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I hate when people make articles about themselves, or take meetings and turn them a personal issue. Anyone that has attended any of our outreach meetings knows that we try to keep them focused on general issues, dealing with problems in the VA or benefits issues. This is why we try to have our members come early or stay late at our meetings, in order to address personal issues with the attending VA Staff or the PVA Service Officer.

Well, this time, I am going against this policy and encouraging you to bring up your issue. As our both our National Director Paul Stewart, and I have stated since March with “Tell Your Story”. This is a program where PVA is asking people with disabilities to tell the FFA of their experiences with flying, good and/or bad. We ask that you always report any problems to the airline but to also contact the FAA and report your experience good or bad.

Here is my story. I just returned from the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Now, I have flown many times for PVA and for personal travel. I had to fly from Augusta, GA to Utah, via Atlanta. My flight was leaving at 6:00 a.m. from Augusta. Loading me onto the plane was not a problem. You see, I did everything prior to flying, from informing the airline to the assistance I require with loading and unloading, as I cannot stand. Upon landing in Atlanta, I waited until the team came to assist getting me off the plane. I was transferred to and aisle chair and taken off the plane. I waited at the door of the plane for my power chair to be brought up to me. After 20 minutes I asked where my chair is. “It’s coming,” they said. Another twenty minutes passed I asked again, where was my chair. After checking, I was told that all the bags had been removed and my chair was left for them to come back and get it. They forgot to go back and get the chair. Now for over forty (40) minutes I am left sitting in this hard seat aisle chair. Since I was going to miss my flight to Utah, I didn’t have the time to file a complaint with the airline. After arriving in Salt Lake City, I was removed from the plane and waiting for my chair. Again twenty minutes passed and still no chair (still sitting in an aisle chair). Asking where is the chair I was informed that the chair is on the elevator but it has broken down. Once I finally got to my hotel room, I checked myself the best I could, in a soft bed that was hard to turn in.

With the exception of trying to get thirteen wheelchair users loaded onto the plane leaving Salt Lake, my return flight was trouble free. Once I got home I did a good check of myself. Unfortunately, finding two red hot spots and slight blistering. Both opened up and now I must stay off my rear as must as possible. We all know if I don’t take care of these I will get worse. This is the first break down I’ve have since I was injured 22 years ago. Needless to say, I am very upset. Therefore, I will be telling my story to the FAA.

We all need to take advantage of this program to improve travel for people with Disabilities. Sorry for getting personal but I just had to vent this time, and share how important it is that we share our stories so that hopefully, travel experiences will improve. If they (the FAA) does not know, how can they fix the problems?*

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Ilderton Conversions of Charlotte is moving from their currently location at 5518 Westpark Drive Charlotte, NC to 1424 Archdale Drive Charlotte, NC the first week of August 2016. Ilderton’s new location on Archdale Drive is undergoing extensive renovations to ensure the new facility is accessible to their customers. The new facility will feature and expanded service department so they can meet their customer’s increasing demands. Ilderton Conversions is planning a Grand Opening Celebration for Mid-September 2016. More details to follow.
Helpful Hints from SCI Homecare
By: Donna Bowe, RN

DAILY FOOTCARE

CHECK YOUR FEET DAILY
* Look for cuts, blisters, red spots and cracks in the skin
* Look for changes in color, temperature and shape of feet

Wash your feet in warm water daily with mild soap
* Do not soak feet, this may cause dryness
* Dry well, especially between toes.

Keep the skin soft and smooth
* Apply a thin layer of skin lotion over the tops and bottoms of your feet
* Smooth corns and calluses gently using a pumice stone
* Do not use sharp tools, chemicals or foot soaks
* Remove corns and calluses from your feet

Trim toenails as needed
* Have caregiver or doctor care for feet if unable to care for yourself
* Trim nails straight across and file the edges with nail file

Wear protective footwear- socks, shoe
* Never walk barefoot, wear comfortable
* Shoes that fit well and protect your feet
* Socks should be without holes or wrinkles

Protect your feet from hot and cold
* Do not use heating pads or hot water bottles to keep feet warm
* Wear extra socks
2016 National Veterans Wheelchair Games
Salt Lake City, Utah
June 26 – July 3

By: Paul Stewart

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games were held in Salt Lake City this year and next year it will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Over all, the week was a great time. Approximately 120 novice athletes and close to 600 total athletes competed in a wide variety of sporting events.

