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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



Spring was filled with so many exciting events. We held our annual trapshoot and pistol shoot in March. Paralyzed Veterans of America Public Awareness Month is the month of April and we had our annual general membership and awards banquet, 5k walk, run & roll and open house. In May we had a fishing trip on Lake Mead, it was such a beautiful day.

Summertime is upon us and those looking to take part in events in Northern Nevada please contact April Wolfe with the City of Reno or the VA Rec Therapists. For those in Las Vegas we try to stay cool and do indoor sports such as air guns and bowling so if you are interested let us know.

Adopt-A-Vet Program – This program is for our veterans so if you are in need of food, hygiene products and clothing please email us at pvanevada@gmail.com or call us at 702-646-0040. We deliver to your home or you can pick up from our office. We value your privacy and everything is confidential. We are here for you!! I attended the Commanders meeting to discuss normal VA operations. The VA of Southern Nevada received 1.2 million phone calls last fiscal year. The clinics and hospital is receiving between 25 and 30 thousand appointments each month. The numbers are still growing at 3% per year.

Valet at the hospital is now available at the East, West and Emergency entrances.

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Sports Report

Our 6th Annual Walk, Run & Roll was held April 21st at Wayne Bunker Park. Once again The Grand Canyon Tour Company was the major sponsor of this event. As in past years the LVMPD Corrections Academy came out to support our chapter. It is always awe inspiring to see them running in formation.

Congratulations to Sam Luke our overall male winner and Sachi Navita, overall female winner.

Thank you to all the sponsors, participants and volunteers who helped make this annual event a success. See you next year!



“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” *Maya Angelou*

To My PVA Family:

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your thoughts, and lovely get well cards and all your prayers during my illness.

When you are going through hard times, it's so comforting to know that you have an awesome family that has your back.

I am feeling better finally, and hope to see you very soon.

Thanks again for all the well wishes and prayers.

LaVerne Wood



**Pictures from our General Membership Meeting
and our
Open House**



VA Infertility Services: Evaluation, Treatment & Adoption Reimbursement

By Ian Kenner, National Service Officer

Our nation's Veterans bravely serve our country knowing they may return as civilians with service-connected disabilities. However, in deciding to join the military they probably did not consider they might have to sacrifice parenthood. Good news. If you are a Veteran with service-connected infertility, you may be eligible for treatment. VA regulations were amended to offer in vitro fertilization (IVF) evaluation and treatment to Veterans with service-connected conditions that resulted in infertility, as well as to their spouses. This is a long-awaited benefit for many Veteran couples.

VA also provides infertility evaluation, management, and treatment services to all Veterans who are enrolled and eligible for VA health care, regardless of service-connection. Infertility care is available either at your local VA medical facility or through referral to health care providers in your community. For more information, check out the VA Infertility Brochure. Veterans interested in infertility services should contact their VA health care provider. Veterans can also contact their local VA Women Veteran Program Manager for more information about infertility services.

VA now provides reimbursement of qualifying adoption expenses incurred by Veterans with a service-connected disability that results in infertility. Covered Veterans may request reimbursement for qualifying adoption expenses incurred for adoption finalized after September 29, 2016. More information can be found on the Federal Register. For more information on IVF treatment please visit VHA Office of Community Care. [Source: VAntage Point | April 25, 2018 ++]

Federal Register:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/03/05/2018-04245/reimbursement-of-qualifying-adoption-expenses-for-certain-veterans>

VHA Office of Community Care:

<https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/ivf.asp>

Step Outside Program

Thank you Nevada PVA for having such an incredible program to help all members get out into the community to enjoy themselves with family and friends. I very much enjoyed myself having dinner with friends at Amlee, in my opinion, the best Chinese restaurant in Las Vegas. I also enjoyed my time at the Outback Steakhouse. *Dan Kaminski*

I ran into an old friend who has moved back to town., We went to Marie Callenders. Since she has a lot of food allergies she only had a large serving of vegetables and water. We spent about an hour catching up. If it wasn't for this program I couldn't have done this.

I got a new fishing license. I really enjoy fishing, it's one of the few things I still can do in a wheelchair. Thank you Nevada PVA. *William Frankell*

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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