By: Jennifer Windham, Executive Director

Saturday, April 26th we held our first annual Paralyzed Awareness Month (PAM) BBQ and Silent Auction.

Local celebrity, Skilyr Hicks (2013 America’s Got Talent Contestant), entertained during this exceptional evening that brought together SEPVA members, VA staff, families and friends from the community. A wonderful homemade bar-b-que dinner (and Southern style banana pudding, special thanks to Howard’s Sweets & Treats) was served by dozens of volunteers. Several silent auction items donated from the community and members were available for bid. A few even brought some friendly competition.

This was not only a fundraiser for the Chapter, but also an opportunity to share our mission with the community. The proceeds from this event will assist with the Chapter’s programs.

Thank you to all of those that contributed to the success of this event! ♦

April BBQ and Auction

Members came from as far as North Carolina.

Skilyr Hicks poses with a young fan.

Skilyr Hicks performs for SEPVA.

Marquita Smith and Jennifer Windham stop serving long enough for a photo.

VA Staff come out to support SEPVA.

Silent Auction items are reviewed before final bids are called.
Experiment with different pictures and sizes to find the right image, without wasting time. Swap pictures by dragging and dropping one of the pictures onto the other.
We have received the secretary’s response to the November 2013 site visit at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta, GA. My intention is to share with you, our members, the responses and finding of this visit. However, this report is quite lengthy. Therefore, we will share sections over the next few issues of our newsletter, as part of my President Report. To the left is the letter that accompanied the site visit report from our National PVA office. Below is the first section of the report to share with you.

**Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**
**Veterans Health Administration (VHA)**
Response to the November 5-6, 2013, Site Visit Report of the
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
Regarding the Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders (SCI/D) Center at the
Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center (CNVAMC) in Augusta, Georgia

VA appreciates the positive comments in the report about the quality of care for veterans with SCI/D. VA is pleased to respond to PVA’s site visit report. For each recommendation in the report, a response is provided.

**QUALITY OF CARE**

**Recommendation:** Fill all SCI/D unit vacancies per VHA Directive 2008-085 and VHA Handbook 1176.01.

**Response:** Concur
In accordance with VHA Directive 2008-085 (Spinal Cord Injury Center Staffing and Beds) and VHA Handbook 1176.01 (SCI/D System of Care Procedures), the pharmacist, social worker, and physician vacancies were filled in December 2013, February 2014, and February 2014, respectively, ahead of schedule. Nursing vacancies are expected to be filled in June 2014. CNVAMC SCI/D leadership will work collaboratively with Human Resources through all phases of the hiring process, as well as review and monitor staffing levels to ensure they are maintained.

**Recommendation:** Assess infrastructure of nursing management for the SCI/D Center.

**Response:** Concur
The SCI/D Associate Nurse Executive has increased the percentage of clinical hours for the Assistant Nurse Managers to 90 percent until such time staffing levels stabilize for efficient operations. After staffing levels are reached, the Assistant Nurse Managers will routinely work as staff for 50-75 percent of their scheduled tours.

**Recommendation:** Hire dedicated SCI/D non-nursing escort staff to meet the needs of the Outpatient Clinic and Inpatient Units. (Repeat Recommendation.)

**Response:** Concur in principle
CNVAMC SCI/D Center leadership acknowledges that personnel other than nursing staff can be utilized in patient care activities that involve transporting patients to their scheduled appointments and procedures. However, SCI/D leadership accomplishes this objective with the use of both volunteers and nursing assistants. CNVAMC SCI/D leadership strives to maintain an environment wherein licensed nurses remain at the bedside to deliver care, and unlicensed staff is utilized to escort patients when needed. Currently, the SCI/D Center has dedicated volunteers to serve as dedicated escorts. CNVAMC SCI/D leadership will continue to monitor the workload demands and submit requests through Voluntary Services and Human Resources Department to recruit additional resources, when necessary.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by: Al Evans

As of May 19, 2014 we have 2,049 voting members. Since the first of July, we have had 30 members pass on to the Eternal Chapter of PVA; they will be greatly missed and continually loved.

