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Elections

It's once again time to start thinking about elections. We are approaching the time for electing a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) members of the Board of Directors for our chapter.

Please get involved and run for office. If you would like to run, please submit your biography to our office, along with a letter of intent advising us of which position you are interested in running for. We will be publishing biographies of all members interested in running for office in our November/December newsletter. Bio's will be due **no later than** October 1, 2021. Ballots will be sent out in December and due back to our office **no later than** January 15th, 2022.

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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.



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



Paralyzed Veterans of America is celebrating its 75th anniversary and the celebration kicked off in Las Vegas. Our chapter hosted the annual convention and first big gathering since Covid. We had 165 attendees who discussed the future and the PVA mission and made several resolutions that will help to improve the quality of life for our members, veterans, and the disabled community. (see below for resolutions)

The conference took place at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Downtown Las Vegas. The hotel staff was very kind and treated us well. The entertainment on Fremont Street was unique.

Just a reminder the VA is open but face masks are still mandatory.

The Wellness Group is going strong but still virtual. This is a SCI/D peer support group that meets every Monday. If you would like more information on this please email us at pvanevada@gmail.com or contact the office 702-646-0040. We attended the Veterans Expo at the Galleria Mall. It was really nice seeing all of our fellow veteran service organizations and we made some new contacts.

Save the date September 18, 2021 for our annual membership meeting and awards banquet.

Adopt-A-Vet Program – PLEASE – if any of our members are in need of groceries and hygiene kits please contact the office or email pvanevada@gmail.com and we will immediately get you these basic needs.

During May's Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) 75th Annual Convention in Las Vegas, the PVA Board of Directors (BOD) passed the following resolutions:. Unless otherwise specified, all resolutions were submitted by the PVA Executive Committee.

21-M-1 Future Requirement to Change PVA Logo

This resolution amended the PVA bylaws to require a three-fourths vote of the national BOD to change the PVA logo.

21-M-2 Rules of Order for BOD Meetings via Video Conference

This resolution created special rules to facilitate a smoother process for meetings being held by video conferencing.

21-M-3 Anita Bloom Women Veterans Health Committee Refined Name and Committee Description

This resolution changed the committee name to the Anita Bloom Women Veterans Committee and revised its function.

21-M-6(S) PVA Operating Reserve Fund

This resolution changed the name of the PVA Reserve to the PVA Operating Reserve Fund and made changes to its function and parameters.

21-M-7 Processing Publicly Traded Securities

This resolution creates a policy for processing publicly traded securities when they are donated to PVA.

21-M-8 Reconstituting PVA Main Investment Reserve

This resolution made changes to PVA's investment policies.

21-M-9 Eliminating Disaster Relief Verbiage

This resolution made changes to how PVA will handle disaster relief needs.

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21-M-10 PVA Research Foundation Account

This resolution set up an investment management process for PVA Research Foundation designated funds.

21-M-11 Chapter Grant and Chapter Program Expenses

Submitted by: PVA Gateway Chapter

This resolution made changes to PVA's Chapter Grant program, which provides chapters with financial assistance.

21-M-12 Chapter Accumulation of Net Assets

Submitted by: PVA Gateway Chapter

This resolution established parameters for considering chapter assets when providing financial assistance for program operations.

21-M-13(S) Peer Mentoring Program to Replace CHL

This resolution replaced the Chapter Hospital Liaison program with a peer mentoring program.

21-M-14 Advocacy/Legislation Policy

Submitted by: PVA Gateway Chapter

This resolution made changes to the attendance policy and funding for chapter attendees at PVA's Advocacy/Legislation Seminar.

21-M-15 VA's Attendant Care While an Inpatient

Submitted by: PVA Central Florida Chapter

This resolution requires PVA to advocate for the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue providing reimbursement for attendant care while in an inpatient facility.

National Service Officer Report *by Jason McDonald*

The following is an excerpt from US Department of Veteran's Affairs News Release dated May 24, 2021

Particulate Matter Exposures

The secretary recently concluded the first iteration of a newly formed internal VA process to review scientific evidence to support rulemaking, resulting in the recommendation to consider creation of new presumptions of service connection for respiratory conditions based on VA's evaluation of a National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine report and other evidence. VA's review supports initiation of rulemaking to address the role that particulate matter pollution plays in generating chronic respiratory conditions, which may include asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis, for Veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War and/or after September 19, 2001, or in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War.

"VA is establishing a holistic approach to determining toxic exposure presumption going forward. We are moving out smartly in initiating action to consider these and other potential new presumptions, grounded in science and in keeping with my authority as Secretary of VA," said McDonough.

VA is initiating rulemaking to consider adding respiratory conditions, which may include asthma, sinusitis, and rhinitis, to the list of chronic disabilities, based on an association with military service in Southwest Asia, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the covered periods of conflict. VA will conduct broad outreach efforts to reach impacted Veterans and encourages them to participate in the rulemaking process.

