December was a very busy month around the Chapter! We kicked off the month with our 18th Annual Toy Run, supporting the Ft. Gordon Christmas House. Then we held our annual holiday appreciation luncheon at the SCI Unit in Augusta, hand delivered good bags to inpatients on the SCI Unit in Augusta on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 and to the Dublin CLC on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

And while we serving our veterans at the VAMC, SCI Unit, members of the USAF 3rd Intelligence Squadron from Ft. Gordon came out and volunteered to repaint our parking lot. Additionally, men and women of the USAF 31st Intelligence Squadron (not pictured) helped us move furniture inside the building as we prepped for building maintenance.

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A las, I am writing yet another report from my hospital bed. However, I am making progress and hope that by the time our next newsletter is ready to distribute, I’ll be home. The Chapter has been in good hands with Alan Washington acting President, and the rest of the board. I can share that the Chapter underwent Chapter Program Review back at the beginning of December. We are still waiting on the full report back from National PVA. However, we did get good marks, if you will, from the acting CFO regarding our books. This is thanks to our Executive Director, Jennifer Windham and Chapter Treasurer, Lonnie Burnett.

Well, it seems like time continues to march on and January has already come to a close. This brings us to February and that means that our regular outreach meetings will soon be picking up again. I hope that everyone has been and continues to be safe in whatever weather Mother Nature plans to deal. If the weather permits, our Board Members look forward to seeing you at our outreach meetings. This is a time for you to share your concerns with your local VAMC, learn of changes that may be coming or have recently occurred, and to find out about new activities or events that National PVA and our Chapter have coming up. All of these events are shared in our newsletters, on our website www.SoutheasternPVA.org and on National PVA’s website www.PVA.org.

February also means that the deadline to register for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is quickly approaching. If you would like to attend with our Chapter on the “Wheels Of Fire” team, please make sure that you have your application completed on-line before March 16, 2018. This is the date that the Chapter will evaluate all those that are requesting Chapter support. Please keep in mind that you can help raise funds for the team in aiding your coverage of expenses in getting to Orlando, FL for the games. Simply contact the Chapter office for sponsorship letters. The more money that is brought into the Chapter to support the games, the more Chapter athletes we can support.

My last item to cover is ELECTIONS. This year is our Chapter’s Board of Directors election year. There is a full article on page 5 of this newsletter detailing how those of you who are interested in running, can do so. It also explains the voting process and timeline. Please, take the time to complete your ballot when you receive it, and return it to the Chapter so that it can be counted. It’s your voice that will be heard, but only if you VOTE!

In March, the Chapter will be sending two of our Board members, Paul Stewart and Keith Thompson, to Washington, DC for the Advocacy and Legislation Seminar. National PVA will have guidelines for our members to approach lawmakers to support our Veterans. It is our priority to get in front of our Congressmen and Senators to make them fully aware of the needs of our Veterans and the disabled community. You too, can help in the effort, by reaching out to your local Congressmen and Senators and letting them know the importance of them supporting Expand Eligibility for VA Comprehensive Caregiver Program, the ADA, and Air Carrier Access Amendments Act, just to name a few.

Here’s hoping that Spring is just around the corner and that we are all able to get up and out, and keep on rolling!*
Helpful Hints from SCI-Homecare

By: Allison Brice, PT, DPT

Who You Gonna Call?

You’ve experienced it. You have a flat tire on your chair. Your power wheelchair isn’t holding a charge. You’ve worn out your wheelchair gloves. Or you just can’t transfer with that transfer board like you used to. Your SCI therapy department and prosthetics are here to help!

Here are some helpful questions to guide you to the person who can help you the fastest:

Do you need a replacement of an item you have been provided?

Call or secure message your prosthetics agent.

Do you need a repair to an item provided?

Call or secure message your prosthetics agent.

Do you need something new/different because you have had a change in function?

Call your physical or occupational therapist.

