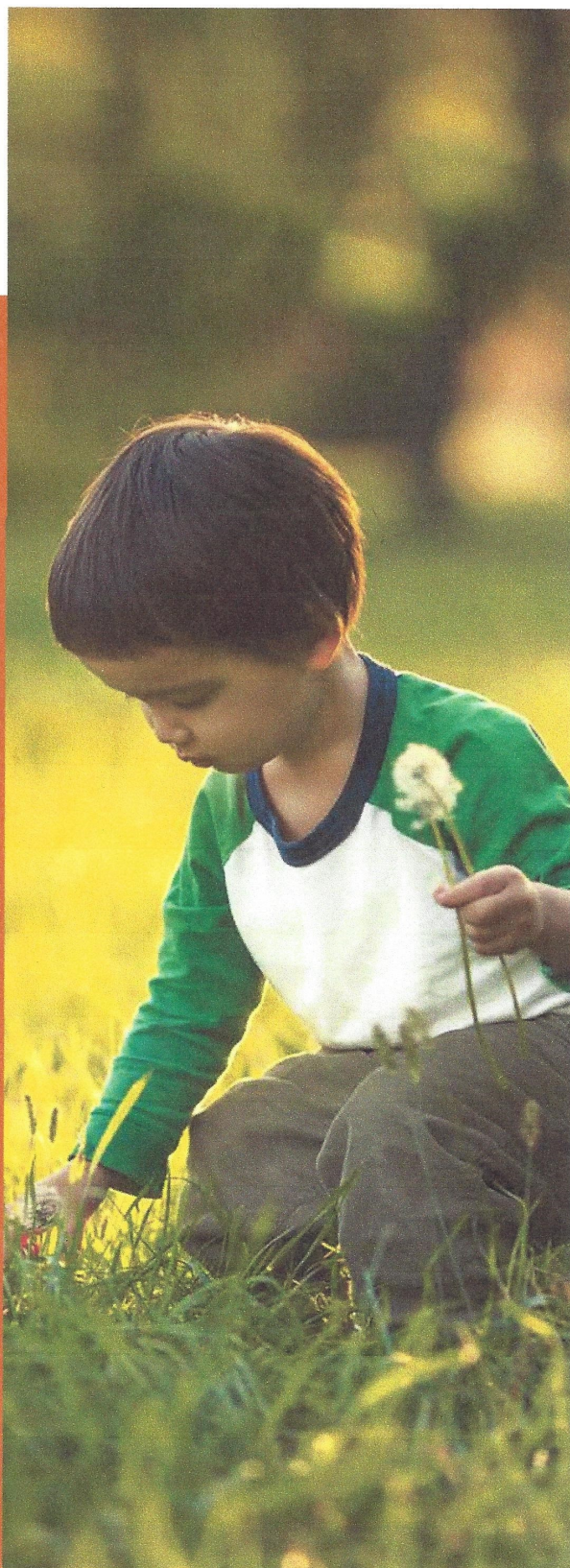
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