PVA Awareness Month (April): For those who are not aware, April is the Anniversary month for our organization. PVA was founded April 14, 1947, by World War II spinal cord injured veterans that said they will live and have a life after their injuries and improve the health care for all with Spinal Cord Dysfunctions. April found PVA Chapters and Service Officers all over the country, putting on events and information booths making both veterans and the general public aware of PVA, Veterans with disabilities and all people with disabilities. We informed everyone of the job PVA is doing to assist veterans with health care, employment opportunities, and advocate for veterans’ benefits through the VA. Though PVA’s Research Foundation improvements have been made in studies on MS, ALS, and Spinal Cord Injury. PVA is watching the US Court System to insure the American’s With Disability Act (ADA) will not lose any of the cases made since its founding in 1971. PVA does its work through our programs of Advocacy/Housing Barrier-Free Design/Employment, Research, Legislation, Hospital Liaison, Sports, and Membership. Of these programs Advocacy/Legislation, Hospital Liaison, and Membership are the most important. The Chapter has started working on more events for 2015’s PVA Awareness Month.

Our Chapter and Service Officer went to Asheville, NC, Mtn. Homes (Johnson City), TN, Columbia, and Charleston, SC, and Salisbury, NC setting up booths and holding a Sport Clinic to pass the word of the good and needed work of PVA. We met with many veterans and VA employees that were not aware of PVA and how we continue to work to improve the life for all veterans. PVA closely monitor the Health Care provided by all the Spinal Cord Injury units in the VA System. Keep watching the Newsletter for upcoming events and Chapter will be holding. When possible please attend you may get some information you weren’t aware of or could pass to another veterans or family member.

Charleston VAMC Update:
The Chapter took part in our PVA Awareness Day and Membership Meeting on April 21st. Both were very successful. Many veterans and family members stop at our table to discuss veterans Benefits and Health Care issues.

During the meeting we discussed the status of the Parking Garage. Charleston has been approved for two parking garages. Presently the planning and design stage are in progress. The facility is working on leasing parking space due to loss of parking space while garages are being built. The Medical Facility has installed a new Pharmacy Scanning machine to assist with lowering waiting time at the Pick-Up Window. The Chapter questioned the use of the machine since the VA is in the process of issuing new Veteran Identification Cards (VICs). We asked if the Pharmacy Card Reader will scan both the old and new cards. The Pharmacy Chief advised that scanner will read both cards and working the scanner supplier to clear up any problems. Opening of the new Community Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) for Hinesville, GA is scheduled for June 13, 2014. It will be a 23,000 sq. ft. facility. The ALS Clinic at Charleston VAMC has grown and working with the facility to get clinic Priory Parking for the 2nd Wednesday of the month. They also wanted to thank PVA for all the assistance our Service Officer has given the ALS Clinic in getting equipment and staff. They are looking at getting a new Neurologist and Neurology Nurse. Charleston’s Wound Care Program is expanding. Wound Care Telemed Program has schedule conferences with all CBOCs and Augusta SCI Unit.

Columbia VAMC Update:
Columbia’s PVA Awareness Day and Membership meeting was April 16. Again both were very successful. Our booth was well visited. Most that stop at the booth wanted information on benefits and changes in the VA. (cont. on next page)
HLO News:

During an early April meeting with the Director of the CNVAMC, we learned that construction is the root of a majority of the 13 issues that we currently have. We are targeted to have a total of 71 beds on the SCI unit, however, 11 of these rooms are currently closed and therefore unavailable for SCI patient use, due to construction. Of the remaining 60 beds, only 58 are currently available for patient use.

