Band of Brothers Motorcycle Club Makes Donation

The President of the Band of Brothers Motorcycle Club out of Greenwood, South Carolina presented the Chapter with a check in the amount of one thousand dollars, on September 15, 2015.

For several years now, the Band of Brothers MC has held a poker run and donated the proceeds to the Southeastern Chapter. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support from Band of Brothers. Even as the Club continues to rebuild their Club building, due to a fire that had completely destroyed their former building two years ago, their support for our members continues.

The Band Of Brothers VMC was formed to support the members of our Armed Forces, past and present, and to create a camaraderie between each branch, to share our love for motorcycle riding and to promote charitable causes that benefit our military, past and present. The Band Of Brothers VMC is a non-territorial, neutral club.

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Ok, here I go! I have three items “Soap Box” items to address. First is supporting our VA Nursing Staff. Second is VOTING, and the third is “Care Giver Support”. But for now I want to discuss Voting. As everyone knows, we are beginning an election season. Locally, at the State level, the National level and with our Chapter. Anyone that has been to one of our outreach meetings has likely heard me say, “We are the Second Largest Voting Block in the Nation (the Veteran Community), the First being the Department of Defense.” We as members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, currently have two reasons to take interest in Voting. The first is to insure the VA is funded correctly and secondly, to see that the ADA remains a Law with a bite.

As veterans, we need to take an interest in our local government and how it will affect our livelihood. How well do our local governments and states support veterans issues? Will new housing starts be accessible? Or down the road, will persons with a new disability or the elderly have to spend extra funds to live in their home of twenty to thirty years or move out into nursing homes, or assistive living facilities? What funding will the local government and state put into veterans issues to ensure that the Homeless Veteran can have housing and employment? These are just a couple of local and state issues that we need to take an interest in, and why we need to vote.

Then Nationally, how well are our National Senators and Representatives taken care to see that all veterans are able to live and receive Health Care? Funding of the VA is a large part of this issue. There are others that affect veterans and people with disability. We all earned the right to vote. We need to use this right. I used to hear our National Secretary, Mr. Larry Dodson tell new injuries at the Augusta VA SCI Unit, when asked, “What are the dues to be a member of PVA?” He stated, “PVA doesn’t have (Membership) dues, as you have already paid for your membership by serving in the military of our Nation.” As a Veteran, a Veteran family member, or VA employee, you have paid the price to have the right to VOTE and protect that right for nearly everyone in our Nation. I request that each of our members exercise your right to vote. Find out what issues and you believe in, and support them. Be an informed voter.

For those members who may be in a VA Community Life Centers (CLC), Nursing Homes, and other Care Facilities, you too can vote. You must let someone, (Social Worker, Nursing Staff, Case Manager, etc.) know of your wish to vote. They must be made aware of your wish early enough to assist you in getting absentee ballots and information. If you know of an election coming up and you know that you maybe away or even in the hospital for some reason, get an absentee ballot or if your area has early voting take advantage of it.

This coming year the Chapter will be holding elections for Officers and Board of Director members. When you receive your ballot, please take the time to vote and return your ballot to the Chapter. In the upcoming Newsletters we will be posting the resumes of all that will be running and the dates for voting. Please check them out and if you have questions call the Chapter. If you have a questions of anyone running we will have them get in touch with you to answer questions. They will be to people leading our Chapter in the future. ♦
Veterans Day

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as “the Great War.” Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the “recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations” and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938 made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as ‘Armistice Day.’” In actuality, there are no U.S. national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day
American effort during World War II (1941-1945) saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation’s history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War (1950 to 1953). In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans’ service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word “Armistice” in favor of “Veterans.” President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Celebrating Veterans Day Around the World
Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans – living or dead – but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. ♦
Helpful Hints from SCI-Homecare
By: Sheron Still, LCSW

Medical Foster Home (MFH) Program

The Medical Foster Home Program is a dynamic alternative to long term care.
The Medical Foster Home (MFH) provides an alternative to institutionalized care and is intended to improve the Veteran's quality of life by providing 24 hours of health care in a home setting.

Who is eligible?
If you are a patient at the Charlie Norwood VAMC and have needs that can no longer be met in your home, you may be eligible for MFH care. MFH care is a voluntary option. The VA can help you find a MFH that provides quality care and safety in a home that is warm and caring. The veteran will have an option to tour the MFH before making a decision to be admitted.

What kind of care is provided?
Assistance with activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, dressing, etc.
Medication management
Assistance in managing mental health care
Assistance with memory issues or dementia

Common health concerns may include:
Heart disease, diabetes, Parkinson’s Disease, spinal cord injury, brain injury and mental health issues.