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*You may also send a secure message to any of the above!
Chapter Elections 2018

For Board of Directors

By: Jennifer Wiedham, Executive Director

As we are beginning a new fiscal year, please note that our elections for Board of Directors for our Chapter will be taking place in the summer. If you have entertained the idea of serving on our board, making a difference in our Chapter, serving your fellow Southeastern Members, please consider running for a position.

Members that are interested in running for a position on the Chapter’s board are asked to send in a resume. Resumes will be accepted now through April 2018. Each will be posted in upcoming newsletters so that our membership will learn about each candidate.

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

Resumes with or without a photo, may be sent via email to me at the Chapter: JenniferW@SoutheasternPVA.org.

Qualifications:


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 March 1, 2018, as certification of all nominees must be confirmed by National PVA. Once confirmed, we will have ballots printed. Ballots will be mailed out to our membership on July 25, 2018. Members will have until the August 31, 2018 to have their ballots returned to the Chapter via the PO Box address on the envelope included with your ballot.

I will collect ballots from the post office box for the final time on September 12, 2018, as ballots will be counted at our September 12 Membership meeting. Any ballots received by mail after this date will be considered void.

Ballots are to be mailed. Hand delivered ballots will not be accepted. To ensure that your ballot makes it back in a timely manner to be counted, it is recommended that you return it by mail no later than August 31, 2018.

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

PVA Serves as Panelist for Congressional Briefing on the Dangers of ADA Notification Legislation

On November 29, 2017, PVA participated in a congressional briefing sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind in opposition to the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Education and Reform Act (H.R. 620). This PVA-opposed legislation would require a person with a disability to give notice to a public accommodation of an architectural barrier under the ADA and provide the business with an opportunity to “cure” the violation prior to filing a lawsuit.

The purpose of the briefing was to educate congressional staff about the ADA and why the notification requirements proposed by H.R. 620 would be devastating to public access for people with disabilities.

Heather Ansley, Associate General Counsel for Corporate and Government Relations, served as PVA’s representative to the panel. Other participants in the briefing were Scott LaBarre, Chairman of the Disability Rights Bar Association Board of Directors and President of the National Association of Blind Lawyers; Andy Levy, Partner, Brown Goldstein and Levy; and Andrea LaVant, Self-Advocate, Girl Scouts of America. Former Congressman Tony Coelho, principle author of the ADA, served as the moderator.

In her comments, Ms. Ansley noted that implementing a notice requirement would effectively remove all incentive for businesses to fully comply with the ADA prior to being notified by a person with a disability about a violation. This is against the goal of Title III which is to prevent denials of access by ensuring that barriers are removed so that when a person with a disability arrives at a business it is accessible to them. She also noted that compliance with the ADA is not burdensome as there are free resources available to help businesses comply with the law. For example, the federally funded ADA National Network provides free technical assistance through 10 regional centers located around the country. Businesses needing assistance can call 1-800-949-4232 to reach the center nearest them.

At this time, we still do not know when, or if, this legislation will move to the House floor. It was passed on a party-line vote by the House Judiciary Committee in September. In the meantime, please continue to contact your House Member to let him or her know that you oppose H.R. 620.

PVA Raises Concerns on VA Automobile Adaptive Equipment Program

PVA is very concerned about VA will no longer reimburse qualifying veterans with disabilities for standard Automobile Adaptive Equipment (AAE). VA argues that many items such as air-conditioning and power brakes or steering are now standard equipment and not eligible if the veteran does not have an invoice reflecting the specific cost. Unfortunately, many manufacturers now include these components as “equipment packages” without an itemized listing.

Interim Executive Director Carl Blake has met with VA Under Secretary of Health Dr. Clancy to express PVA’s displeasure with the number of denials of reimbursement. He has also informed her that there has been no action in rewriting the AAE Handbook, but that when VA does decide to take action, they must involve the PVA and other VSOs in the development and writing of the new Directives. He has also told VA Secretary Shulkin that AAE is one of the top priorities for PVA.

