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Nevada Chapter



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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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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/ED Report

by Dan Kaminski and Julie Johnson



A huge thank you to Peggy Kearns for your 36 years of service to the Veterans Administration and all your hard work and dedication to the veterans of Southern Nevada. Congratulations on your retirement and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Welcome back Mr. Bill Carron, this time in the position as the new Southern Nevada VA Director.

Our annual fishing trip was once again a success, we had four boats filled with amazing people on a beautiful day on Lake Mead.

Welcome Mr. Mike Romanowski as our newest Board Member..

Our Nevada PVA team is looking forward to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Louisville this year. We WILL be bringing home some medals so stay tuned!

Summertime is here folks, please don't forget to stay hydrated. Water...Water...Water is your friend!

As always, anyone needing help or if you have any ideas on how we can improve our services, please give us a call or email us.



Peggy Kearns, Director, Southern Nevada VAMC. Thank you for your years' of service to the Veteran community. Good luck in your retirement.



Our newest Director, Mike Romanowski, being sworn in.

If you are a federal government employee or your employer offers a charitable giving campaign through United Way, you can help us continue the programs and services we offer to our members, veterans and other individuals with disabilities.

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Step Outside Program

Just wanted to take a few minutes to remind our members of this program. This is a great opportunity for you to get out and about in the community. This has been an ongoing program since 2008. We are very proud that we have been able to offer this for the past few years.

PROGRAM:

The Chapter will fund the member and one (1) guest for participation in or attending Basketball, Soccer, Bowling etc., events or will reimburse the member and one (1) guest to attend shows, movies, plays and lunch or dinner, in a sit-down “full service” restaurant.

The amount of the funding will be capped at **\$100.00 per quarter, per member.**

In order to have access to these funds, the member must submit receipts and a short review of the event attended, which will be placed in the newsletter. Receipts and the review **must be** submitted within three (3) weeks of having attended the event in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

This program is designed to get our members out and about in a social setting.

You do not need to spend \$100.00 on any one event, the money is \$100.00 **per quarter** so if you pay \$10.00 ten times for movies you still get the funding. However, you must submit the receipt and the **write up** within three weeks of the event. **DO NOT SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS UNTIL YOU ACCUMULATE \$100.00**
NEVADA PVA WILL KEEP TRACK OF THE FUNDS.

Step Outside Program

I went to Red Lobster for the Lobsterfest for my anniversary and it was great. *Taylor Boclair*

We were out and about working our way home and saw Ijj14 Korean BBQ House. My wife had their Box 8 Fried Fish which was real cod properly battered and deep fried and not oily. I had the Box 1LA Galbi which was yet another selection of kimchi, Korean miso soup, pot stickers, steamed white rice and LA Galbi (marinated Angus beef short rib prepared LA style). Their “soda” comes in 20 oz. stainless steel glasses that are endless refills. *Tom Hudson*

Went to Ricardo's. Since Macayo's closed Ricardo's is the last place I know of for good Mexican food. The food was really good. If you like good Mexican food this is what may be the last quality place in town. It's worth eating there. *William Frankell*

Ventano's is one of my favorite places to dine. The staff is exceptional and the food is just amazing. All areas of the restaurant are completely accessible, as so are the restrooms and lobby. They also have door front accessible parking. *Jay Segarra*

April Veteran of the Month, Terry Estabrook receives his Award from Governor Steve Sisolak



Advocacy/Legislation Report

The President recently signed an executive order titled National Initiative to Empower Veterans and End Veterans Suicide.” This will focus on improving the quality of life for America’s veterans and ending veteran suicide. The order mandates the establishment of the Veteran Wellness, Empowerment, and Suicide Prevention Task Force. The mandate calls that within one year of the date of the order the task force shall:

- ◆ Develop comprehensive national public health roadmap outlining specific strategies needed to lower effectively the rate of veteran suicide, with a focus on community engagement.
- ◆ Design and propose to Congress a program making grants to local communities, which will increase their ability to collaborate with each other, integrate service delivery, and coordinate resources to veterans.
- ◆ Develop a national research strategy to improve coordination, monitoring, benchmarking, and executive of research in the field of veteran suicide prevention.

FEEDBACK ON VA’S CAREGIVER PROGRAM REQUESTED

VA recently postponed the expansion of the Caregiver Program, which was directed by the VA MISSION Act, until 2020 because the IT systems needed to support the expanded program will not be ready. This news was upsetting for many, and it has caught the attention of several members of Congress who are now asking questions. This heightened level of attention has given PVA many opportunities to discuss our goals with the Caregiver Program. Consequently, we need your help. We need feedback from PVA members *who are in the current program*. Specifically, we need to know: how is it working; what kind of training did you receive when you started the program; and most important, what kinds of problems are you are experiencing with it? Your inputs will be greatly appreciated and you can send them to PVA’s National Legislative Director, Morgan Brown, at **MorganB@pva.org**.

Scholarships

Nevada PVA offers three (3) annual full-time scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, and three (3) \$500 scholarships for part time students. It is open to any student attending a college or university as long as they are a member or a family member of a Nevada PVA member. Deadline for application submission is June 30, 2019 and awards will be made in August in time for the fall semester. The money will be sent directly to the college or university. Please contact the office if you would like a scholarship application package sent to you.