Who will assist from the VA?
The VA Home Based Primary Care Program or the VA Spinal Cord Injury Home Care Program will visit you in the MFH. Team members will visit as needed to provide case management and support.
Other VA programs may also be used to support you and your caregiver.

What is provided?
Private or semiprivate rooms; home like living with three meals and two snack a day; flexibility and choice in a supervised setting; socialization and recreation; personal care and medication management.

Who pays for this?
The veteran is responsible for the cost of the MFH. The cost may be paid using a combination of private income, social security, savings, VA pension or VA compensation. Charges are based on your care needs and financial resources.

The Veteran and the Caregiver will sign a MFH care agreement that covers the care needed, the rate, and the rights and responsibilities.

If you are interested you may ask your Primary Care provider to send a consult for Medical Foster Care Home and the Home Based Primary Care and/or Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Home Care Program.

For more information please contact:
Linda Singletary, LCSW, ACSW, Coordinator of the Medical Foster Home Program
706-733-0188 X7587 or 1-800-836-5561 or email: Linda.singletary@va.gov
Currently the Chapter has 1,990 voting members. Since joining this Chapter, April 12, 1996 we have only dropped below 2,000 members once. Like all PVA Chapter’s, our membership is getting older. Please remember all our Members, Veterans, and Service Members in your prayers.

**National Homeless Month**

September was National Homeless Month. Both local communities and the VAMCs in our catchment area have partnered for the Homeless. It may seem that this Newsletter is coming out late to take part in “Stand Downs” in your area. But most of the events are being held in October. Please check with the VA in your area and find out when they are holding their “Stand Down”. Check with your VA’s Volunteer Service and see what you can do to assist (Volunteer). Assist at the “Sign In” table, the food serving line, or at the clothing line. We do need to show our fellow veterans that we care and understand that things don’t always go as we planned. The VA is always in need of slightly used and new clothes for veterans and family members. If you can’t use it or don’t need it, please consider donating it to the VA.

**Flu Shots**

It’s that time again “FLU SHOTS”. At the time of this Newsletter’s printing we had not received the schedules from the VAMCs in our area of where and when the shots we be given. You need to check with the SCI Coordinator at your facility for more information. From our understanding, the VA has not received the vaccine as of yet. As people with Spinal Cord Dysfunction, our immune system is already compromised and a Flu can really take us out.

**Augusta VAMC Parking**

The Augusta VA, parking garage is open. The ribbon cutting was September 1. For those that come to Augusta for parking around the flag pole has gone back to the old system. The entire first floor of the parking garage is accessible parking. Spaces have been reserved for SCI parking. You will need to have a SCI parking permit to use these spaces. Also the parking next to the building (SCI Ward) has been restriped and again is reserved for SCI. Like the parking around the flag pole the VA Police will enforce the parking. While we’re talking about parking garages, the Charleston garage has started, and should also be completed ahead of schedule.

**Ralph H. Johnson (Charleston) VAMC**

The Charleston VA has a new Associate Director, Ms. Pamela Crowell. Ms. Crowell joined the staff in July. She came from the New Mexico VA Health Care System where served as their Associate Director. Ms. Crowell is married and has two children. Her oldest son is active duty Army, serving in the 82nd Airborne.

**Ralph H. Johnson (Charleston) VAMC: Change to Appnt. Reminders**

The Charleston VA is currently switching fromm appointment letters to appointment reminder postcards, in an effort to reduce paper waste and save money on postage. These cards will be mailed directly to the veteran, in same way the current letters are, and will include pertinent appointment information, maps to the facility, and specialized instructions for your visit. These cards will be the size of typical travel postcard and have tear tabs on the sides to ensure that your medical information remains secure and private. Please ensure you don’t accidently throw away your appointment reminder card.

**Upcoming Elections**

Please exercise your right to vote in all upcoming elections in your area!
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FAQ: Service Animals on VA Property August 2015

By: William Pack
Senior National Service Officer

These frequently asked questions (FAQs) are intended to provide guidance to the general public regarding VA regulation (38 CFR 1.218(a)(11)) and VHA policy (VHA Directive 1188) on access of service animals to VA property, and to answer questions related to:

1. How to know if an animal is a service animal that may access VA property;
2. Where a service animal can go on VA property; and
3. What behavior on the part of a service animal warrants its removal from VA property.

