Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it’s difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis’ birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.
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The winter of 2015 will go down as the snowiest for the Northeast/East Coast/Midwest areas in a while. Everyone talks about these areas and the snow fall they received. Our members in North Georgia, South Carolina, all of Tennessee, and North Carolina should not be forgotten. Most of the time they were either digging out, shut in or just staying in. We are hoping things weren’t too bad.

March 2nd thru the 5th, Paul Stewart and I went to Washington, DC to attend National PVA’s Advocacy and Legislation Seminar. Please check out Paul’s article later in this newsletter. It was a very informative seminar. For the first time, National PVA did not want to place all its efforts on, or attention to the VA Budget or the Independent Budget. The Independent Budget is the budget that the PVA, AMVETS, DAV, and VFW, write telling Congress what the Veterans Service Organization (VSO) feel would take to fully fund the VA for the next year. Instead, National PVA and other VSOs felt that both Congress and the VA need to take a closer look at the Veterans Access Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014. In our last newsletter I stated that we as Veterans need to take a closer look at using this program. There are a number of issues with this program that affects us as Specialty Health Care Veterans. Our Chapter and National PVA believe everyone needs to have a choice where they get there medical needs filled. You need to be an informed Veterans and check out all of the information available to you. Remember, just because a medical facility (VA or Civilian) is close, does not always mean they are the best for our care. Again check out Paul’s article for more information regarding the Seminar.

For members that use the Augusta VA Medical Center, SCI Unit, walls have come down and halls have appeared. It looks like they are coming to the end of a five year project that only took 15 years to complete. The delays were due to bad construction contracts and lawsuits one after another. Even after this construction phase is completed and everyone has moved into their offices and patients rooms have been reopened, the question of what will become of the Greenhouse/Courtyard will still remain. Members, you can rest assures that at the Chapter office is not letting this issue drop until all of our construction concerns have be satisfied. One of our concerns is to work on getting our Service Officer relocated to the first floor within or near the SCI Unit area for the our members to get assistance.

For new members and the ones that aren’t sure, April is PVA Awareness Month (PAM). PVA was founded April 14, 1946. Since that time, PVA has been in the BUSINESS of insuring that Veterans with Spinal Cord Dysfunction (Injury/Disease) and all Veterans receive proper Health Care and Benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Chapter has eight mandated programs to insure we complete this mission to our members and veterans. In April personnel from the office will be at different locations promoting the Paralyzed Veterans of America and our Mission. If you see us at any of these events please stop by and say HELLO. Remember, every member of PVA is an Advocate of Veterans Rights and Benefits. Hope to see you at any location or outreach meeting. We are only as strong as your support. WE ARE PVA! ♦

PLEASE NOTE:
Any articles or dates to be included within our next newsletter and/or calendar are to be submitted to Jennifer Windham by May 14, 2015 to meet publication deadlines.
HLO News:
The Augusta VAMC SCI Unit remains under bed limits due to the staffing shortage. This has become a very serious concern to both the Chapter and National PVA. It looks as if the construction issue may be coming to an end. The E-Wing and new office spaces and patients rooms have been turned over to the VA for installation of their equipment and computers. But this only gives the rooms back; there still is the problem of a nursing staff storage. This storage is causing the SCI Chief to limit the number of beds for inpatients. The Chapter has checked with our feeder Medical Facilities and they are starting to develop a back log of veterans needing in-hospital SCI Care. All new injuries are being seen but inpatient annuals are being delayed. This must be addressed and more effort needs to place on getting our staffing levels up.

An issue that seems to go in circles is patient rooms is cleanliness. There is no excuse for a patient room to be untidy or not kept clean. Things are dropped during the day, patient knock items off their tables and bedside cabinets. We are just asking that all staff assist in picking things up and putting items away. The Chapter has provided plastic shoe boxes to the unit for patient personal items (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, etc.) to assist in keeping bed tables as clear as possible.

One of the issues that keeps coming up is the answering of call lights. Most patients will admit that it has gotten better. There still are times that nurses are slow to get to a patient’s bed when called. Patients are informing us that they are having problems getting turned or receiving pain medication. Please remember, pain medication is a control item that has to be closely monitored. There may be times the nurse must check with your physician prior to passing additional doses. This has been addressed to the Nurse Managers. Remember if you become a patient or care giver at the Augusta SCI Unit and are having problems, please request to see the Ward Nurse at the time of the incident. Issues need to be addressed as it occurs to ensure that they are cared for right then.

