This past Labor Day Weekend, 100Wheels held “100 Songs for Soldiers” a two day concert event. There were 20 different bands who donated their time and talent. The concert was held indoors at “Paddy’s Irish Eatery” in Kennesaw, Georgia. Admission was free. The turnout was fair with people moving in and out with whatever band was playing at the time. There was an auction and raffles each day taking place during the break between bands.

Enough money was raised for 100Wheels to order 16 new wheelchairs and 25 new seat cushions. Five gently used, donated, power chairs were included with the new manual chairs. Delivery was made on November 21, 2024. With this order, 100Wheels has given the chapter 75 wheelchairs which we then give out to needy veterans. It is our sincere hope to continue our relationship with Doug Hartley and 100Wheels.

Our heartfelt thank you goes out to Doug Hartley and all the staff at 100 Wheels for their dedication to our members and their hard work in organizing and presenting such an event.
I must thank those members that responded to my article in our last News Magazine. A few contacted me about issues at the Augusta VAMC and other Medical Facilities in our area. The ones at the Augusta SCI Unit have been addressed to both leadership of the Unit and the Director’s office. The other Medical Facilities I have or will speak to their Directors or Senior Staff.

As we all know, there have been issues in the VA System about veterans’ Health Care and delays in appointments. We alone with other Veterans Service Organizations have discussed these issues with Senior Leadership at our area facilities. We have met with them in most cases and addressed the issue first hand. The Secretary has made many changes in how appointments are to be handled. In some cases personnel have been released from duty, or flat dismissed. All the problems have not been cleared but are getting better. If you as a veteran are having trouble with access to care, please contact one of our Service Officers or the Chapter. If you know of a veterans having trouble please let it be known. If one is having problems you can be sure that there are many others experiencing the same.

Also, in the past month, The Secretary has started changes to clear the backlog of appointments. The newest is VACA Act: Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014. This act took effect November 5, 2014. Veterans will be receiving cards that should make it easier for veterans to receive health care outside of a VA facility. National PVA has requested that we have any members that have questions contact one of our Service Officers. There are many unanswered questions. National PVA’s Benefit Department is meeting with the VA Central Office to insure our members keep getting the best Health Care and not just be farmed out to clear up delays.

November 4th and 5th, we took part in National’s PVA Annual site visit for the Charlie Norwood (Augusta) VA Medical Center SCI Unit. These site visits are held annually to assist the Chapter in monitoring the care our members and veterans are getting. We focus on the care of the SCI/D veteran. By doing so they all look closely at how care is provided by other divisions in the Medical Center. The Spinal Cord Injury/Disease (Dysfunction) program in the VA is nearly a self-sustaining program. In that we have our own Health Care providers. That being said, we still need Radiology, Neurology, Urology, Surgery, even Facility Engineers and others. The Site Visit Team meets with these departments also if the Chapter expresses concerns that there are concerns with scheduling of appointments or being seen. This is not a paper visit. The team meets with veterans/patients and staff to conduct interviews. Everyone is given an opportunity to speak openly. The team question issues that have not been cleared since the last visit. I know sometimes it looks as if neither the Chapter nor National PVA are getting them done. Take the construction issues at the Augusta SCI. We have addressed this to the Central Office of the VA. The Secretary of VA is aware that this project has gone on far too long. An issue that was brought by the Site Visits was the need for more parking at the Downtown Division in Augusta. If you have visited the VA in the last month (October), you will see that the parking garage has begun construction.

Remember the Chapter is here to assist you, our members. PVA has the best trained Service Officers in the business, please use them when you have a question. Have a SAFE and HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. Keep Pushing and Riding and we’ll see you in 2015. ♦
Identity Theft—Theft of Identity, There’s a Huge Difference

By Chuck Spilman

Today’s news is rife with stories of Identity theft. Identity theft occurs when a person’s private information is stolen for criminal purposes. These criminals, sometimes labeled computer system hackers, gather individual personal information, usually Social Security, financial or credit data, to be sold or used, often internationally.

If you are among the fortunate who have yet to fall prey to identity thieves, it is very likely you have or will have THEFT OF IDENTITY and probably unaware of this transition.

What is the difference, you ask? Identity theft involves individuals or groups who sneak (hack) into your computer or a commercial or financial system for the sole purpose of gathering confidential personal or business information. Identity theft is a for-profit enterprise. The good news is loss of money can be replaced.