Engineering has stated that the change order has come through and that construction work was to resume by the end of April and would expected that work would be completed by June 30, 2014. As of Monday, May 19, 2014 there was still no construction work resuming on the unit. We’re now told that they do not know when construction crews will be back to work, and that projected completion date has been pushed out to July 31, 2014.

The Director also stated that they are looking to hire three (3) people for patient escort. We will learn the status of this hiring at our next meeting with the Director, July 10, 2014.

(Continued from Membership Report)

Our Service Officer Tony Timmons spoke to veterans on Housing, and Auto Grants.

The Membership Meeting was very good. The new Anderson Community Base Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) will be a 42,000 sq. ft. facility. The Director’s office advised that the Columbia VAMC has been approved for a new Parking Garage for 2015, or 2016, giving the facility 500 additional parking spaces.

Dublin VAMC Update:

Dublin’s new SCI Coordinator Marquita Smith is on board. You can contact her at (478) 272-1210 Ext. 5459 or email Marquita.Smith@va.gov. If you use the Dublin VAMC or in that catchment area with MS, ALS, or SCI/D please give her a call. She is ready to assist any way she can.

Mountain Home VAMC SCI Coord.

NOTICE:

Heidi Bailey will be out of the office on extended leave due to family medical issues.

Should you need a contact person for SCI/D at Mountain Home, please contact Jon Stamey, SCI/D Medical Services Assistance at: (423)979-3014, until further notice.

Timely Delivery of Prosthetic Devices

By: Chuck Turek

Prosthetic devices are of particular importance to our members. We all use wheelchairs of some sorts and depend on them in our daily lives. We expect the VA prosthetics department to provide us with the equipment we rely on. If you read my article about this years Legislation/Advocacy Seminar you already know about some of the problems with timely delivery of prosthetic devices. If not, here is a brief summary.

The VA Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Services (PSAS) has implemented a contracting center within the VA Office of Acquisition and Logistics that is responsible for ordering prosthetic devices that cost more than $3,000.00. We were assured that these additional steps would not negatively impact the timely delivery of needed prosthetic devices. That has not been the case.

In order to compile data on the performance of PSAS and the extent of delays in the delivery of prosthetic devices in the PVA has developed a Prosthetic Delay Report Form (PDRF). A copy of this form can be found in this edition of the Southern Edition (page 15). You can also find this PDRF on our website: www.southeasternpva.org where you can print out a copy. Please take the time to complete the form and send it to the Chapter office. We will collect them and forward them to National PVA. This will give us the opportunity to see how the Prosthetics Departments in Augusta and all of our spoke hospitals are performing.
Southeastern Chapter’s Elections Are Coming Up In August

By: Jennifer Windham

We have officially started another election year for officers and directors for the Southeastern Chapter’s Board of Directors. Members that have expressed interest in running for a position on the Chapter’s board were asked to send in a resume.

A “resume” is a brief description of who you are, your strengths, what qualifies you as a board member, what they have done in the past and would like to see done with our Chapter in the future.

Resumes that have been received at the Chapter are printed in this newsletter and will also be in the next issue, prior to election.

Only in-person nominations with a resume will be accepted at the June 18, 2014 meeting at the Chapter Headquarters. Nominations will not be accepted without a resume.

The Election Committee has reviewed each resume to ensure that the individual meets the following requirements:

1. A certified voting member of the SEPVA.
2. Member is in good standing with the SEPVA.
3. Confirm that individual has reliable/dependable transportation.
4. Confirm that the individual has the ability and is willing to make scheduled meetings.

Resumes will not be accepted after June 18th as ballots will be printed. Ballots will be mailed out to members on July 29, 2014. Members will have the month of August to have their ballots returned to the Chapter office.

I will collect ballots from the post office box for the final time at Close of Business September 2, 2014, as ballots will be counted at our September 3rd Membership meeting. Any ballots received by mail after this date will be considered void.

Ballot are to be mailed. Hand delivered ballots will not be accepted. To ensure that your ballot makes it back in a timely manner, it is recommended that you return it by mail, postmarked no later than August 27, 2014 in order for your vote to be counted.