The Chapter is still working with the Augusta Medical Facility on the issue with housing veterans with SCI that come to the Augusta SCI Unit and must stay overnight. Contracting is looking into finding another location for SCI patients that are more Accessible (Wheelchair and SCI/D) Friendly. We will stay on this issue and will keep you updated on its status.

Parking for SCI Unit. If you haven’t gotten your SCI parking decal stop in at the SCI Clinic and get it. Please remember, just because you have a handicap tag or plaque, you can still be ticketed and towed if parking in an SCI Parking Space without having your SCI parking decal. Since the Parking Garage has begun we lost the parking at the back of the SCI Unit. The construction seems to be on schedule, and hopefully, will be completed on time.

One Prosthetic Purchasing Agent at the Augusta VA retired at the end of December. If you have any delays in receiving new prosthetic equipment or replacement items contact your National Service Officer. The Augusta Service Officer needs to know to keep track of these issues. Also, the Chapter was requested to remind members that it is time for filing Non-Reimbursable Medical Expends. Even though you have until July 31 to file for Clothing Allowance it time to start thinking about it. Again, contact your National Service Officer if you have questions pertaining to this.
Diseases and Agent Orange
By: Nichelle L. Edwards, Senior National Service Officer

Disabled veterans could be eligible for health care benefits and disability compensation for specific diseases that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has deemed related to certain types of herbicide exposure such as Agent Orange.

Herbicide exposure is closely associated with but not limited to Vietnam Veterans who served in theatre between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975, it also includes veterans who served in the Demilitarized Zone in the Republic of Korea from April 1, 1968 until August 31, 1971, and Veterans whose service involved duty near or on military because perimeters in Thailand between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 may have also been exposed to herbicides. Additionally, commercial grade herbicides like Agent Orange were stored and tested in other places within the United States, such as U.S. military bases.

These Veterans’ could qualify for VA disability compensation and healthcare benefits if they are diagnosed with one of the following diseases that are presumed associated with exposure to certain herbicides that were used by the military to remove foliage that was providing cover for the enemy:

The following are diseases that are presumed associated with herbicides and Agent Orange:

- **Chronic B Cell Leukemia’s** – This cancer affects White Blood Cells
- **AL Amyloidosis** – Rare in nature and is caused by abnormal proteins, amyloids enters organs and tissues.
- **Diabetes Mellitus Type 2** – Disease that is characterized with high-blood sugar levels that occur when the body cannot respond to hormone insulin.
- **Chloracne** – Skin condition that appears like regular acne commonly seen in teenagers. Under the VA Rating Regulations this condition must be at least 10 percent disabling after one year of exposure to herbicides.
- **Ischemic Heart Disease** – Disease is characterized by the blood supply to the heart being reduced, which leads to chest pain.
- **Hodgkin’s Disease** – Cancer (Malignant Lymphoma) presents enlarged liver, spleen, lymph nodes and progressive Anemia.
- **Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma** – Groups of cancers that affect lymphatic tissues and lymph glands.
- **Multiple Myeloma** – Cancer of plasma cells which are types of white blood cells in bone marrow. There is an exception for Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma; Blue Water Veterans can be granted service-connection without having to prove they served in the inland waterway service or that they were actually in Vietnam. The VA recognizes Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma as being related to service in Vietnam or in the waters offshore of Vietnam during that particular era.
- **Peripheral Neuropathy** – This condition affects the nervous system and causes motor weakness and tingling. This condition must be at least 10 percent disabling after one year of herbicide exposure.
- **Parkinson’s Disease** – A disorder of the nervous system that affects movement in muscles.
- **Prostate Cancer** – Cancer in the Prostate; very common cancer for men.
- **Respiratory Cancers** – Cancers of the Bronchus, Trachea, Larynx, and Lung.
- **Porphyria Cutanea Tarda** – Characterized by thinning and blistering skin and liver dysfunction in sun-exposed areas. Under the VA’s regulations this must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.
- **Soft Tissue Sarcoma’s** - Different types of cancers in muscles, fat, lymph and blood vessels, connective tissues and body tissues.

Veterans who have questions about Agent Orange and herbicide exposure, and VA benefits should contact their PVA Service Officer. ♦
by: Al Evans

To Our Great Members

This is a short Membership Report. Currently the Chapter has 2,020 voting members. Since July 1, 2014, 21 members have moved on to PVA’s Eternal Chapter. Bess them and their family and friends. ♦

At the time of the deadline for this Newsletter we have meeting scheduled at Asheville, NC and Johnson City, TN. We will report updates in the next newsletter. ♦