THEFT OF IDENTITY is normally a one-on-one situation, and more often than not, self-inflicted. Theft of Identity can be halted or at least slowed once we realize the damage it brings upon us as individuals and as members of a unique community.

Robert a 34 year-old Veteran sustained a C6 complete spinal cord injury while serving in the Army, deployed to Iraq. During his stateside rehab in a VA spinal cord injury center it was commonplace, even policy for health professionals to refer to Robert as a “quad”. Robert soon picked up the lingo and labeled himself a quad, nothing more, nothing less. His self-esteem and dignity plummeted. He became a victim of theft of identity, something much more difficult to replace than $200 lost in identity theft.

Are you beginning to see the direction this is taking? Robert and folks like us with spinal cord injury or dysfunction are much more than our disability. We are not nameless, faceless quads or paras. Robert is a husband and father of two children. He is completing his degree in computer science and is looking forward to a rewarding career and a happy life for him and his family. He steals from himself and his family when he allows someone to attach the quad label as his principal identifier.

Lest you think this is an exercise in political correctness or semantics, consider labels that hobble and hinder—“Retard, Freak, Cripple, Invalid, Spastic, Mongo. Most of us know individuals and have friends/family who experienced these labels and know first hand the devastation these pejoratives imprint on good and productive people.

Robert and all of us spinal cord injured Veterans are so much more than disability labels. Personally, I happen to be a man with paraplegia, but more importantly have a full and productive life, not simply a paraplegic. Paraplegia is a facet of my being, not my identity. I neither refer to myself as a “colostomic,” nor a “Foleyiac,” because I use these devices. I receive looks of incredulity when asked or assumed I am a para, as if this is my sole identifying characteristic. My response, “Yes, I have paraplegia, but I am much more than that and I’d be glad tell you about myself.” This is when eyeballs begin to roll and I know this part of the conversation is over. However, I made a point. I am so much more than my disability.

Don’t become a Theft of Identity victim. ♦
Paralyzed Veterans Sports & Recreation Schedule

For more information contact PVA Sports at 800-424-8200 or www.pva.org/sports

Annual PVA/AWBA Bowling Tournament Series Schedule

- Mountain States PVA Tournament
  - August 21-24, 2014
  - Colorado Springs, CO
- Cal-Diego PVA Tournament
  - September 12-14, 2014
  - Fountain Valley, CA
- Nevada PVA Tournament
  - December 4-7, 2014
  - Las Vegas, NV
- Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament
  - April 24-26, 2015
  - Tampa, FL
- AWBA National Event
  - National Event
  - June 15-20, 2015
  - Tampa, FL
- New England PVA Tournament
  - Date TBD
  - Location TBD

PVA Handycling Schedule

- Melbourne Marathon
  - February 1, 2015
  - Melbourne, FL
- Gasparilla Critérium
  - March 21-22, 2015
  - Tampa, FL
- Redlands Classic
  - April 4-5, 2015
  - Redlands, CA
- Clocktower Classic
  - April 24-26, 2015
  - Irvine, CA
- Pittsburgh Marathon
  - May 3, 2015
  - Pittsburgh, PA
- Paralyzing Nationals
  - May 23-25, 2015
  - Chattanooga, TN
- Wichita Omnim
  - May 25-31, 2015
  - Wichita, KS
- Run for the Dream
  - May 29-31, 2015
  - Williamsburg, VA

Annual PVA/NWPA Billiards Tournament Series Schedule

- Mid-South PVA Tournament
  - October 17-19, 2014
  - Memphis, TN
- Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament
  - March 20-22, 2015
  - Midlothian, VA
- Mid-America PVA Tournament
  - April 10-12, 2015
  - Oklahoma City, OK
- Mountain States PVA Tournament
  - May 16-18, 2015
  - Fountain, CO
- Buckeye PVA Tournament
  - June 19-20, 2015
  - (Not a NWPA event)
  - Independence, OH