Volunteers from the airport, hotels, transportation, and venues did a wonderful job assisting our veterans during the games. Some volunteers had never seen disabled athletes compete at this level. Some of the volunteers were friends and family members of veterans competing and spending time assisting at the games. You could see the joy in their faces, just watching and talking with the veterans. I appreciate all that they did for us.

Like many have mentioned, we come to the games not just to compete, but also to catch up with fellow veterans we have met at previous games or other events. We catch up with each other just like a family would do. We compete like any other athlete. We teach others, those that are novice (new) athletes or simply trying a new sport, about the game. We encourage on another.

There were a few changes and hick-ups during this years games, but it certainly would not stop me from applying for the games next year. There was a change with the opening ceremonies. They did not have the parade of athletes, and this was confusing for many. Most of the athletes I talked to would rather have the parade of athletes. Personally, the food for the opening reception was pretty good, however, more service lines or better direction to the line for food could have been improved. Additional changes included the closing ceremony, as it was short and the food at the reception was not much different than the block party. The new mobile app NVWG had some problems, however, it made it easier to find out what was going on and get updated. I’d recommend more athletes using this app for future games.

There were a few sporting events were rules had changed, but the rules were not handed out to athletes in a timely manner. Some of the rules should have been sent out in the application packet. For example: Bowling- athletes were told they needed to bowl in a stationary position (wheelchair must be locked). Some athletes were upset, since they practice bowling while the wheelchair is in motion. Yes, I know it is a safety concern but the athletes should known of this change in rules ahead of time.

I know team sports can be difficult to divide fairly. Yes, some teams may be overloaded with top players and others may not. Basketball and Quad Rugby has a practice session, why not have it for softball. There were several novice players and returning athletes that have never played softball. These athletes need to learn how to field a ball, hit the ball, and grasp the general rules of softball.

Overall, I enjoyed being in Salt Lake City competing at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. I am thankful my wife Kharen came out and volunteered at the games. It was great talking with some of the new athletes and their families.

If you know of anyone or see someone with a disability, share your story of what you experienced. If they are interested, let them know more about activities in the area. If you don’t know tell them to look up disabledsportsusa.org or pva.org and this should assist them. The more interest we get out there, the more the sports will be recognized. For all the VA staff that has assisted at the games, thank you for your help. When you get back to your hospitals, please let your veterans know there is more to life than just looking at the walls in their homes or hospital rooms.

Lastly for all the athletes that flew to the games, we need to hear about your story of flights. Not just while you were in the air, but also from the ticket counter to the baggage pickup. It can be good or bad. Share your story on www.airaccess30.org. This is open to all people with disabilities.
By: Al Evans

By the time you receive this Newsletter our Chapter will have mailed out over 1,800 ballots. This is a very costly effort. The reason I am stating this is we need your support as members and mail them back. We need you to vote for the leadership that will be caring our Chapter for the next two years. Normally it is said that if you get 10-15% of the ballots returned, that is a good number. I can’t agree with that. It takes time to make up the ballots and see that every effort has been made to contact each member with one. We are required to send one to each member, even if they are on our non-deliverable list. That is, until they have been dropped for non-contact. Like all elections, this one is important. The only way we can keep our Chapter going is by the involvement of our members. Not only by voting, but giving the leadership your input on issues dealing with our health care and benefits. Remember, voting is a right, for all of us and we must take part in the process, at all levels.