Sports News

We recently held a pistol shoot at Desert Sportsman Rifle & Pistol Club. We had a great time and had some great shooters come out and participate at our event. A big thank you to Desert Sportsman's for letting us hold our event at your club. Also, thank you to all the shooters and volunteers who showed up to make our event a success. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

We also held a fishing trip out on Lake Mead and this year someone actually caught a nice, big striper bass. Also our 7th Annual Walk, Run and Roll was held at Bunker Park. Thank you to all the participants, and volunteers who came out to all our events.



Congratulations to all our winners.

First Place Winner, Wally Pinson



Second Place Winner, Richard Domingo



Third Place Winner, Tony Piccirilli



Annual General Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet

Our Corporate Honoree of the Year, Bank of America.
Thank you for your continued support.



Our Board of Directors with some of our great VA Staff. Thank you for all you do for us.



Bernadette Johnson from Home Depot.



Our Board with some of our volunteers. Thank you we could not do what we do without you.



Patti Matysiak receives plaque for
her volunteerism

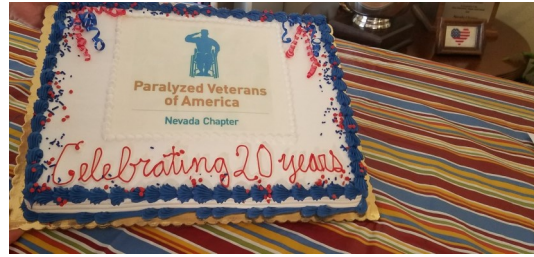


Dr. Komandur updates us
on the goings on at the VA
Hospital.



Our Board of Directors and Staff.

Open House and our Walk, Run and Roll



Fishing on Lake Mead





May

James E. Duffy	02	Condy Johnson	08	Rocco Paniccia	17
Richard A. Blandori	02	Taylor Bocclair	08	Michael Supulver	18
Andrew C. Callahan	03	Mark R. Allison	10	Martin S. Coleman	19
Bob MacElrath	04	Thomas Bracamonte	13	Hilda L. Fox	20
Albert E. Bueche, Jr.	04	Don J. Phillips	14	William A. Taylor	27
Joseph J. Thorn	04	Delbert E. Mitchell	16	Robert H. Gainer	27
Lee A. O'Brien	07	Paul D. Troche	16		

June

Kim A. Johnson	01	Frederick Parker	14	Eric D. Collins	23
Jim M. Wiseman	02	Wilfred E. Friedman	17	Albert D. Thurman	27
Reynaldo E. Diaz	04	Wayne R. Litzinger	17	Roger A. Long	28
Chuck W. McDivett	07	William Burlew	19	Anthony Piccirilli, Jr.	29
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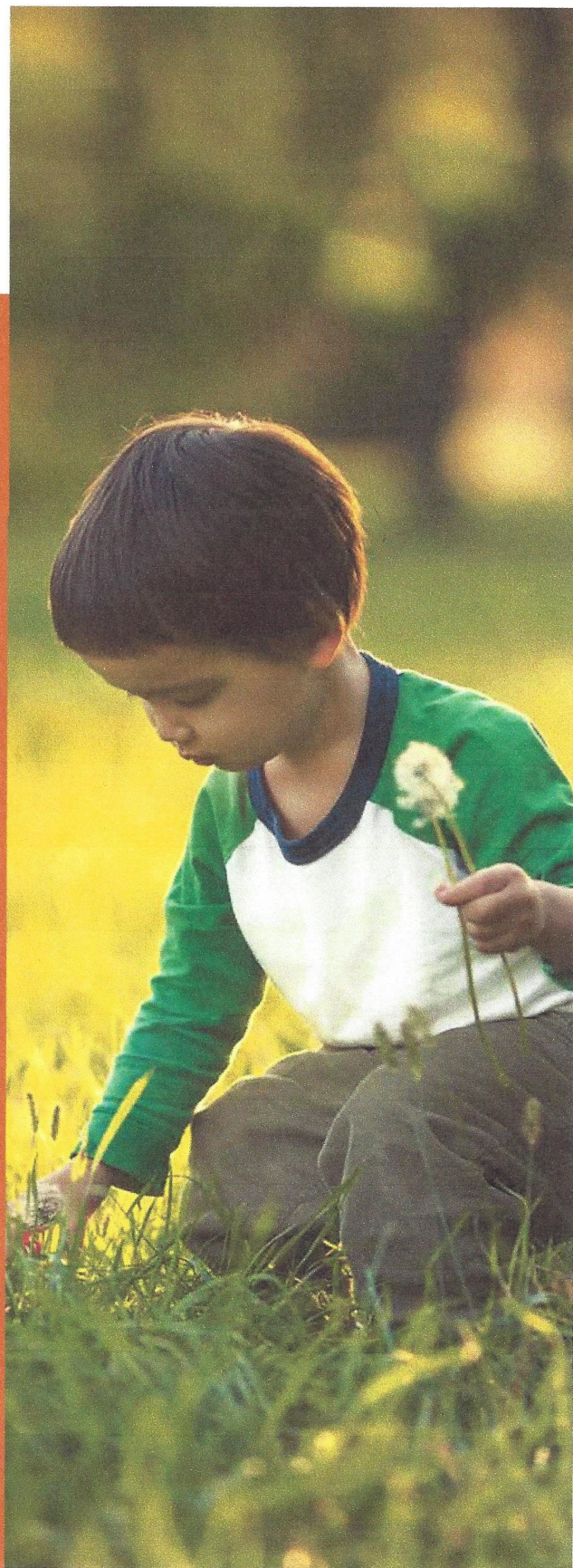
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