PVA National Shooting Sports Circuit

- Keystone PVA Tournament
  - August 29-31, 2014
  - Jefferson Hills, PA
- North Central PVA Tournament
  - September 6-7, 2014
  - Sioux Falls, SD
- Lone Star PVA Tournament
  - October 17-19, 2014
  - Fort Worth, TX
- Arizona PVA Tournament
  - October 25-26, 2014
  - Tucson, AZ
- Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament
  - November 7-9, 2014
  - Richmond, VA
- Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament
  - March 12-14, 2015
  -Ocala, FL
- Nevada PVA Tournament
  - March 20-22, 2015
  - Las Vegas, NV
- Cal-Diego PVA Tournament
  - March 27-29, 2015
  - Redlands, CA
- PVA National Shooting Sports Circuit Year-End
  - July 10-12, 2015
  - Edgewood, IL

Annual PVA Air Rifle & Air Pistol Program Schedule

- Cal-Diego PVA Tournament
  - January 21-23, 2015
  - Palm Loma, CA
- Buckeye PVA Tournament
  - May 15-16, 2015
  - Gomona, OH
- Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament
  - March 12, 2015
  - Richmond, VA
- Camp Pendleton
  - Date TBD
  - Location TBD

Bass Tour

2014-15 Paralyzed Veterans of America Bass Tour

- Mid-America PVA Tournament
  - September 26-28, 2014
  - Eufaula, OK – Lake Eufaula
- Southern PVA Tournament
  - October 10-12, 2014
  - Apalache, GA – Catoe Hill Lake
- Vaughn/National PVA Tournament
  - October 24-26, 2014
  - Mt. Vernon, IL – Rend Lake
- Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament
  - March 27-29, 2015
  - Kissimmee, FL – Lake Toho
- Kentucky-Indians PVA Tournament
  - April 17-19, 2015
  - Gilbertsville, KY – Kentucky Lake
- Southeastern PVA Tournament
  - May 29-31, 2015
  - Richmond, VA – James River
- National PVA Tournament
  - June 5-7, 2015
  - Leesburg, MD – Potomac River
- Lone Star PVA Tournament
  - June 26-28, 2015
  - Garland, TX – Lake Ray Hubbard

35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

June 21-26, 2015
Dallas, TX
by: Al Evans

Currently the Chapter has 2,027 voting members. Since July 1, 2014, nine members have moved on to PVA’s Eternal Chapter. Bless them, their family and friends.

SITE VISIT

National PVA’s Site Visit to the Augusta SCI Unit was held November 3rd - 5th, 2014. A number of issues were discussed. We again had the Site Visit Team take a close look at Staffing and Construction. There were Prosthetic and Travel issues discussed. In last issues of the Southeastern Edition, I ask that if you had any issues to bring to the Team please let the Chapter office know. A few responded with the following: cleanliness, nurses responding to call lights, insect infestation, and the making of appointments within the medical facility. All were brought to the Site Team. The Team addressed these issues with both the Leadership of the Medical Center and SCI Unit. An issue that has been a concern of our Chapter leadership and National PVA was discussed to a great deal. This being need to contact and start of treatment for Spinal Cord Disease (MS & ASL) veterans. We all feel that these veterans need to be followed closer by the SCI program. This discussion will be closely monitored by our Chapter leadership. We are now waiting for the report from National PVA.

Public Notice:


BENEFIT UPDATE: This is a new benefit for NSC (Non-Service Connected) and SC (Service Connected) veterans with a SCI diagnosis. They don’t have to have an APPROVED AUTOMOBILE GRANT to get a Vehicle Air Conditioner installation and repair. This authorization is for category SC and NSC veterans with a SCI Diagnosis ONLY. This posted by PSAS SharePoint for your convenience: http://vawww.infoshare.va.gov/sites/prosthetics/Policy%20Questions/Auto%20ACfor%20NSC%20SCI%20Veterans.aspx.

Dublin VAMC

Chapter took part in the Dublin VA Volunteer Service Committee meeting October 21st. Mr. Thomas Grace, is the Acting Director, he is the Associate Director for the Atlanta/Decatur VAMC. While at the Dublin VA, Mr. Grace would like to see the hiring of two new physicians for the Albany and Tifton Community Base Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs). His plains are to also explain the Mental Health program in the Medical Center and at all their CBOCs. By also hiring more Mental Health Providers. The growth of the Women’s Health Program was reviewed. Ms. Angela Williams, the Program Manager stated that at the present time they have over 2,900 women in the program with over 10,000 female veterans in the southern and central Georgia area. She working hard to contact and bring the others into the program. She did state that since its beginning five years ago they have outgrown their space and need to increase their clinic space. The Hospice and Palliative Care department gave a Power Point presentation to explain their program and what they have planned for the future.