Please feel free to call the Chapter office if you have any questions pertaining to the election nomination process.

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CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**CANDIDATE: AL EVANS, Running for President**  
Hephzibah, GA

Hello, my name is Alphonso “AL” Evans. I am running for position of President of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Southeastern Chapter, for the term of 2015 – 2016. I am a 25 year veteran of the U. S. Army. In 1995 after completion of SCI rehab at the Augusta VA, (then) President Charles Littleton asked me if I would be willing to complete the term, in office, of the retiring Secretary. I asked, “Just what I would have to do?” His answer was, “Check out the Chapter’s By-Laws.”

Turns out, the By-Laws don’t cover half of what the Chapter officers and Board of Directors must interface with in an effort to improve our mission and membership. Nonetheless, since April 1995 I have enjoyed working with our members and Board of Directors serving as not only the Chapter Secretary but also the Chapter’s Sports Director.

Over the years I have learned more and more about Veterans Health Care and Benefits and the issues that the Chapter faces each day. I now feel it is time that I step up and run for President, in order work closer with National PVA and address these issues from the Chapter’s Point of View. I am asking for your support in August when you receive your ballot. Please vote and mail your ballot back to the Chapter in August.

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CANDIDATE:  CHUCK TUREK, Running for Vice President  Cartersville, GA

For those of you who do not know me, allow me to introduce myself. I am Chuck Turek. I am running for the office of Vice President of Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans of America (SEPVA). I am currently serving as Vice President, having been appointed by the board to directors to replace Larry Dodson after he relinquished his position. I also serve as the National Director representing SEPVA and as the Advocacy/Legislation Director for the state of Georgia.

I served with the 199th Infantry Division during the Vietnam Conflict and was wounded in action in 1970 resulting in my SCI. I have been dealing with the Veterans Administration and its various departments since my discharge from the Army in 1970. After returning home I was able to complete my doctoral education in clinical psychology and worked as a neuropsychologist and rehabilitation psychologist until 2001. I then opened a private practice until I retired in 2005. I became involved with SEPVA not long after my retirement. I quickly learned that SEPVA is like no other chapter of the PVA. Not only do we have the largest membership, but the second largest membership area in the organization.

This makes us unique and presents some interesting challenges. I believe that communication between the members and our elected officers is of the utmost importance. We need keep a constant open dialogue between the two. I propose the we initiate a “panel of representatives” composed of one or two members from each of the 11 hospitals we serve. These panelists would act as liaison between the members served by these hospitals and the chapter elected officers. The panel would bring awareness of the wants and needs of our members and any problems that may arise in a more expedient and timely manner. I would encourage board members to enhance and refine their communication techniques not only between board members but also between board members and our membership.

I have found that the PVA name is not very well known in our community. We therefore need to become better at advertising and networking. We need more publicity. There are members of our organization who have expertise in this area. We need to identify those members and take advantage of their expertise. I believe that expanding our exposure will increase fundraising revenue allowing SEPVA to improve our current programs and examine and initiate additional programs to serve our members. I believe that I possess the skills help bring a strong leadership for our chapter. The Vice President of SEPVA is there to serve the members of our organization and the direction of the Board of Directors. I believe that my experience in working with people, organizing and running a successful professional office would be of benefit to SEPVA. Let us work together to not only continue the good work that our chapter is currently doing, but to improve and expand our programs for the benefit of our members.

CANDIDATE:   LINDA HUTCHINSON  North Augusta, SC

I am a Navy veteran, and have been a PVA member since 1995. I am currently serving on the board, and have been for the last 3 years. I am also one of two Legislation and Advocacy directors for our chapter. I am very passionate about legislation. There is so much that many of us do not realize, have such a direct and an indirect impact on our daily lives. Making sure that Congress hears and understands what we need and deserve, is a priority for me.