PVA requested that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) provide an AAE briefing to the Veteran Service Organization (VSO) Prosthetic Workgroup in November. During the briefing PVA and other VSOs expressed their dissatisfaction with the AAE program’s failure to allow for changes in the automobile industry technological advances to provide reimbursement for new technology in addition to the continuing failure of VA to reimburse vets for standard AAE.

PVA has met with VHA three times in the last two years to provide recommendations to improve the new Directive whenever VA takes action to rewrite it. PVA will consider to work on this issue and has included AAE as a policy priority for 2018.

PVA Submits Comments on VA Claim Appeals Program

In November, PVA submitted comments on VA’s changes to its claims and appeals system, including RAMP, directed in the Veterans Appeals and Modernization Act of 2017. It was PVA’s intent to provide observations on the process to date, provide comments on the information presented at a November meeting on the proposed CFR changes, as well as
comments on the draft proposed regulations released on November 20.

Our general observations included that we believed continued open and transparent communication from the VA was the best way to ensure veterans organizations are able to work within the new framework and best represent our members. The meetings and contact with staff are very helpful, but we urged VA to promptly make available any internal training materials the agency is using so that we can train our staff in both the transitional phases, including RAMP, and the new appeals framework.

We also indicated that to be successful in rolling out the new framework, we needed to see where RAMP was working and where it was not. Throughout the discussions leading up to the passage of the Veterans Appeals and Modernization Act of 2017, VA emphasized the importance of creating a feedback loop to identify and correct RO-specific errors. We expected that the RAMP analysis would begin to provide this information and looked forward to seeing what VA had to report.

There were several areas of concern such as the agency sometimes using the term "dissatisfied" to describe when veterans might make a choice within the new framework. "Dissatisfied" is not a statutory term, so it should not appear in any regulations or other binding guidance. We expressed concerns about what happens after a case is remanded by the Board because if the case is not returned to the Board following continued denial, and it is not tracked in some way, then there is no way to ensure compliance with the remand order. This puts a huge burden on veterans and NSO representatives. PVA also had specific concerns with the RAMP draft Standard Operating Procedure and about notice being provided to representatives simultaneously with claimants, whether by letter, email, text, or phone.

PVA will continue to monitor this critical change to VA’s appeals process to ensure all veterans receive the compensation they are due and have earned.

***PRIORITY***

The Government Relations staff is still looking for stories about problems that our members have experienced during air travel. Please visit www.AirAccess30.org and share your story.

**Tax Cut Bill Moves Ahead But Preserves Disability Provisions**

As the Washington Update went to press, Congress was preparing to vote on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the major tax initiative of the Trump Administration and Congress. While taking no position on the overall issue of tax reform, PVA had expressed strong objections to provisions in the House bill that would have eliminated the deduction for significant medical expenses, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) that offers incentives for companies to hire veterans, people with disabilities and others with barriers to employment and the Disabled Access Tax Credit (DAC) which assists small businesses in making their establishments accessible to people with disabilities. PVA had also expressed concern about the impact on programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security of the tax bill’s $1.5 trillion addition to the federal deficit. While the final conference agreement to be voted on does not eliminate the medical expense deduction, WOTC or DAC, it will still add at least $1.5 trillion to the deficit and debt which is likely to play out in 2018 in proposals to cut Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. PVA expects to be involved in efforts to combat any dramatic reductions in these safety net programs that are vital to so many members.

**Senate VA Committee Advances Reform Bill**

On November 29, 2017 the Senate Committee on Veteran’s Affairs voted to advance the “Caring for our Veterans Act of 2017.” This legislation would consolidate the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) community care programs into a singular program and provide additional resources to enable VA to meet the ever-increasing healthcare needs of veterans. Since the establishment of the Veterans Choice program in 2014, VA has struggled with ever-changing program requirements enacted by Congress. The proposed legislation is the logical next step to finally solidify the ways in which VA provides care in the community and provide the necessary tools to keep pace with the needs of our nation’s heroes.

