

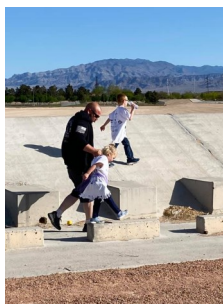


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Our 8th Annual Walk, Run and Roll and 1st Virtual 1-mile fun walk, 5K and 15K bike event was successful. Although we miss getting together with everyone at the park, it was still a fun day. Julie Johnson, Nevada PVA Executive Director, went live at 8am to welcome participants and thank our sponsors then sent everyone off to do the race. Participants tagged us in all their fun pictures wearing their t-shirts earning their medals. Next year we should be in person again with the added virtual part as a permanent fixture of this fundraiser.



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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*



Happy Spring!

Hope you all are getting vaccinated. Although you may be vaccinated, please stay safe. We are glad that we are getting the valuable vaccine and that our state is reopening to our “new” normal.

We are looking forward to opening up our sports program and in person events.

We were the benefactors of the first large function at the Plaza in over a year. A huge thanks to the TikTok Community.

Thank you to all our sponsors and participants in our 8th Annual/1st Virtual Walk, Run and Roll.

We are looking for people who are interested in doing Air Guns, Boccia and other events. Contact our office if you are interested.

Hopefully things will be progressing for the better so we can resume our annual fishing trip. **Save the Date**, our Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet is scheduled for September 18th.

Southern Nevada's SCI, Dr. Remson has left his position and has accepted a new position on the East Coast in a Level 1 trauma unit. Although he enjoyed working with us and will miss exclusively serving the veteran community SCI/D patients, he felt it was time for a change. Nevada PVA will miss him and his bedside manner. We wish him well!

Vegas Invasion TikTok event—This was a four day event for TikTok users to come together and meet each other in person and raise money for a good cause. They had a party at Area 15, a cocktail party at the Plaza Hotel and on Sunday morning at the Plaza they presented Nevada PVA with a check for \$25,000. A special thank you to the organizers of this event:

KeithandFrank, TimeOutwithjoshandAlyssazlabrookeee, ChiefNitroandMrs.ChiefNitro, Jenniferjones1.



Dr. Remson and
Dan Kaminski

Thank you to TikTok
for a successful
Fundraiser



National Service Officer Report

by Jason McDonald

VA Debt Relief Extended

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is extending debt relief for Veterans through September 30, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. VA will suspend collection of all Veteran benefit overpayments incurred between April 6, 2020 and September 30, 2021. No adverse actions or collection attempts will occur during this suspension period. Veteran medical care and prescription charges incurred from April 6, 2020 through September 30, 2021 will be cancelled and any payments for this time period will be refunded.

VA is committed to keeping Veterans informed about their debt and the expansive relief options available. VA may send subsequent letters providing details of the benefit debt and patient statements regarding medical care copayment debts. These letters and patient statements are for information only, unless Veterans choose to act before the suspension period ends. No adverse action will occur at this time.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT

With regards to benefit overpayments, Veterans will receive a letter from the VA Debt Management Center (DMC) showing current debt amount as well as available options. Subsequent letters will be sent showing updates to Veterans' accounts. VA will resume mailing patient statements for medical care and prescriptions received prior to April 6, 2020 once all charges for medical care and prescriptions on and/or after April 6, 2020 are cancelled. However, no payments are required until at least October 2021.

WHAT VETERANS CAN DO NOW

For benefit overpayments, no action is required through September 30, 2021. That said, if Veterans would like to resolve debts sooner, there are options they can exercise now. VA can work with Veterans to determine what option is best.

Options include:

- Dispute the Debt
- Request a Waiver

WHOM TO CONTACT

For questions about VA benefit debt, including information on how to make voluntary repayment arrangements or for information about how to request a waiver, how to dispute a debt, or how to submit a compromise offer; call the DMC (800-827-0648) from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. Visit <https://iris.custhelp.va.gov/app/ask/> to submit your request online.

• For medical care copayment questions, please contact the Health Resource Center at (866-400-1238) from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

• If a Veteran's debt was referred to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), the debt is suspended through September 30, 2021. For questions on debts referred to Treasury, contact the Treasury Cross-Servicing Program (888-826-3127) or the Treasury Offset Program (800-304-3107).