Charleston VAMC

Mr. Charles Sepich, Director VISN 7, Announced the appointment of Mr. Scott R. Isaacks, FACHE as the new Director of the Ralph H. Johnson (Charleston) VA Medical Center, Charleston, SC. Mr. Isaacks, is the former Associate Medical Center Director for Ralph Johnson VAMC, has sound leadership qualities and proven experience. Mr. Sepich, stated that he will be a valuable asset to the VISN, the employees and volunteers, health care partners, the community, and most importantly the Veterans they are honored to serve. Mr. Isaacs’s appointment was effective November 2, 2014.

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HLO News:

The Augusta VAMC SCI Unit remains under bed limits due to the ongoing constructing issues, and staffing shortage. The National PVA Site Visit Team visited the Charlie Norwood (Augusta) VA SCI Unit November 4th and 5th. During this visit the team spoke with the construction leaders and took a tour of the ongoing construction area. Questions were asked; when they felt the construction would be completed and when the physicians and rehab staff will be able to move in. At the present time the area should be turned over to the VA for their workers to move and complete wiring and setting up of computers by mid-December. The VA advised that once they are able to move into the area in late January 2015, SCI staff will be able to move in.

One of the issues that keeps coming up is the answering of call lights. Most patients will admit that it has gotten better. There are still times that nursing are slow to get to a patient’s bed when called. The Nurse Managers are coming on the wards during off duty times to monitor this and get it corrected.

For those veterans that come to Augusta VA for their Annual Exams or appointments and need to stay overnight, the hotel arrangements aren’t that great. National PVA and the Chapter have expressed the veterans concerns to VA leadership. Contracting is looking into finding another location for SCI patients that are more accessible friendly. We will stay on top of this issue and will keep our members 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. Since the parking garage has begun, we lost the parking in the back of the SCI Unit. The SCI Unit did get all the parking spaces around the flag pole in the front of the facility (18 spaces). The VA police are ticketing if you don’t have a decal, and towing vehicles. If all the SCI spaces are full you can still use Valet Parking.

Every PVA member will be receiving a letter from National PVA trying to explain some of the questions about the Veteran Choice Act. Please read it carefully. Just because you receive a Veterans Choice Card does not mean you are completely eligible for this program. All veterans will be receiving the card at some time. If you have any questions, please contact the Eligibility Department of your nearest VA Facility. You can also contact your PVA Service Officer.

If you become a patient in any of the VA Medical Facilities and have a problem please contact your SCI Coordinator, National Service Officer, and the Chapter. We can’t fix problems that we aren’t aware of. Most problems can be taking care of with just a call. All SCI Coordinators and Service Officers contact numbers can be found on page 18 of this Newsletter.

To everyone- have a SAFE and HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON! ♦

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Augusta VAMC

Mr. Robert Hamilton, MHA, FACHE, has stepped down as the Director of the Charlie Norwood (Augusta) VA Medical Center, effective 30 November 2014. Mr. Hamilton had 2+ years as the Director of the Augusta VAMC. In his farewell message to staff and VSO, he stated that he is proud of improvements in Quality Measures survey.

REMINDER

Remember if you haven’t done so yet “Get Your Flu shot”. It already looks as if it may be a LONG Winter.

Returned Postage

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! ♦
Come out and cheer for your local wheelchair basketball teams on January 10, 2015 at 1pm and 3pm at the WG Hefner VA Hospital, 1601 Brenner Ave., Bldg. #6 Gym, Salisbury, NC.

The games are being played at the VA Hospital to promote accessible sports to people with disabilities. Having a disability doesn’t mean your life has stopped. It just means we do things differently, and we can still succeed in life. Both teams have players that have played at a national and international level. These games will be intense and fun to watch! Come out and enjoy!