Of great significance to Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the major VSOs, is expansion of eligibility to VA’s Comprehensive Family Caregiver Program. Currently, the program is restricted to veterans injured on or after September 11, 2001. This legislation would make eligible those veterans severely injured during and prior to the Vietnam War. Two years later the program would expand to include veterans of all eras. This will correct a shameful inequity that has gone on for too long, and asked caregivers and veterans to endure far too much.
Newly appointed Asheville VAMC Director Stephanie A. Young

Stephanie Young Brings Proven Experience to Asheville VA, Asheville, N.C. — The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephanie A. Young as the new director of Asheville’s Charles George VA Medical Center. As the medical center’s chief executive officer, Young will oversee a staff of over 1,700, responsible for an operating budget of more than $365 million delivering health care to nearly 48,000 Veterans.

“We are excited to welcome Stephanie Young to our team as the new director of the Asheville VA Medical Center,” said DeAnne Seekins, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 6 Director. “She has been with the VA for more than 25 years and comes to us with extensive experience and a proven history of making sound decisions for staff and our Veterans. She will be a valuable asset for the facility, our employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate she will arrive at the medical center within the next 45 - 60 days.”

Young has garnered more than 12 years of VA Leadership experience through a variety of positions at facilities in Saginaw, MI, and the Illiana Health Care System in Danville, Ill. Young has served in the capacity as director of the VA Illiana HCS since December 2015, responsible for operations and services for more than 40,000 enrolled Veterans in the 239-bed hospital, including a 156-bed Community Living Center and four outpatient clinics, with oversight of a budget exceeding $176 million and a workforce of 1,500.

The Charles George VAMC is a Joint Commission accredited, tertiary referral, 1C facility that provides the full spectrum of health services to Veterans residing in a 23-county area of Western North Carolina. The medical center has 119 authorized acute care beds (including a 16-bed inpatient psychiatric unit), two state-of-the-art Intensive Care Units, 120 authorized Community Living Center (CLC) beds, and 18 authorized Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program beds. The medical center also operates community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) in Franklin, Rutherford County, and Hickory, N.C.

Wheelchair Clinic Direct Scheduling

Veterans who need adjustments for their VA-issued wheelchair or those who want to be evaluated for VA-issued wheelchairs or scooters no longer need a referral from their provider to get an appointment at the Wheelchair Clinic.

Beginning Dec. 29, patients can call the clinic and directly schedule their own appointments. In the past, Veterans who needed to see one of the VA’s wheeled mobility experts needed a referral from their primary care provider before the clinic would schedule an appointment.

Direct scheduling for the wheelchair clinic is part of a nationwide VA initiative to expand the scope of the clinic and improve options for Veterans. Veterans need to understand that not everyone who requests a mobility device actually needs one. Experts will evaluate Veterans’ requests on an individual basis since, in some cases, using a device like a wheelchair or scooter can actually make the medical issue worse.

In the event a Veteran’s medical condition doesn’t warrant a mobility device, they can still be referred to some of the other services offered at our VAMC to help strengthen and improve their condition. That could include other assistive devices like walkers or canes, or possibly a referral to other clinics or other forms of therapy.
Press Conference on Expansion of VA Caregiver Program

On December 6, 2017, PVA, DAV (Disabled American Veterans), The American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) presented nearly 200,000 petition signatures to House and Senate leaders urging passage of the "Caring for our Veterans Act of 2017" to expand access to the caregiver program. At a press conference highlighting the issue, longtime champion and architect of the bill, Senator Patty Murray, and Ranking Member Tester spoke of the bipartisan commitment among members of the Veterans Affairs Committee to see caregiver expansion is accomplished by the end of the 115th Congress. A similar commitment was offered by House of Representatives members Ranking Member Walz, and Congressmen Langevin and Costello. The bill now awaits passage in the full Senate and would then require passage in the House.

UPDATE – TAX REFORM

Just before Christmas, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the major tax initiative of the Trump Administration and Congress. The vote in the House of Representatives was 227 in favor and 203 opposed with five Members not voting. In the Senate, the party line vote was 51 to 48 with Senator McCain [who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer] not voting. While taking no position on the overall issue of tax reform, PVA had expressed strong objections to several provisions in the House bill that would have adversely affected many veterans and people with disabilities.