I truly enjoy doing this work, and I help with as many projects, and activities as I can. I especially enjoy helping with activities for the patients in the hospital, like the Christmas luncheon and the bar-b-ques. I now live in North Augusta, SC, I am the mother of 2 grown daughters, and I have 3 grandchildren. I truly enjoy this work, and I hope you'll have me back for another 2 years.

CANDIDATE:   ALAN WASHINGTON  Evans, GA

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 27 years. I have a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting. I look forward to working with BOD's as well as the office staff in continuing to help Southeastern PVA represent its members in its respective areas.

(Candidates continued on pages 8 & 9)
CANDIDATE: JOHN SPRINGSTEAD
Cleveland, NC

Hello, my name is John Springstead and I am running for the Paralyzed Veterans of America, South Eastern chapter board.. I am a 13 year veteran of the US Air Force. I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2008 and with the outstanding help of the PVA was able to be awarded 100% VA disability. I feel it is my obligation to pay back the PVA for their assistance, but wanted it to be more substantial than sitting at a desk in Salisbury facility and giving directions to the veterans there. For those that know me, you know I am not afraid to voice my opinion and rarely take no for an answer. Though I feel the PVA sports programs are a wonderful opportunity for those that do and can participate in it, I also feel that those that are not able to participate should have access to alternative programs and would work hard on obtaining funds and support to make them available.

I, like Vice Presidential candidate Chuck Turek, feel that there needs to be a liaison between the hospitals in our area and our fellow veterans. I would also like to establish a local patient relation team at each hospital for those concerns and suggestions that are more individual facility specific. I have the time to devote to the position and I am sure I would find it very fulfilling to help my fellow veterans as I already do helping those I meet in my private life.

I would greatly appreciate your support in the upcoming election, please complete your ballots and return them in July when you receive them to ensure your voice is heard. Thank you for your anticipated support.

CANDIDATE: WILLIAM BRAUN
Grovetown, GA

My name is William (Bill) Braun, and I am running for the Board of Directors for Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans of America. I spent 23 years in the military, 6 years in the Marine Corps and 17 in the Army. I feel I have the qualities to make a good board members.

I was on the Board before I had to resign to do a move back to Texas. In Texas I was a member of the Texas PVA. I spent four years as secretary of the San Antonio Sub Chapter. I help with many of SEPVA fundraisers; flee markets, sports clinics and any other needs of the chapter to the best of my ability.

I want to see the chapter have more clinics in local areas, not only for sports, but also for other events such as; bowling, fishing, hunting, trapshooting, tennis, pool. In addition, I would like to see more events such as picnics that include not only members but the community as well.

CANDIDATE: LONNIE BURNETT, Running for Treasurer
Martinez, GA

Hello fellow Veterans. My name is Lonnie Burnett and I am running for the office of Treasurer. I am a Navy veteran where I served as an Operations Specialist. I have been a member of SEPVA for a little over 30 years and I have served on the Board of Directors for over 20 of those years in one capacity or another, including Treasurer.

I have met many of you when I served as the Hospital Chairman when you were going through the rigors of rehab or maybe at the Veterans Wheelchair Games. While serving as the Hospital Liaison Officer I have met with the Hospital Directors to discuss the Chapter’s concerns about our spinal cord unit and patients. I now meet once a month with the Nurse Managers to discuss the issues of the ward and our patients. I have seen this Chapter grow from a few hundred members to the over 2000 members we have today. I have seen this Chapter go from meeting at the VA and renting a storefront office to now owning the beautiful and spacious building we have today. We have grown a great deal over the years but I feel we have the potential to grow even more.