In our last newsletter we place a “Call to Action” by National PVA. This is one of the reasons we need to vote. The discussion of privatizing the VA would mean that many veterans will not be able to get health care. Not to scare anyone but the cost of health care is going up each day. If the VA is privatized there is good chance there will be a cap placed on our care. Remember, Medicare and Medicaid both have a cap on them. We cannot let this happen to us. Vote and contact your Representatives and Senators.

I am looking for locations in the Atlanta and Columbus, GA areas, and Tuskegee/Montgomery, Al areas to hold our outreach Membership Meeting. If you live in one of these areas and know of a place that could have room for between 15 – 25 wheelchairs and guests, please give me a call. I just need contact information to reach out to and visit the location. I promise the Chapter leadership and Board of Directors will be better at contacting our members.

Again contact your SCI Coordinator and find out when the next outreach meeting will be in your area. Please return your ballot when you receive it. KEEP ROLLING and KEEP MOVING! ♫

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- Painting/Coloring
- Parties
- Puzzles
- Walks

... May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you... 1 Thessalonians 3:12
The Air Carrier Act is now entering into its 30th anniversary, and our society is still having problems with the way we and our equipment, is handled while traveling. So PVA has created a website and we want to hear about your stories. Airaccess30.org is the website. It is for anyone with a disability (veteran or civilian). We need to hear from all people with disabilities regarding how well flights have been, or how bad they've been. It doesn't matter if it is good or bad. All information will be helpful!

Many of the problems that occur do not get reported to the FAA. Sure, we may complain to the airlines, but doesn't mean they are transferred onto the FAA. Out of several thousands of the incidents reported to the airline only a few thousand actually get reported to the FAA.

Why is this important to us? We are no different than anyone else. We deserve the same quality of life and experience as everyone else. Our equipment is a part of us, and without it, we lose our quality of life. We all have probably experienced hearing "well you can go without it," or "use something different." However, they do not understand, that is like us telling them, let me take part of your body away from you and see how well you can deal with it.

The Air Carrier Act covers from Point A to Point B, while in the United States. This includes starting at the ticket counter all the way through the airport, to the gate. The contractors that airlines use to transport you in the airport and to assist you on/off the plane, is still the responsibility of the airlines. You might hear them say they are contractors and they are not responsible for them; that is incorrect. If you have any problems with the airlines, please reach out to the Complaint Resolution Officer (CRO). Even though you report the problem to the airlines, make sure you get the info to the FAA as soon as possible. Once the FAA has the report, the airlines are required to reply back on the issue within a timely manner.

I know that several of our members recently attended the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. We would like to hear your stories, Please share them with the chapter. We are always looking for articles to place in our magazine as well.
Board of Director Candidates Resumes

Lee Baker
I have been a member of the Chapter for eleven years. I served six years in the US Navy during Desert Storm. Since my injury, I have participated the NVWG and I also enjoy hunting, fishing, golfing, and snow skiing. I was asked to fill in to complete a board position during this last board term. However, I now would like to run for a full term to better serve our members by moving our Chapter in a more positive direction in all aspects, thereby improving the quality of life for our members living with SCI/D. I ask for your support when your ballot arrives. Thank you! ♦

Alonzo “Lonnie” Burnett
My name is Alonzo “Lonnie” Burnett. Although I am running un-opposed for the office of Treasurer, I would like to tell you all a little about myself. I’m sure I have met many of you either at the Charlie Norwood VA or at the NVWC Games. I have been a member of Southeastern PVA for approximately 30 years and have served on the Board of Directors on and off for over twenty of those years in one position or another. I look forward to serving as your Treasurer for the next two years. I served as the Hospital Liaison officer, I would have met many of you in that capacity, so if you see me on the ward please don’t hesitate to ask if I can be of any assistance to you. If I don’t know the answer to your question I will try my best to find someone who does. Again thank your letting me serve you and thank you for your service. ♦

Al Evans
It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the last two years. I am hoping that you are willing to give me the opportunity to continue serving our membership. I have actively been involved with the Chapter for more than twenty years, holding the office of Chapter Secretary, serving as Sports Director and Membership Director. Ensuring that our members voices/concerns are heard on a National level is a high priority of mine, as I have attended the Advocacy and Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC several times. It is my hope that you will consider reelecting me to the position of President to continue building the relationships with our eleven VA facilities, and overseeing that our SCI Unit in Augusta, GA remains fully staffed and that a director is identified and starts as soon as possible.