The House bill would have eliminated the deduction for significant medical expenses, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) that offers incentives for companies to hire veterans, people with disabilities and others with barriers to employment and the Disabled Access Tax Credit (DAC) which assists small businesses in making their establishments accessible to people with disabilities. The final version of the tax bill preserved these vital tax credits. For those who itemize their taxes, the medical expense deduction was not only maintained but made more generous. Starting next year, the deduction will kick in for expenses totaling 7.5 percent of income instead of 10 percent.

While the tax bill will provide significant cuts in corporate tax assessments and temporary reductions in tax rates for individuals, it will add an estimated amount to the deficit over ten years between $1.5 trillion and $600 billion (assuming economic growth offsets some of those costs). PVA is concerned about the impact this may have on programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security because of the linkage between the tax measure and proposals outlined in the House and Senate 2018 budget plans. Those Congressional budget resolutions call for $487 billion in savings over ten years from Medicare, $1 trillion in savings from Medicaid and $5.4 billion from Social Security. Proposed changes for Medicare include a gradual increase in the eligibility age from 65 to 67, raising income related premiums for Parts B and D and converting this program to a premium support system of financing. If enacted, Medicare beneficiaries would be given a flat payment or voucher with which to buy health insurance either under traditional Medicare or through the private market.

All plans competing in the program would have to match the benefits and services of traditional Medicare and insurers could not deny coverage to any beneficiary.

Although the impact on beneficiaries of this plan is unclear, previous analyses by the Congressional Budget Office have indicated that a premium support system would increase costs for those enrollees in traditional Medicare.

The $1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid are assumed to come from adoption of provisions that were included in previous House-passed health care reform bills such as turning Medicaid into a block grant to the states and ending the Medicaid expansion. Some two million veterans and their families are covered by traditional Medicaid or the expansion and reductions in spending on that program could strain capacity of other health systems such as the VA. For Social Security, the 2018 budget resolution proposes reducing Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits to those beneficiaries receiving Unemployment Insurance compensation. Such a move could prove to be a work disincentive for SSDI recipients who attempt a return to work but lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

Although these changes proposed to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are only a road map for authorizing committees to turn into legislation, PVA remains concerned that pressure to address the deficit will drive calls to dramatically reduce benefits to beneficiaries of these programs. PVA expects to be involved in efforts to combat threats to safety net programs that are vital to so many members and their families.

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VA Announces Rollout and Application Process for New Veterans ID Card

By Earnest Hill, Senior National Service Officer

On November 29, 2017 the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces that the application process for the national Veterans identification Card (VIC) is now available for veterans.

"The new Veterans Identification Card provides a safer and more efficient way for most Veterans to show proof of service," which was quoted by Dr. David J. Shulkin. Veterans with honorable service to our nation will no longer need to Carry around a copy of their DD-214s to obtain Veteran discounts and other services.

Only Veterans with honorable service will be able to apply for the ID card, which will provide proof of military service and may be accepted by retailers in lieu of the standard DD-214 form to obtain promotional discounts and other services where offered to Veterans.

The VIC provides a more portable and secure alternative for those who served the minimum obligated time in service but did not retire or receive a medical discharge. Veterans who service in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and who have a discharge of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) can request the VIC.

To request the ID card, Veteran must visit vets.gov click on Apply for Printed Veterans ID Card on the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account. Once you apply for the card you should receive it within 60 days and can check delivery status of the cards at vets.gov. A digital version of the VIC card will be available online. ♦

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DEER HUNTS

Deer at Moore Farm, Claxton, GA November 2017

Grange, GA Deer Hunt December 2017
MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