I look forward to being a part of that growth. Thank you in advance for your support.
CANDIDATE:  ORLANDO PEREZ

My name is Orlando V. Perez; I am a 38 year old Army veterans. For the past 7 years I have called Augusta/Grovetown my home. One of the most exciting reasons for me to move to the area was the opportunity to volunteer and do community work, as well as help grow and promote ability awareness to all injured soldiers, veterans and the CSRA community. I have been a volunteer at the Charlie Norwood Augusta VA, talking to veterans and family members while I share the amazing experiences I have had with adaptive sports and leisure activities, helping to me to live a healthier and more accomplished life following my SCI. I have had the opportunity to compete internationally with the Puerto Rico Paralympic Team earning 3 international medals, as well as, nationally competing in track and several NWBA (National Wheelchair Basketball Association), but my love for the game was born at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games where I was humbled by being awarded the 2005 Spirit of the Games Award. I have been involved with alpine skiing as of late.

The love to assist veterans with their new life transition has pushed me to take an offer to play wheelchair basketball for Oklahoma State University and earn a Bachelor’s degree in Adaptive Leisure Programming. Our Southeastern PVA Chapter offers all kinds of awareness, ADL’s, Leisure, Sports, Benefits and more. This is why I volunteer my time, love and passion to our Chapter. I have been honored to currently be part of our board of directors. This current term on the board has been a learning process for me and I would like to continue applying what I’ve learned to assist fellow veterans in living the fullest life possible. Thank you and God bless our troops and our Veterans.

CANDIDATE:  PAUL STEWART

I am currently running for re-election to the Board of Directors. I have served on the board since 2012.

I am a former Marine that served in July of 1987. My service to the country was shortened due to contracting Transverse Myelitis. I have been a member of PVA since 1991 and been a member with SEPVA since 1995.

I have been an advocate for people with disabilities as well as military veterans’ rights. Some I have assisted at several military/veteran events representing SEVPA. I have a Master’s Degree in Organizational Change and Leadership. My volunteering is not only through SEVPA, but also Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Western NC, Knight of Columbus, Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program, and Abilities Unlimited of the Carolinas.

CANDIDATE:  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!
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Planning for Hurricane Season

Submitted by: Elizabeth Carbonneau, LISW-CP
SCI/D Program Coordinator
Ralph H. Johnson VAMC, Charleston SC

June 1st through November 30th is hurricane season. For those of us in the “low country” of South Carolina and coastal Georgia, it can be a very stressful time of year. In addition to the damage caused by hurricane winds, we are also susceptible to sea surge and massive flooding.

The Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center evacuates SCI/D patients who rely solely on the VA for health care and transport and reside in mandatory evacuation areas. SCI veterans who meet these criteria will be evacuated to the Augusta SCI Center. MS veterans who meet these criteria will be evacuated to the Columbia V AMC. If you do not receive a call from the SCI/D Coordinator specifically informing you that you are on the approved VA Hurricane Evacuation List, you need to come up with an evacuation plan now.

FIRST – decide where you will go and how you will get there. The community shelters, even the “special needs” shelter, may not be able to accommodate your specific healthcare needs.
Give consideration to alternate power sources (i.e. a generator) if your equipment relies upon electricity.
SECOND – have an emergency kit assembled and ready to go. You should have at least two weeks worth of medication and supplies on hand at all times.
THIRD – if an evacuation order is given, leave as soon as possible.

There are a number of websites devoted to hurricane planning and preparedness. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control maintains an excellent site at:
http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/ophp/hurricane/evacuate.htm

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to the Charleston SCI/D Program Coordinator at (843) 789-7252.

We strive to keep our membership address list current.
1. To make sure everyone is receiving their newsletter/magazine
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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14: Flag Day
15: Father’s Day
17: Board of Directors Meeting
18: Membership Meeting
Chapter Headquarters
Lunch served at noon
Meeting starts at 1pm

21: First Day Of Summer

**July 2014**

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4: Independence Day: CHAPTER CLOSED
16: Asheville Outreach Membership Mtg.
Ryan’s at 1000 Brevard Rd., Asheville
12 noon – 2 pm
17: Johnson City Outreach Membership Mtg.
Golden Corral at 3104 Browns Mill Rd
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
22: Salisbury Membership Meeting
Prosthetics Delay Report Form