On Friday, November 21, 2014 we attended the open house for Christmas House 2014 on Fort Gordon, GA. Fort Gordon Christmas House helps alleviate some of financial stress by providing military families in need with assistance during the holidays. Hosted by Fort Gordon Army Community Service, the program brightens the holidays of an estimated 800 military children from 300 families each year through the community’s generosity. The Southeastern Chapter is proud to help this program by hosting a Toy Run, the first Sunday of December to collect toys and funds to donate to Christmas House. If you live in the Augusta area, please come out and join us on December 7th at 1:30pm.
SCI Pharmacy-Prescription, Refills and Narcotic Renewals

By Jennifer Ammons, NSO

As many of you know our long time SCI/D Pharmacist Johnny Clements retired in the Spring of 2014. All SCI/D registered veterans were mailed letters from the SCI/D Chief, Dr. Stincer; informing veterans not only of Johnny’s retirement, but also the new narcotics renewal requirements. The new requirements for the pain contracts’ must be met by every veteran that is taking any Chronic Pain Medication. SCI/D will require each veteran to come in on his or her annual exam date, and sign a new pain management agreement and be subjected to random drug screenings.

I would like to encourage all veterans to register with MyhealtheVet.com if they have not done so already. Registration with MyhealtheVet.com will make the process of getting prescriptions refilled a less-time consuming process. You do not have to have access to a computer or if you are not computer-savvy, you will have to use the call-in system here at the Charlie Norwood VAMC. The pharmacy call center phone number is 1-800-836-5561 EXT. 5858 Option 2. Veterans will have to use this phone number because all narcotic renewals will be forwarded to the pharmacy call center, if you call the clinic for the refills.

The PVA office at the hospital would like to monitor any issues or problems relating to veterans’ prescription refills and offer any needed assistance. Please contact our office at 706-823-2219.

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DISCOUNT

Up to $3000 dollar discount on remainder of new 2014 Dodge, Chrysler, and Honda vans

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Fall Board of Directors Meeting

By Chuck Turek, National Director

The National PVA 2014 Fall Board of Directors Meeting took place in Dallas, Texas. This year’s keynote speaker was Dr. Carolyn M. Clancy, VA Interim Under Secretary for Health. She discussed US Secretary for Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald’s intended approach to improving the VA system. I liked what I heard. Secretary McDonald would like to see veterans treated as consumers of VA services and treated as such.

Secretary McDonald comes from the private sector. However, he is a graduate of West Point and served with the 82nd Airborne Division for five years. Dr. Clancy pointed out that Secretary McDonald is holding Town Hall Meetings across the country. I encourage our members to check the scheduling of these meetings at your VA and attend, if at all possible. This is your chance to discuss problems in the VA system and also to point out the good things in the system.

Of the Resolutions passed that are of importance to our members was the new model bylaws. This new 15 page model incorporates the state laws as they may impact our chapter governing document. A resolution was passed to limit the number of trap shoots to 12 a year and a National hosted end-of-year shoot. This was done in an effort to increase participation in each shoot. A resolution was passed concerning Site Visit Teams. Site visit teams will be composed of those designated by the AED of Medical Services, the Hospital Liaison Officer and no more than one chapter designated officer.

Our next Convention will be held May 5th thru the 9th, 2015 in San Diego, California.

We strive to keep our membership address list current:
1. To make sure everyone is receiving their newsletter/magazine and
2. To reduce expenses with return mail service.
Therefore, please make sure that we have your current mailing address on file. Even if you are away for a short period of time, please call the Chapter office and let us know so that we can make the temporary change.

Complete this form and mail in, or call our 800 number. Thank you!
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- **7:** 15th Annual Augusta Toy Run
- **8:** Charleston Membership Meeting
- **10:** Augusta Christmas Luncheon @ SCI Unit — Chapter CLOSED
- **12:** Columbia Membership Meeting Lizard’s Thicket, Garners Ferry Rd. 11:30am – 1:30pm
- **14:** Board of Director’s Meeting Chapter CLOSED
- **16:** SCI Outing
- **17:** Chapter CLOSING at 1pm for the Holidays – will reopen Jan. 5, 2015
- **23:** Board of Director’s Meeting Chapter CLOSING

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- **1-4:** Chapter CLOSED for the Holidays
- **5:** Chapter Re-opening
- **10:** Charlotte Rollin’ Hornets VS Georgia Hawks Basketball Game WG Hefner VA Hospital, 1601 Brenner Ave., Bldg# 6 Gym, Salisbury, NC, 1:00pm
- **19:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Chapter CLOSED

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"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

— Mother Teresa
Helpful Hints from SCI Homecare

By: Melanie Rahn, MPT, C/NDT

Wheelchairs need NOT Hibernate!