I. HOW TO KNOW IF AN ANIMAL IS A SERVICE ANIMAL THAT MAY ACCESS VA PROPERTY.

Under VA regulation and VHA policy, a service animal can only be a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks to assist a person with a disability. The following FAQs provide additional guidance.

Q: To what property does the VA regulation and VHA policy apply?
A: The VA regulation and VHA policy applies to any property owned or leased by VA and under the charge and control of VA. For VHA purposes, this includes VA Medical Centers, VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs), Vet Centers, and any office space for VHA staff that is provided by VA.

Q: Can an animal that is not a dog be considered a service animal?
A: No, only a dog that is trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability is considered a service animal.

Q: How do you know if a dog is a service animal that is trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability?
A: Sometimes it is obvious that the dog is a service animal, such as with a guide dog (also known as a seeing-eye dog). Other times, a person with the dog can be asked the following two questions to determine whether the dog is a service animal:

Is your dog a service animal required because of a disability?

What work or tasks has your dog been trained to perform?

The following information is relevant to the determination of whether a dog is a service animal:
Dogs whose sole function is to provide emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship are not service animals. A person cannot be asked what their disability is, cannot be asked for medical documentation of the disability, and cannot be required to show a special identification card or training documentation for the dog. The work or task that the dog has been trained to do or perform must be directly related to the person's disability. Examples of such work or tasks include but are not limited to:

- Guiding people who are blind or have low vision.
- Alerting people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Alerting and protecting someone who is having a seizure.
- Reminding a person with a mental illness to take prescribed medications.
- Calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack.
- Retrieving items for a person who uses a wheelchair.
- Providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to a person with mobility disabilities.
- The person cannot be asked to command the dog to demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.

Q: Doesn't VA have to follow the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?
A: As a Federal executive agency, VA is not subject to the ADA; however, VA regulation and VHA policy generally model the same criteria that are in the regulations that implement the ADA in terms of service animal access. These
ADA regulations do not permit emotional support animals or comfort animals to access public property.

Q: Are dogs that are trained to assist an individual with PTSD (PTSD dogs) allowed to access VA property?
A: Yes, service dogs trained to assist someone disabled by PTSD are considered service animals and are permitted to access VA property. However, PTSD dogs are not eligible under VA regulation for VHA service dog benefits.

Q: Doesn’t 38 U.S.C. 901 (Public Law 112-154) limit service animal access in VA to only those dogs whose trainings is “accredited”?
A: Under Public Law 112-154, VA shall not prohibit the use of a service dog on VA property if that dog is trained by an “accredited” organization. However, this law does not prevent VA from allowing access to a broader group of service animals. VA interprets Public Law 112-154 in VA regulation (38 CFR 1.218(a)(11)) to allow access for any service animal regardless of where, how, or by whom the animal was trained. A person cannot be asked to show proof of a dog’s training as a service animal.

Q: If a person without being asked presents proof of a dog’s “accredited” training, can the dog automatically gain access under Public Law 112-154?
A: No. When it is not obvious that a dog is a service animal, the way VA determines whether the dog is a service animal is to ask a person the two questions discussed above (1. Is your dog a service animal required because of a disability?; and 2. What work or tasks has your dog been trained to perform?). Whether the dog is a service animal will be determined based on the answers to these questions. Thus, the presentation of proof of a dog’s “accredited” training by a person is not an automatic way to gain access. Also, as explained above, a dog need not be trained by an “accredited” organization in order to be a service dog that may access VA property.

II. WHERE A SERVICE ANIMAL CAN GO ON VA PROPERTY
Under VA regulation and VHA policy, a service animal can accompany the person with a disability to access VA property that the general public can access, subject to the same terms and conditions as the general public, and where the presence of a service animal would not compromise patient care, patient safety, or infection prevention and control standards. There are certain areas on VA property, however, that a service animal may not access. The following FAQs provide additional guidance.

Q: Can a service animal be in the emergency room?
A: Yes, as long as the person with the disability (handler) or an alternate handler is able to control the service animal on a harness, leash, tether, or through the use of voice or other control, and the presence of a service animal would not compromise patient care, patient safety, or infection prevention and control standards.

Q: Can a service animal accompany the handler or alternate handler into examination rooms?
A: Yes, as long as the handler or alternate handler is able to control the service animal on a harness, leash, tether, or through the use of voice or other control, and the presence of a service animal would not compromise patient care, patient safety, or infection prevention and control standards.