Kurt Glass
I have been with the SEPVA since 1984. I served as treasurer for the Chapter for nearly all of those years, and I currently sitting on the board. I served in the US Army, 19 years 5mos. I suffered a back injury due to combat that resulted in paralysis after complications with surgery. I actively serve the Chapter by volunteering regularly in the Chapter office, when I’m not on a hunting or fishing event for the Chapter. I have served as the Assistant Sports Director for a better part of 25 years. I would like to have your support during election. Thank you! ♦
Board of Director Candidates Resumes

Paul Stewart

I served in the U. S. Marines in July, 1987. While in boot camp I became sick, which is when I learned that I had Transverse Myelitis. Due to this, I am a T10 incomplete paraplegic. I have been a member of Paralyzed Veterans of America since 1991 and transferred to the Southeastern Chapter in 1995. As a member, I advocate for people with disability and veterans. I have served on the Chapter’s Board of Directors since 2012, representing the chapter and National PVA at special events, fund raisers and Advocacy and Legislative events.

When they (the Chapter) need someone to assist at events, I am willing to do so when I am available. During the time I’ve been active on the board, I have brought new ideas to the chapter to assist in fund raising. As part of SEPVA, I am also a representative for the VAVS of the Asheville, NC and Salisbury, NC hospitals. I ask for your vote, so that I may continue to serve on the Board of Directors and assist the Chapter in reaching the goals we have been working towards. Thank you!

Charles Turek

I am currently the PVA Southeastern Chapter’s Vice President and I am running for reelection. It is my firm belief that any accomplishments in any organization require the efforts of the entire team. During this past term, in addition to keeping up with mandates from the PVA national office, Al Evans and I with a lot of assistance from our ED Jennifer Windham, have made considerable accomplishments. There have been improvements to the building which have been neglected for a number of years. We have developed a hard copy Standard Operating Procedure Manual, which we continue to improve. We have added more security to the building. We continue to search for sustaining source(s) of income, especially since we have severed ties with our telemarketing provider.

I continue to hold onto the idea of developing a board of hospital representatives to represent each of our eleven hospitals. I continue to push for satellite meetings at the Atlanta and Alabama hospitals. There are some needed repairs and improvements to our building and grounds that are necessary. If reelected, I hope to accomplish this and more, during my next term. Please consider me when you vote for chapter officers. Thank You!

Alan Washington

My name is Alan Washington, US Navy veteran, I am running for the Board of Directors (BOD). I have been a member of PVA for 28 years and have served on the board for the last two years, having assumed the position of Chapter Secretary mid-way through the term. I have a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting. I look forward to continue working with the Board, as well as, the office staff in continuing to help Southeastern PVA represent it’s members throughout the Southeast. Thank You!
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The Change Has Been Made

By: Jennifer Windham, Executive Director

The time has come. It is with this issue, that we have transitioned to the cost saving measure of sending out our newsletters via email. Since February, we have posted this change. We have diligently worked to keep costs down, however, with returned newsletters reaching an all-time high, the board of directors agreed to follow suit with many other organization. The decision to distribute electronic copies via our website and email follows suite

with various organizations of this modern day social media era.

You can find all current and past issues, along with our annual reports, posted to our website via www.SoutheasternPVA.org. Simply click on the publications tab and select the issue you would like to review.

We are using the email contact we have within your membership information, here at the Chapter. If you need to update this information, please contact the office at 800-292-9335 and give us a current e-mail address. We estimate that this change will save the Chapter nearly $8,000.00 annually in postage, printing and administrative costs. This savings can be better utilized throughout our other programs.

We appreciate your support and understanding regarding this change. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.
MyVA
By: Paul Stewart, National Director

What is MyVA? Who is this for? What does this do for me? What can I do?