PAM – Anniversary

April 14, 2015, Paralyzed Veterans of America’s 69th Anniversary. Across the county Chapters and Service Offices will be taking part in different events and information booths for the entire month of April. This is none as Paralyzed Veterans of America “Awareness Month” (PAM). As some may know PVA is one of the smallest Veterans Service Organization (VSO) in the United States. This is due to our voting membership is limited to veterans with Spinal Cord Dysfunction (SCD) (Injury/Disease). PVA focuses on veterans with SCD due to our Charter by Congress, but will assist any veteran having problems getting their Health Care or Benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. This done through Advocacy, Legislation, and if necessary the Federal Court System. I tell people “When you’re the Smallest Child in a Family 10 you have to be the Loudest. PVA is the Loudest of the VSOs”. PVA is a not-for-profit business and that Business is Veteran Health Care and Benefits. If you have questions were we be setting up or events give the Chapter a call as we are still trying to finalize dates and locations. ♦

Charleston VAMC

Charleston VAMC Parking Update – There is a temporary delay in the starting of work. The offsite parking lot opening has been delayed. This is due to an unforeseen permit issue that is currently being resolved. The delay is expected to be brief and employees will continue to park at the VAMC until further notice. More information will be provided as quickly as possible. For more information www.charleston.va.gov for the latest details on parking. ♦

FROM PVA’S “Changing LIVES, Building Futures”

Remember PVA is “Changing LIVES, Building FUTURES” - Paralyzed Veterans of America was founded by a band of spinal cord injured service members who returned home from World War II to a grateful nation, but also to a world with few solutions to the challengers they faced – from a medical community not ready to treat them to an inaccessible world. These veteran the “Greatest Generation” made a decision not just to live, but to live with dignity as contributors to society. They created an organization to meet these challenges head-on. Today Paralyzed Veterans of America and our 34 chapter continue the fight to ensure that all veterans and people with disabilities, and their families, have everything they need to thrive. For More Information go to www.pva.org or check out the Chapter’s website www.southeasternpva.org. ♦

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Please call the Chapter if you know that you will be away and have your mail forwarded. We can either hold your newsletter or send to a temporary address during this time. We continue to incur returned postage fees upwards of $100 quarterly. This can be reduced or even avoided simply by letting the Chapter know if your address has changed. Please call us or use the form on page 13 if you have a change of address. Thank you! ♦
2015 Advocacy/Legislative Seminar

By: Paul Stewart

I had the honor of going up to Washington DC to represent our veterans in our area. While there, we covered areas of veterans and non-veterans issues. The main issue of the seminar and meeting with congress was around the Choice Act. PVA has no problem with giving veterans choices, but we want to make sure the Choice Act doesn’t hurt our veterans.

In November 2014 Veterans Affairs initiative is the Veterans Access Choice and Accountability Act (VACAA) took into effect. The law was passed in response to the number of veterans who were denied timely access to health care through the VA either due to unreasonable distance or wait times. If you’ve registered to receive care at the VA prior to August 1 2014 you are eligible to exercise “choice” under the new Law.

Paralyzed Veterans of America’s is built around making sure you receive timely access to quality health care at VA Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder (SCI/D) centers and Primary Care teams. PVA believes the only real choice for you is care delivered through the capable hand of the SCI/D trained experts at the VA hospitals.

Under the new law eligible veterans may opt to receive non VA care if one of two primary conditions is met.

1. If a veteran lives more than 40 miles from a VA health care facility (major medical center or community-based outpatient clinic). This is based on a radius/straight line distance. Not the actual distance. An example that was used during the seminar that showed a flaw with this: A veteran lives within the straight distance, but the actual distance was twice as long which would place him passed the 40 miles.

2. If a veteran is already enrolled in the VA healthcare system has sought an appointment for care, and the veteran cannot be seen within 30 days of the desired date, he or she is also eligible for the “choice”. There were some concerns brought up where veterans had appointments scheduled and then the VA cancelled the appointment and rescheduled which happened more than once for the same appointment. National PVA is going to investigate this.

Some of the other veteran issues that was discussed in the seminar and addressed to congress are: Strengthen Social Security, Expand Eligibility for VA Caregiver Support Services, Provide Beneficiary travel to primary 4 Catastrophically Disabled Veterans, Protection of Specialized Services, Procreative Services for Catastrophically Disabled Veterans, and CHAMPVA.

Strengthen the Social Security is again coming a concern even more. Currently if we keep on going like we are Social Security Disability Insurance is going to be depleted by sometime in 2016. What PVA would like to see done is to rebalance the funds. This has been done in the past and they feel we can do it again. What we don’t want to happen is to have government cuts the benefits by 20% or increase the FICA taxes. The current FICA tax is at 6.2% = 5.3% Old Age Survivors and 0.9 % Disability Insurance. By rebalancing the 2 number the programs can still succeed.