Q: What if other individuals in a waiting room or open area are scared of dogs or allergic to dogs, can the service animal stay in these areas anyway?
A: Other people’s fear of dogs or allergies to dogs is not a reason for a service animal to leave a part of VA property. When a person who is allergic to dog dander or fearful of dogs and a person who uses a service animal must spend time in the same room or facility, they both should be accommodated by assigning them, if possible, to different locations within the room or different rooms in the facility. A service animal can be removed from an area if the animal poses a risk to patient safety or health.

Q: Can a service animal stay overnight with the handler in a hospital room?
A: Many VA hospital rooms are considered acute inpatient areas—under VA regulation and VHA policy, the presence of the service animal in such an area, overnight or even for a shorter duration, must be approved by the handler’s treating providers and be documented as part of the handler’s treatment plan. If this is done, then the service animal may stay with the handler in these areas—however, the handler or alternate handler (e.g. family member) must be responsible for the control of the service animal and care of the service animal at all times, VHA will not be responsible for the service animal.

Q: What if the handler is sharing a hospital room with someone who is scared of dogs or is allergic to dogs, can the dog stay with the handler anyway?
A: Other people’s fear of dogs or allergies to dogs is not a reason for a service animal to leave a part of VA property. When a person who is allergic to dog dander or fearful of dogs and a person who uses a service animal must
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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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1: World Music Day
13: Board of Directors Meeting
14: Membership Meeting

To all of our members celebrating birthdays in October and November

1: Daylight Savings Ends: Set clocks back 1 hour
3: Election Day – Get out and VOTE
11: Veterans Day – Chapter CLOSED
13: Salisbury Membership Meeting
18: Asheville Membership Meeting
19: Johnson City Membership Meeting
26 & 27: Thanksgiving Holiday — Chapter CLOSED
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spend time in the same room or facility, they both should be accommodated by assigning them, if possible, to
different locations within the room or different rooms in the facility. A service animal can be removed from an
area if the animal poses a risk to patient safety or health.

III. REASONS TO HAVE A SERVICE ANIMAL REMOVED FROM VA PROPERTY
Under VA regulation and VHA policy, a service animal must be removed from VA property if it is not under the control
of the handler or alternate handler, if it is not housebroken, if it behaves in an aggressive way (e.g. by snapping, biting,
growling, baring its teeth, or lunging), or if it exhibits external signs of parasites, disease, or
bad health. The following FAQs provide additional guidance.

Q: What happens when a handler that is on VA property with a service animal needs emergency
treatment or has to be admitted to a VHA inpatient setting?
A: Under VA regulation and VHA policy, a service animal must be under the control of a handler or alternate
handler at all times, and VA is not responsible for the service animal while it is on VA property. Handlers
should have an alternate handler’s contact information readily available if the handler becomes unable to
control the service animal while on VA property.

Q: What if an alternate handler is not able to take control of the service animal from the handler
that needs emergency treatment or needs to be admitted? Can VHA staff look after the dog or
take it to a kennel or boarding facility in this instance?
A: VHA staff cannot take control of the service animal, cannot take the service animal to a kennel or boarding
facility, and cannot attempt to board the service animal themselves on VA property. If an alternate handler is
not identified or cannot be reached by the handler, VHA staff may attempt to contact the individual that the
handler has identified as their emergency contact to remove the service animal from VA property, or may
attempt to contact local emergency veterinarians or animal clinics, and arrangements might be made with
those external groups to take the animal.

Q: What if a service animal gets sick on VA property or otherwise needs to be removed from the
property, but the handler does not want to miss their appointment and is unable to get an
alternate handler to take the service animal? Can VHA staff take control of the animal in this
instance?
A: Please reference the answers above related to VHA staff not taking control of the service animal. If a service
animal needs to be removed, VA will offer the person the services without the animal being present. It is best
that each handler have alternate handler information readily available so that an alternate handler can be
contacted to remove the service animal from VA property if needed. VHA staff will attempt to reschedule
services for the handler if a service animal needs to be removed.

Q: What happens if a service animal bites or otherwise injures a person or another service animal
on VA property?
A: VHA staff who witness or who are otherwise involved with an injury caused by a service animal will follow
their facility’s emergency and/or incident reporting procedures to ensure proper notification of and follow up
by appropriate facility staff. This would include VHA staff directing the individual that experienced the injury
to the VHA emergency room or urgent care location to be seen and treated by a provider (either as care to an
eligible patient or under humanitarian authority), and VHA staff contacting the servicing VA Police unit or
local law enforcement if needed and as appropriate to the facility. VHA staff will request that the handler
provide information related to the service animal’s health records (particularly proof of current rabies
vaccination) if the service animal causes an injury.