MyVA is a new way of looking at the Veterans Administration Hospital. We all may have seen the sign that says ICARE inside the VA hospital. Most of us just glance at it and not care about it. What is ICARE? It stands for Integrity Commitment Advocacy Respect Excellence.

The VA is taking the ICARE to another level and calling it MyVA. The objectives are to improve the veterans experience, improve employee experience, and improve investment. The first and foremost, is to improve the care and the experience our veterans get at the facilities. It isn’t limited to just care from the medical staff, but from all the staff members within the VA Hospital system. Our veterans have fought for this country and placed their lives on the line. We need to make sure they are respected and appreciated for what they have done.

Secondly, is to improve the employee experience. We all need to make sure that employees are doing a good job, that we let them know about it. Also, share it with their supervisors or executive staff; especially if they are going above and beyond what they need to do. If you notice some employees aren’t doing what they should be doing, please let supervisors or executive staff know. If we just let it go by while not reporting it, then the problem cannot be corrected.

Finally, is to improve investment. We have heard several times, that the VA should close its doors, the problems at the VA will never get fixed and government should privatize the system. This should not be the case. What should be done is the required work to correct the problems. The VA is one of the largest healthcare facilities. Take a look at how far the VA has come. We have all heard the horror stories about the VA facilities during the WWII and through the Vietnam era. I even look at it from the time period of time that I have used the VA facilities. Back in the late ’80’s when appointments were scheduled, everyone was scheduled at the same time. You had the problem of not knowing how long you may have to wait. Now the VA has a better waiting time period. I am referring to scheduled doctor appointments. Currently through the VA, this is one of the best research facilities currently out there. If our veterans are given excellent quality of care, we need government to make sure the VA staff is getting the appropriate compensation for what they are doing. That goes for all of the medical staff providing the care, not just the executive staff.

We are all in this together. So let’s make sure we work together. Share your good experiences, as well as, bad and offer suggestions to the VA to see if any changes can be made.
The Bowel and Bladder Program

By: David Ray, National Service Officer
Orlando, Florida

Two major concerns of SCI individuals are Bowel and Bladder functions. Many of us have Bowel and Bladder maintenance programs that our significant others assist us with. One of the benefits that I am finding out that many of our veterans are not aware of is that we can have our caretakers certified to provide this level of care. The VA pays caregivers to provide these services no matter if the condition is service-connected or not service-connected.

If you have a caretaker who helps with your Bowel and Bladder care, you can discuss the benefits available with your SCI Coordinator. The SCI Coordinator can create the consultation for your provider to become certified to provide the care so they can get paid. One's bladder care is performed daily so the VA will assign one hour daily for this type of care unless your needs dictate otherwise. Typically, the VA will award two hours for Bowel care on the days it needs to be done. If your personal Bowel care regime requires it to be performed daily, then the VA will assign for it to be done every day.

The VA administers the Bowel and Bladder program on a monthly basis. At the end of the month, the caretaker will need to complete a VA invoice form to turn-in to Fee Basis by fax or mail. The VA will provide the invoice and payment. The caretaker will be paid at the end of each month.

This program is what is called an indirect benefit. This means that the VA does not give you money to pay the caretaker. If you receive Aid and Attendance no matter Pension or Compensation, please keep in mind that the Bowel and Bladder program for caregivers are completely different and does not affect this benefit.

In this program, if your spouse, friend, child, parent or someone else assists you with Bowel and Bladder care, they can become certified while getting paid the recent rate assigned to Nursing Assistants. The VA will assign the number of hours and pay rate. If your caretaker is certified in Gainesville, then the rates may be different compared to the rates offered in Orlando. In essence, your caretaker will become a VA Contractor. Since this type of care is supervised by a licensed professional monthly, service-connected Veterans could be eligible for an increase in benefits.

If you have any questions about the Bowel and Bladder program or other VA benefits, please contact your PVA National Service Officer for assistance.