An individual is eligible for membership by meeting the following criteria: (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) was regularly enlisted, inducted or commissioned for active duty service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States, or our allies as evidenced by other-than-dishonorable character of service documented by a verifiable DD-214 or DD-215 (entry-level separation not acceptable); (3A) was separated from the service in the Armed Forces under conditions other than dishonorable; or (3B) is on active duty or must continue to serve after the cessation of hostilities; and (4) has suffered a spinal cord injury or disease (such as MS, ALS), whether or not service connected in origin. Membership is free. Complete and return application to the chapter or by mail, email, or fax to: Paralyzed Veterans of America Membership Department, 801 Eighteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006; (E) ChristlH@pva.org; (F) 202.466.6549. Providing the requested information is entirely voluntary but required for membership with Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Chapter Name: ________________________________

First Name: ___________________________ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: ___________________________

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ______ Social Security Number: ____________________________ □ Male □ Female

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VETERAN STATUS INFORMATION

Please submit the following with application:

• Proof of U.S. or U.S. Territorial Citizenship (Birth Certificate, Passport, INS Form, or Voter's Registration Form).
• DD214 showing character of discharge.
• Medical evidence of spinal cord injury or involvement (medical records or physician's statement).

Proof of active duty status must be verified prior to membership approval.

Have you been discharged under conditions that are less than honorable? □ Yes □ No

If yes, please explain: __________________________________________________________

Is your spinal cord injury or spinal cord disease service connected? □ Yes □ No

DISABILITY CLASSIFICATION

Injury or diseases involving the brain but not the spinal cord do not qualify.

SPINAL CORD INJURY

Complete only if you have a traumatic spinal cord injury.

Date of Injury: ___ / ___ / ______

Cause of Spinal Cord Injury:
□ Vehicular (car, motorcycle, aircraft, etc.)
□ Violence (gunshot, explosion, etc.)
□ Flying/Falling object
□ Sport/Recreation (swimming, diving, etc.)
□ Pedestrian (car accident, etc.)
□ Unknown
□ Other traumatic injury: __________________________________________

SPINAL CORD DISEASE

Complete only if there is no spinal cord injury.

Date of Diagnosis/Onset of Condition: ___ / ___ / ______

Specific Disease Involving Spinal Cord:
□ Multiple Sclerosis (involving bowel & bladder)
□ Poliomyelitis
□ Syringomyelia
□ Amyotrophic diseases
(lateral sclerosis, transverse myelitis)
□ Other: ____________________________
MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

The Veterans Benefits Department advocates for quality health care for our members and can assist you to obtain the appropriate benefits available as a result of your military service.

Is Paralyzed Veterans of America presently your accredited representative? □ Yes □ No

If yes, I hereby request that my eligibility for membership in the Paralyzed Veterans of America be certified. I consent to process my submitted medical documentation to a confidential review by a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America National Medical Staff, to validate that my condition presents as having spinal cord involvement and to allow official Certification by the Paralyzed Veterans of America National Secretary. I have no objection and hereby permit Paralyzed Veterans of America Service Officers to provide information to the Paralyzed Veterans of America National Membership Department that pertains to my qualifications for membership/certification.

I declare that I have read and meet the qualifications. I understand that my membership/certification could be denied or revoked if any information provided is inaccurate.

Applicant Signature: ________________________________ Date: __/__/____

☐ I do not wish to become a certified member

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The documents provided by the requester are personal in nature and are for membership eligibility and certification only. Information contained within these documents shall be treated with extreme confidentiality and released only to those employees of Paralyzed Veterans of America authorized to access.

I certify that I have personally examined the documents provided by the requester and find him/her to be eligible for membership/certification.

National Secretary's Signature: ________________________________

Date Received: __/__/____ Date Acted Upon: __/__/____

Member ID Number: ________________________________

Date Received: __/__/____ Date Processed: __/__/____
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If you have questions or would like additional information, please call Suzanne Kenrick, Recreation Therapist at 706-733-0188 x1947.

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Answer: Their breath!

In Oklahoma, you cannot take a picture of a man with a sign. Why not?
Answer: Because you'd need a camera! You can't take a picture with a sign!

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To all our members and volunteers celebrating birthdays in February and March

Mar 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 20 Spring Begins
Mar 25 Palm Sunday
Mar 28 Asheville Outreach Mtg.
Mar 29 Johnson City Outreach Mtg.