Q: What happens if a service animal displays other aggressive behavior on VA property?
A: VHA staff who witness aggressive behavior by a service animal will follow their facility’s emergency reporting
procedures to ensure proper notification of and follow up by appropriate facility staff.

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It’s that time again. We have not received the schedules from all our SCI Coordinators, but here are the ones we have. This information has been provided by the SCI Coordinators. Any questions regarding these dates and times need to be directed to your SCI Coordinator; their numbers can be found on page 18 of this magazine.

Asheville VA Medical Center: Inez Whiteside, SCI Coordinator

The vaccine will be available Sept. 15. You may receive the vaccine in the Primary Care Clinic and at the CBOCs. Or, you can call the SCI/D Clinic (828-298-7911, ext. 5061) and they will see you for a flu shot, even if it is not time for your regular SCI/D Clinic visit.

The influenza vaccine will also be given in the Walk-In Clinic at the Charles George VA Medical Center during the weeks of October 13 through October 16, and October 19 through October 23, (Monday – Friday form 9 am to 3 pm in the Lab Conference room. In the basement). An appointment is not required in the Walk-In Clinic if you are enrolled at this facility.

You must sign in at the Centralized Check-In when you arrive (prior to going to the Clinic to receive the vaccination). If you are followed HBPC (Home based Primary Care), you do not need to follow-up (the vaccination will be provided to you by your HBPC Provider).

Be sure to get your flu shot soon, and the pneumonia vaccine if you need it. Remember if receive the shot outside of the VA please inform your SCI Coordinator.

As previously stated, we have not received the other Medical Center’s dates or times. Please contact your Coordinator or SCI Clinic for more information.
By: Al Evans, Sports Director

The 36th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

The 36th NVWG will be held in Salt Lake City, UT, from June 27th – July 2nd, 2016. March the 3rd, 2016 will be the Chapter’s Dead Line for Registration Packets to the Chapter. Any received after that date will be returned to the veteran. Packets will be on-line January 4th, 2016. Hard copies will be mailed the 5th. Everyone should be calling their SCI Coordinator, Primary Care Giver of Clinic for their exams in December, to get an appointment in January.

Registration information will be available in early 2016. Start preparing now! Remember, it’s not what you do the week of the Games, but rather what you do every week at home! Contact your local VA therapist or Paralyzed Veterans Chapter representative to begin.

If you are having trouble raising funds for the games give us a call. We have ideals that may assist you.

The National Veterans Winter Sports Clinic is scheduled for March 26 – April 3, 2016. The dead line for those packets to be mailed in is November 30, 2015. Anyone interested in attending the Winter Sports Clinic needs to contact their Recreation Therapist for additional information as soon as possible.

23rd Annual Southeastern PVA Bass Tourney

The Chapter’s Annual Bass Tournament for the National PVA Bass Trail is scheduled for October 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2015. The Open and Team Boating Divisions will be out of Columbia County’s Wild Wood Park. The Bank Divisions will be at Gordon’s Pond, Lincolnton, GA. The registrations are currently on line. You can register on line at pvabassentour, or print out the form and mail it to National PVA. Anyone interested in fishing our tournament please give the Chapter a call. If you have problems getting a hardcopy of the registration package give me a call at the Chapter.

Deer season is getting ready to open. We have received some dates. If you have any questions on a hunt please give us a call. We are working hard to get dates and locations. If you know of a hunt please give me a call so we can get it posted on the Chapter website.

Here are the 2015 dates we currently have:

Townsend Bombing Range: Brunswick, GA – Nov. 6th, 7th, 8th
Clarkston Hunt: Clarkston, GA – Nov. 13th, 14th, 15th
Lake Hartwell: Nov. 23rd, 24th
Lake Russell: Dec. 1st, 2nd
LaGrange, LA: Dec. 4th, 5th, 6th
LaGrange, LA: Last Hunt TBD

Mobility Impaired Deer Hunt at Tibwin

The USDA Forest Service and the South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources is inviting you to take part in their annual deer hunts for persons with disabilities on the Francis Marion National Forest. The hunts will be located approximately 3 miles south of McClellanville, SC on the Tibwin tract.

For more information contact the SC Dept. of Natural Resources, for dates, license requirements, and eligibility requirements and hunt rules.

Do You Know Of A Sports Event?

If you know of a Sporting Event or Clinic for people with disabilities give me a call or send an email to the Chapter with the details.

We can post it on the website and place it in this newsletter, if notified early enough. This is your newsletter and if you’re interested in an event you can bet another veteran may be as well.

Please check out the Chapter’s website SoutheasternPVA.org for the latest activities/events taking place throughout 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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