ATTENTION: VETERAN BUSINESS OWNERS

The Coastal Chapter of the Elite Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Network (SDVOB) was recently created and is based out of Charleston, SC. This non-profit 503 c 19 organization will provide networking support to service disabled veterans. The chapter will also offer training and technical assistance to vets. The Elite SDVOB will focus on lobbying on a state level to gain support for procurement targets, joint venture opportunities, and loan funds on behalf of service-disabled veterans.

The Coastal Chapter meets on a monthly basis and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016, 8:30 am-9:30 am, at the West Ashley campus of Seacoast Church, 2049 Savannah Highway. RSVP via email by Wednesday, July 20, at noon. For additional information, contact Chuck Davis, President at 843-830-0555, or via email: chuckbpw@gmail.com.
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**Aug 9** Board of Directors Meeting  
Chapter CLOSED  
**Aug 10** Board of Directors Budget Meeting  
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**Aug 12** Columbia Membership Meeting  

**Sept 7** Membership Meeting  
Ballot Count  
**Sept 12-14** Augusta SCI Site Visit  
**Sept 21** Asheville Membership Meeting  
**Sept 22** Johnson City Membership Meeting  
**Sept 26** Dublin Membership Meeting  
**Sept 30** Board of Director's Induction Dinner  

**Oct 10** Columbus Day Holiday  
Chapter CLOSED  
**Oct 11** Board of Directors Meeting  
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**Oct 14-16** SEPVA Bass Tournament  
**Oct 17-19** National PVA Fall Board of Directors Meeting
Thirty seven wheelchair veterans/athletes from North and South Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia (team 'Southeastern Wheels of Fire') arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 26th. It was six days of competition, cheering, encouragement, and friendship while participating in seventeen events. Some go to the games for the medals, others to see old friends, but most just to be with individuals like us, Veterans. I was once told by team member that they love coming to the games because they come from a very small town. There are only five people in their town with a disability and he is the only one that uses a wheelchair. The games have inspired them to try other sports and travel to compete and try new sports. Of the 37 veterans that traveled with the team to Utah, 12 were novice athletes (first time competitors). Our novices did very well for their first time at the games and in most cases, it was their first time competing since their SCI injury or diagnosis. Thanks to the encouragement of our Recreation Therapists, Nursing Staff from the Atlanta/Decatur, Dublin, and Augusta Vas these and the whole team was prepared and ready to go for it. Most worked hard all year long striving for the GOLD at the games. The team was able to bring a total of 87 medals, 34 GOLD, 30 SILVER, and 23 BRONZE. You will find results and photos from the games on the National Veterans Wheelchair site, [www.NationalWheelchairGames.org](http://www.NationalWheelchairGames.org). We have also posted some pictures on the Chapter’s facebook page and website.

The 37th Nationals Veterans Wheelchair Games, will be held July 17 – 22, 2017 in Cincinnati, Ohio. As with the 36th Games, there will be no mailed out of registration packages. Packet registration will be available on-line on January 3rd, 2017, at NationalVeteransWheelchairGames.org. If you will be attending the games as part of the Chapter team, the deadline for the packages will be March 9, 2017. They must be complete when the Chapter receive it. We must make the arrangements with the hotel for payment of the rooms and deposits. I will not be calling if the package is not complete rather, I will be sending it back to the veteran. Please mark the deadline of 3/9/17 on your calendars!

**Pickleball**

What is Pickleball? This is one the fastest growing sports for people with disability and able body. Like tennis, they can play on the same court and against each other. Its tennis at a smaller scale. You can look on the website for the United States of America Pickleball Association (USAPA) at [USAPA.org](http://USAPA.org), to see what the game looks like. What I am looking for is anyone who may be interested in taking part in a clinic to learn the sport and hopefully getting a team together to play in tournaments. Both tennis players and new to sport veterans are invited to come when we have the clinic. This could be a chance for those of us who are interested in trying tennis to get started in a sport that isn’t as fast. Give me a call and let’s see what can be done.
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