Expanding Eligibility for VA Caregiver Support Services for all veterans. The current program is only available to selected veterans post September 11 2001. Congress and VA really need to look closely at this program. PVA would have this program be offered to all disabled veterans that qualify, both prior and post 9/11/01. Our veterans are aging as well as their caregivers. The cost for our veterans going into group homes, nursing homes, and hospitals are higher than having our veterans being taken cared of at home. The program would assist caregivers by having additional money to take care of their loved ones. This program would be cheaper on the government and tax payers. Socially and psychologically it can be beneficial for the veterans and their loved ones because these veterans would rather be home than in a facility.

Currently primary 4 catastrophically disabled veterans don’t receive travel benefits for appointments that are scheduled by the VA. These veterans are on limited income and have a hard time to make for the appointments due to not able to pay for transportation. What usually happens are veterans missing or canceling appointments? The veterans missing the appointments because of not having the means for transportation tend to lead to wait until they are sick or problems are more severe. Another problem with veterans just skipping the appointment, it takes away from other veterans from getting appointments during that time. What we would like to see happen is to offer Travel benefits to primary 4 catastrophically disabled veterans, so they can get the care that they need.

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Procreative Services for Catastrophically Disabled Veterans, currently isn’t being offered to our catastrophically disabled veterans, but we feel the government should offer assistance for this service. Our veterans have placed their life on the line to protect our rights and freedom. While protecting our rights and freedom against our enemies, many catastrophically disabled veterans have lost the opportunity to create families the natural way. For these veterans that wish to have a family has to pay for this option out of their own pockets. This affects both men and women alike that wishes to expand their family. The cost to have the procedures done can is approx. $10,000-$20,000 for a single procedure. Adoptions cost approx. $15,000-$30,000. By offering this option to the veterans can make them feel more like a person. It could help the veterans socially and psychologically.

CHAMPVA (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affair) is a comprehensive health care program in which the VA shares the cost of covered health care services for eligible beneficiaries including children up to the age of 21. We would like congress to extend the health care coverage for children up to the age of 26. Many other insurance companies have changed the age group from 21 to 26. This is in accordance with the provision of P.L. 111-148 the patient protection and affordable care act, the only qualified dependents that aren’t covered under a parents health insurance policy up to the age of 26 are those of 100% service connected disabled veterans covered under CHAMPVA.

There were a couple of areas that were addressed in the seminar that effect all people with disabilities were covered in National Disability Rights Network, Air Carrier Access, and ADA Updates. We all need to be advocates of our needs, rights and benefits. We need to get out and let our voice be heard. If we don’t voice our concerns and just accept it, we have a better chance of losing our rights. By reaching out to your local and national Disability Rights Network, you are voicing your concerns. When traveling on airlines, make sure you are your rights. Just remember your rights doesn’t stop at the plane, it is also in the airport as well. Use the website www.dot.gov/airconsumer and click on topics, then click on disability. The disability hotline is: 1-800-778-4838 (voice) 1-800-455-9880 (TTY). If you have any complaints, please make sure you have all the details of what has happened and submit complaint to DOT. Send a letter to: Aviation Consumer Protection Division, Attn: c-75-D U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE, Washington DC 20590.

Finally, for the most part, the Advocacy/Legislative Seminar went very well. The first day of talking with Congress and their aids went very well. We dropped off points of interests to the Congressional members that we were going to meet on Thursday, however, PVA’s Annual Testimony had been postponed due to Congress being closed due to the snow storm. ♦
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100% PAYBACK: First 50%, Second 30%, Third 20%

Entry fee must be paid by disabled sportsmen at the ramp prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Area anglers are providing boats and will be paired with disabled sportsmen to ensure there is an adequate number of boats.

Disabled sportsmen should pre-register for the tournament no later than April 18th. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Limit will be 7 fish per boat. Largemouth, Spotted, and Redeye Bass, 12 inches or longer. Short fish will not be weighed (No Penalty).

Lunch will be provided following weigh-in; all are invited!

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Sykes at 1-800-944-7207 or Kurt Glass at 1-800-292-9335.
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**Events:**
- **6:** Sci Camp Will-A-Way
- **14:** Board of Director’s Meeting
- **15:** Membership Meeting
- **24:** Arbor Day
- **29:** May 1: SCI Camp Will-A-Way

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**Events:**
- **1:** SCI Camp Will-A-Way
- **4-8:** National PVA Convention
- **6:** Garden Club Dedication Ceremony
- **25:** Memorial Day Holiday

**PLEASE NOTE:**
Any dates/events to be included on our calendars are to be submitted to Jennifer Windham by May 14, 2015 to meet publication deadline.