SPRING AHEAD!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
March 11
ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM

Mid-Atlantic Air Rifle Tournament
March 7-8, 2018
Richmond, VA

Wisconsin Air Rifle Tournament
March 23-25, 2018
Milwaukee, WI

Buckeye Air Rifle Tournament
April 20-21, 2018
Geneva, OH

*Indicates combined events

PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

Florida Gulf Coast Shooting Sports Tournament
March 1-3, 2018
Odessa, FL

Nevada Shooting Sports Tournament
March 16-18, 2018
Las Vegas, NV

Cal-Diego Shooting Sports Tournament
& Cal-Diego Rifle/Pistol
March 23-25, 2018

Pistol & Rifle Tournament - March 23
Redlands, CA

Vaughan Shooting Sports Tournament
April 20-22, 2018
Edwardsville, IL

Minnesota Shooting Sports Tournament
May 18-20, 2018
Minneapolis, MN

Lone Star Shooting Sports Tournament
June 22-24, 2018
Waxahachie, TX

Iowa Shooting Sports Tournament
& Pistol Tournament
June 15-17, 2018
Cedar Rapids, IA

ANNUAL PARALYZED VETERANS/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament
March 23-25, 2018
Middletown, VA

Mid-America Billiards Tournament
April 20-22, 2018
Oklahoma City, OK

Mountain States Billiards Tournament
June 29-30, 2018
Fountain, CO

Buckeye Billiards Tournament**
June 22-23, 2018
Wickliffe, OH

**non-sanctioned events

BOCCIA

Cal-Diego Bocce Tournament
Feb. 22-23, 2018
San Diego, CA

ANNUAL PARALYZED VETERANS/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Florida Gulf Coast Bowling Tournament
Feb. 23-25, 2018
Tampa, FL

Mid-America Bowling Tournament
April 12-15, 2018
Shawnee, OK

Vaughan Bowling Tournament
May 3-5, 2018
Woodridge, IL

PARALYZED VETERANS RACING

Top End Euro-American HC Championship
Feb. 3-4, 2018
Clermont, FL

Valley of the Sun
Feb. 16-18, 2018
Phoenix, AZ

One City Marathon
March 4, 2018
Newport News, VA

Off-Road Spring Expo
April 13-15, 2018
Chesterfield, VA

Paralyzed Veterans of America Learn to Race Camp
April 17-20, 2018
Gettysburg, PA

Blue and Gray
April 21-22, 2018
Gettysburg, PA

Redlands Cycling Classic
May 2-6, 2018
Redlands, CA

Pittsburgh Marathon
May 5, 2018
Pittsburgh, PA

Clocktower Classic
May 28, 2018
Rome, GA

Wichita Omnium
May 2018
Wichita, KS

Para-Cycling Nationals
June 13-14, 2018
Augusta, GA

Tennessee Paracycling Open
June 16-17, 2018
Knoxville, TN

Paralyzed Veterans of America Racing Mini-Camp
June 19-25, 2018
Delphi, IN

Tour Da Nez
June 23, 2018
Reno, NV

Tour of America’s Dairylands
June 27-28, 2018
Milwaukee, WI

Treasure Valley Grand Prix
July 7-8, 2018
Nampa, ID

National Veterans Wheelchair Games
July 30, 2018
Orlando, FL

Paralyzed Veterans of America Racing Hi Performance Off Road Camp
Aug. 19-24, 2018
Crested Butte, CO

Off Road Handcycling Championships
Aug. 24-26, 2018
Crested Butte, CO

Pensacola Cycling Classic
Sept. 15-16, 2018
Pensacola, FL

Air Force Marathon
Sept. 15, 2018
Dayton, OH

Off-Road Full Expo
Sept. 29-30, 2018
Chesterfield, VA

Army Ten Miler
Oct. 7, 2018
Washington, D.C.

Marine Corps Marathon
Oct. 28, 2018
Washington, D.C.

38TH NWG
July 30-Aug. 4, 2018
Orlando, FL

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