Responsible PVA Service Office: ___________________________ Date: ________

Last Name: ___________________ First Name: ___________________ MI: ______

SSN: _________________________ Age: ____ PVA Member: Yes ☐ No ☐

Description of disabling condition that necessitates reliance on prosthetics, including the date of injury:

________________________________________________________________________

Are you service-connected: Yes ☐ No ☐

Item/Device/Equipment ordered:

________________________________________________________________________

Date Ordered: __________

Prescribing Clinician/Therapist: __________________________________________

VA Medical Center: ______________________________________________________

Veteran Integrated Service Network (1-23): _________

Order delayed more than 30 days: ☐ Denied: ☐

Reasons given for decision:

________________________________________________________________________

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Impact of delay/denial:

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Fax the completed form to (202) 416-7754 or email to prosthetics@pva.org
National PVA will be announcing the upcoming Sport Trails and Circuits for the 2015 seasons in the next few weeks. Keep checking the National PVA and Chapter websites for updates. Both the Iowa and Wisconsin PVA Trapshoot registrations can be found on the National PVA website. If you have problems please give the Chapter a call and I’ll get one sent to you. Iowa’s shoot is June 27 – 29, in Cedar Rapids, IA, and Wisconsin’s July 11 – 13, Green Bay, WI.

**National Veterans Wheelchair Games**

34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games - Members going to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Please remember not to place your medication in check baggage if flying to the Games. If I haven’t received your travel arrangements please contact the Chapter as soon as you get them.

**GUN RAFFLE**

TRAP SHOOT GUN
NEW SKB 85TTR Trap Combo Shotgun 32” Single, 30” Over/Under.
Tickets $5.00 each or 3 for $10.00.
Drawing Date: September 3, 2014. All proceeds benefit PVA Southeastern Chapter. Contact the Chapter if you are interested in purchasing tickets to assist your Chapter with our programs.

**SPORTS CLINIC**

The Chapter and Salisbury VAMC hosted a well attended Sports Clinic at the Salisbury VAMC. We able to hold clinics in Handcycle, Wheelchair Tennis, Field Events, Power Wheelchair Soccer, and Boccia Ball. During this clinic some of the changes in Wheelchair Track & Field were discussed. The biggest change is the Classification process and reclassification of some individuals.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and participants that took part in this event. Salisbury and the Chapter are looking into holding another clinic with different events in the future.

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.
The Rehab Shower Commode Chair

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The E&J rehab shower commode chair has been the “go to” shower chair for many of the SCI veterans for years. It was the first, and often the only shower chair that many of you have used. It folds, has large rear wheels, a nice sling upholstered back rest, as well as, caster pin locks. Unfortunately, this shower chair has been discontinued and is no longer sold by the company, Graham Field. There may be a few left for sale on Ebay or Amazon, but the VA is unable to purchase from these sources.

There are several new shower chairs on the market that have worked out well for E&J users. Adjusting to a new shower chair is kind of like buying new shoes—they take some getting used to. Listed below are some of the models that we have been ordering to replace the E&J:

RAZ - www.razdesigninc.com
NuProdx - www.nuprodx.com
ActiveAid –www.activeaid.com

Check out the websites for details about each model.

You may want to plan ahead if you are looking to replace your E&J shower chair. It is helpful to transfer into the different models to find out what works best for your body type and injury level. We have samples of most of the shower chairs and can help you determine the best chair for your needs.

Please call to set up an appointment when it is time to put your old shower chair to rest.

There’s a lot more of life to be experienced after injury and exploring different opportunities was what this day was all about. Wheeling in New Directions Conference was hosted by the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Assoc. on May 17 in Columbia, SC.

SEPVA was there participating and sharing in this exciting day. Sharing stories and experiences of our veterans and reaching out to others that are just learning to adjust to their new life.
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