Winter has a tendency for us to cozy up and become less active. However, your wheelchair needs to not be caught Sleeping! Just as vehicles run smoother with a tune-up, wheelchairs provide a smoother ride with special care. Here are a few tips to ensure the highest performance possible out of your wheelchair:

**Keep it Clean!**

- Wipe dirt and mud off wheelchair frame regularly
- Keep axles and caster bearings free of hair, dirt and other debris
- Wipe down wheelchair daily if you live near salt water

**Tighten Up!**

- Tighten brakes in order that your wheels lock properly
- Check tire pressure if you have air tires
- Check wheelchair AT LEAST once a month for loose screws, nuts and bolts
- If you have spokes, check each one individually to make sure they are not loose or bent
- Power chairs need to be charged Daily

**Don’t forget...**

**Your cushion!**

- Ensure proper inflation of air cushions
- Gel or Air cushions should not be left in car or uncontrolled environments- extreme changes in temperature negatively affect the integrity of the cushion
- Wash the cover according to the instructions
- Wipe down cushion with mild soap, rinse with water

**Your upholstery!**

- Wash with mild soap followed by water to remove any dirt/debris

**Remember...**

Call your prosthetics department if you need equipment repairs or replacement items:

706-733-0188, Ext. 3795 or Ext. 1926
SPORTS REPORT

By: Al Evans, Sports Director

SEPVA Bass Tournament

The Southeastern Bass Tournament was held October 10, 11, and 12, 2014, at Columbia County GA, Wildwood Park, and Gordon Bradford’s Pond. We had two great days of fishing at both in the Angler (Boating) Division and Bank Division. The Weatherman had called for rain, and as we all know that was nearly a guarantee that the weather would be GOOD. A total of 289.38 lbs. of fish was brought in. The Bank Division landed 35.21 lbs. of that total. The first day on the bank Gary Holland from Oklahoma City, OK, landed a 14.24 lb. catfish. This was enough to win the Bank Division and Big Fish. Tony Choe from Fairfax Station, VA, won the Open Angler Division with five bass weigh in at 11.04 lbs., his Boat Partner was Sammy Landrum, from Appling, GA. The Team Boating Division was won by Angler Chuck Lambert, of Brooksville, FL, and Dennis Nolte, from Apopka, FL, with five bass at 13.44 lbs. To get the complete list results go the PVA Bass Tour and click on Tour Results 2015. If you have any questions please, contact the Chapter. Also keep checking the National and Chapter’s websites for upcoming events. National PVA’s complete Sporting schedule for 2015 can be found on both sites and on page 5 of this newsletter.

NATIONAL PVA SPORTS

National PVA has developed a new U-Tube video showing PVA’s Sports & Recreation Program. Go to http://youtu.be/2KVqFt-prcI. It is a five minute video and is really good. Take a look and see what you think.

2015 NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

Next year’s 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be in Dallas, TX, June 21 – 26, 2015. If you are thinking of attending the games now is the time to begin preparing. You can’t expect to do well you start training in May and compete in June. Also the closer you get to June the higher the plane ticket. The registrations will be on PVA’s website the second of January 2015. They will be mailed by the fifth of January. The Chapter’s deadline for registrations is Close of Business, March 5, 2015. They must be complete and signed. They will be returned if not complete. There will be no exceptions. As policy Novice veterans will take prior to attend. After that first come first served. This mean if I receive the registration not complete, I will be sending it back NO QUESTION ASKED. Don’t wait until the last minute to try arranging a physical this will cause you to miss the Dead Line dates.

Development of Sporting Programs

The Chapter has been contacted by Blaze Sports to begin working together to develop more sporting programs for people with disabilities. We will be working to give develop more sporting opportunities and developmental programs for those with disabilities. We are working on archery, hand-cycling, air pistols and rifles to begin. Please contact the Chapter if there is a sport you would like to see started. This is your Chapter and your program.

CHARLOTTE AREA RECREATION

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Department (Charlotte area) has worked hard and developed many Sports & Recreation opportunities for people with Disabilities in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg, NC area. We understand this notice is late to get in on, but they are holding a Paralympic Boccia Ball clinic starting November 10 and will run until December 15. It may be late to register, but go out and check it out. This is one of the fastest growing sports for people with both a Spinal Cord Dysfunction (SCI/D) and Cerebral Palsy (CP). For more information please contact: Jana Winchester McMullen, LRT/CTRS, 704-432-4330.

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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