For more information, visit the website at Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures - Public Health (va.gov).

If you have questions send queries to VAPublicAffairs@va.gov.

VA Annual Clothing Allowance

The annual clothing allowance is paid once a year, typically at the end of August. Clothing allowance is available to any Veteran who is service connected for a disability for which he/she uses prosthetic or orthopedic appliance and or prescription medication that damages clothing. Please note that the most common devices are manual wheelchairs and AFO's. Power wheelchairs are not included. If you have any question about the clothing allowance application please contact me at 775-321-4789. The forms must be submitted no later than July 30, 2021.



July

<i>Bill Sharkey</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>William Taylor</i>	<i>05</i>
<i>Mary Cunningham-Irwin</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>James Feinberger</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Richard Squires</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>L.F. Curtis</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Patricia Lechuga</i>	<i>03</i>
<i>Hincher Linville</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Yokiko Knowlton</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Kenneth Johnson</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Angela Longboat</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>James Dickson</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Jeanenne Hubbard-Dunbar</i>	<i>05</i>
<i>Anthony Del Fante</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Mariza Shaffa</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Ashley Varndell</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Merle Delong</i>	<i>19</i>

“Build your own dreams, or someone else will hire you to build theirs.” *Farrah Gray*

August

<i>Robert Butterfield</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Lyndon Ruddie</i>	<i>06</i>
<i>Timothy Manchego</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Daniel Kaminski</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Lester Wood</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Michael Stern</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Yusuf Ali</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Fletcher Hantke</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Joe Ybanez</i>	<i>04</i>
<i>Edward Loesch</i>	<i>02</i>
<i>Brandon Jones</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>John Lowther</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Marci Piccirilli</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>David Fivecoats</i>	<i>08</i>
<i>James Hoban</i>	<i>09</i>
<i>Susumu Arishita</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Paige Livingston</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Maxwell Horikawa</i>	<i>29</i>

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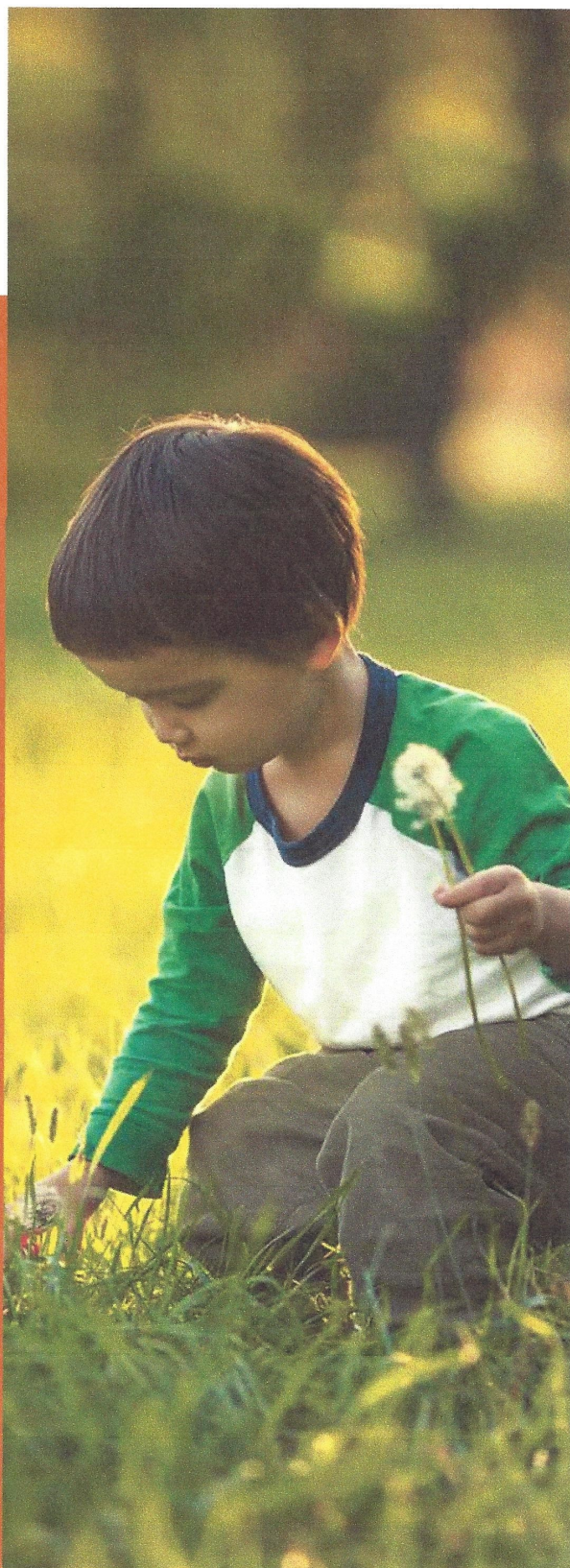
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