**“Life is like riding a bicycle,**
To keep your balance,
you must keep moving.”

- Albert Einstein
The Georgia Hawks Wheelchair Basketball

By: Orlando Perez

This has been a very successful year for The Georgia Hawks wheelchair basketball team. The Georgia Hawks is a competitive basketball team in the CSRA and is a team registered with the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and part of the Carolina Wheelchair Basketball Conference south/west division.

For three seasons now, the team has been supported in all needs to function by the Wilson Family Y and the Paralyzed Veterans of America Southeastern Chapter.

This year the Hawks was nationally ranked as the top 17th team in the nation with over 70 teams in the division; 3rd in the league, and placed 2nd in their CWBC south/west division and 4th in the conference (the CWBC is the largest conference in the NWBA).

These accomplishments, winning the Atlanta D3 tournament, and placing third at Pioneer Classic, has given the team the opportunity to play at the NWBA national championship tournament in April 2015. The team also received seven individual regular season awards.

Georgia Hawks season conference awards 2015

1. Ashley Andrews: Referee of the year
2. Johnna Sutton: Coach of the year
3. Melido Mir: SW division MVP
4. Orlando V Perez: All Conference Team Trophy
5. Jason Rainey: All Conference Team Trophy
6. Melido Mir: All Conference Team Trophy
7. Chris Pearson: All Conference Team Trophy

The team will like to thank the Southeastern Chapter for all the support and helping to make this season a success for us. Without organizations like PVA that cares about the community health and awareness, things like this wouldn’t be possible. ✨
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Service Members and Veterans with Service Related Injuries, and Gold Star Families
Appreciation Day

Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 (Rain Date May 9th)
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12 miles south of Carrollton, Ga. on Liberty Church Road
7AM – 5PM

This event is for military members/veterans with service related injuries, and Gold Star Families. Fishing tackle, bait, food and drinks provided. Bring your boat or a few boats and guides will be available. If you live more than 75 miles away, the American Legion will pay up to $50.00 toward your motel room.

To register to attend or for more information and directions please contact:
Rick Cowan, Fishing for Freedom Chairman - e-mail: rickcowan.rick@gmail.com

Chapter Members interested in attending, please contact the Chapter directly so that we can keep track of who is going. 800-292-9335 Thank you!
I have received the team registration packets for the 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games. They have been processed for the Chapter and have mailed to National PVA.

If you still want to go to the games your registration needs to be sent to National PVA no later than April 15, 2015. You cannot be part of the Southeastern PVA Team as our deadline for the packets was March 5, 2015. If you got your packet in on time, you should be receiving a letter from National PVA confirming its receipt.

We will staying at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. **DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL.** Calling the hotel causes confusion and we have had the hotels double bill for a rooms in the past. Only National PVA can request and get Accessible Rooms. If you feel you just have to have an Accessible Room, contact National PVA and ask for the “Meetings Department” to have this done. Please keep in mind that there are only so many Accessible Rooms in any hotel and they go fast.

**FUTURE EVENTS:**

We will hosting the Annual Bass Tournament October 9, 10 and 11, 2015, at Columbia County’s Wildwood Park, Columbia County, GA.

The Chapter could not get dates for a trapshoot prior National’s cutoff date for bids. We were working with both Georgia and South Carolina to keep from scheduling the same weekends. We are looking to be back on the trail for the 2017 Season.

I need to know how many members would like to have an Air Pistol/Rifle Tournament or just a Shoot. Looking for locations around our area and what numbers are we talking about for this event.

The Chapter co-sponsors two wheelchair basketball teams. The **Georgia Hawks** and **Charlotte Hornets** are both Division II Teams.

We are pleased to share that both, have qualified for the 67th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Association National Tournament to be held April 16 – 19, 2015. Great work! We wish them both luck in this tournament and wouldn’t it be good to see them face off in the Championship Game?

**Good Luck Hawks and Hornets!**

**GET OUT!**

The weather is finally turning nice. Please get out and enjoy the world outside of your home. There are many actives we can do that really takes nothing more than just pushing. If you haven’t done so yet and are interested in taking up the offer to attend the Chapter sponsored SCI Camp at Wilder, GA (Camp Will-A-Way) please contact Valerie McNary or Suzanne Kenrick, at 706-733-0188 Ext. 3049.

Please check out the Chapter’s website SoutheasternPVA.org for the latest activities/events taking place in the Chapter and National PVA. You can also go to PVA.org to get updated on Sports & Recreation, Advocacy/Legislation and Research on Spinal Cord Dysfunction.
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