Please follow the national and local guidelines to stay healthy and safe.





May

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| Robert Gainer | 27 |
| Don Phillips | 14 |
| Joseph Thorn | 04 |
| Lee O'Brien | 07 |
| Richard Blandori | 02 |
| Mark Allison | 10 |
| Paul Troche | 16 |
| Michael Supulver | 18 |
| Clyde MacElrath | 04 |
| Rocco Paniccia | 17 |
| Robert Zgonc | 22 |
| Brian Johnson | 06 |
| Taylor Bocclair | 08 |
| Hilda Fox | 20 |
| Keith Lane | 21 |
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| Michael Taday | 22 |
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Memorial Day



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| Albert Thurman | 27 |
| Roger Long | 28 |
| Jim Wiseman | 02 |
| Anthony Piccirilli | 29 |
| Reynaldo Diaz | 04 |
| Wayne Litzinger | 17 |
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| Tina Lemus | 13 |
| Michael Roy | 23 |
| Tonya Fabian | 30 |
| Austin Fabian | 27 |
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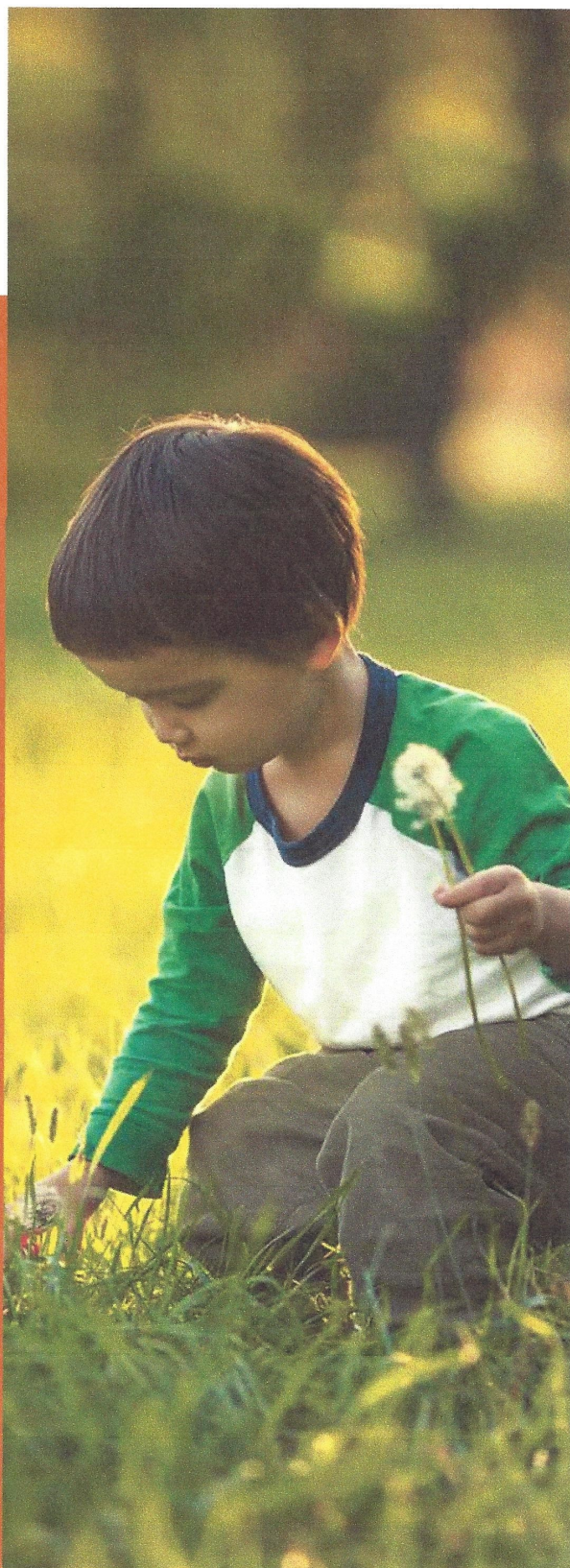
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* Chun A, et al. Changes in bowel function following exoskeleton-assisted walking in persons with spinal cord injury: an observational pilot study. *Spinal Cord*. 2020;58(4):459-469.

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