April is PVA Awareness Month. This month Chapters, National Service Offices, and our National take time out to BLOW OUR OWN HORN. Why April? It was April 14th that our Veteran Service Organization was founded. Though the years, PVA has advocated for veteran’s rights and health care, without letting the public know the good we do. As members, we should be very proud veterans, that we are part of a organization that not only pushes Congress to fully fund the VA, but holds the A to its own directives for the Spinal Care Units.

All the work and advocating PVA has done in past and currently, benefits all veterans. PVA Research Department has assisted with the improvement of equipment for people with motor disabilities, as well as, with Spinal Cord research for both injury and disease training programs that have brought many breakthroughs in improving the quality of life for Veterans and Civilians. PVA’s SCI Summit bring together Health Care Providers from all over the county to pass new information, development and equipment. PVA's Architect Department designed the theater setting practices that are currently being use in most new constructions. Benefiting all people with disabilities.

This April we should not only BLOW OUR HORN but BE PROUD to be a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. ♦
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High Point, Asheville, Charlotte, N. Charleston
My two year term as your President is coming to an end. Unfortunately, nearly half of it was spent as an inpatient of the Augusta SCI Unit. However, now that I am back home and getting stronger ever day, I am hoping that our members are willing to give me the opportunity to continue serving our membership, as I am running for the office as President for another term. If I am not elected, I will still continue to be at the Chapter, working to assist our members and improve both our Health Care and Benefits.

There are some real issues that National PVA needs to address as far as the management of the Chapters and our relationship with them. The Chapters are being requested to do more for our members. The real problem is the shortage of funds and the means to raise them. This is where I am requesting assistance from our members. Give me and our Board of Directors your ideals and methods to raise funds. Of course they will need to be approved by National PVA. I will say that in the twenty-three years I’ve been involved with PVA, nearly all requests have been approved by National. What we are looking for are two or three reoccurring events or programs that can be used once or twice a year. This would assist us in monitoring and conducting the programs we are required by National PVA to administer.

We need our members to attend our outreach meetings. The numbers seem to be dropping. The problem is if you don’t attend then we can’t get the hospital Directors or staff to attend. They are getting it in their mind that if the veterans don’t care about their Health Care then why we should come to discuss the issues. We must work together to address issues that you may be experiencing. Please, check with your SCI Coordinators to get the dates and times for our outreach meetings. We have officers from the Chapter, your state Service Officer, and SCI Staff at all our meetings. We request Director’s staff to come to discuss VA, health care, VA polices changes and how they will affect us as veterans. Come and if nothing else, enjoy a good meal with other veterans. You are welcome to bring family members or care givers. They may find out something that will help in your care or their benefits.

When you receive your ballot from the Chapter please return it with your vote. We all need to be involved in the leadership of our Chapter.

Again the Augusta VAMC needed to move patients from the H-Ward to E and F. The movement was needed to effective use nursing staff. Augusta SCI Unit is short, this move has been reported to National PVA and the VA’s Central Office. The Augusta National Service Officer and Chapter are keeping a close watch on this issue. We need to see that veterans needing to come to the SCI Unit are admitted and receive proper care.
Dependents Education Assistance Program

By Todd Jones, National Service Officer

Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) provides education and training assistance to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected condition or of dependents of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-connected condition. Benefits may be used to obtain a college degree, certificate programs, apprenticeship, or on-the-job training. Other courses may be approved based on individual circumstances.

Benefits and Eligibility
Beneficiaries may receive up to 45 months of education benefits and some DEA beneficiaries may be eligible for up to 81 months of GI Bill benefits if they use the Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance program in conjunction with a separate entitlement from another VA education programs.

Dependent children are not eligible to receive DEA while they are on the veteran’s award and the veteran is in receipt of additional compensation for that child. The spouse is able to remain on the veteran’s award and be in receipt of DEA.

Eligibility
To be eligible for DEA, you must be the spouse, son, or daughter of:

- A Veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must be a result of active duty service in the armed forces.
- A Veteran who died from any cause while such permanent and total service-connected disability was in existence.
- A Service member missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force.
- A Service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- A Service member who is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service connected permanent and total disability and is likely to be discharged for that disability.

Other Factors to Consider
If you are a son or daughter and wish to receive benefits for attending school or job training, you must be between the ages of 18 and 26. In certain instances, it is possible to begin before age 18 and to continue after age 26. Marriage is not a bar to this benefit. If you are in the armed forces, you may not receive this benefit while on active duty. To pursue training after military service, your discharge must not be under dishonorable conditions. VA can extend your period of eligibility by the number of months and days equal to the time spent on active duty. This extension cannot generally go beyond your 31st birthday, there are some exceptions.

Please note that a child over 18 years old using DEA will not be eligible to receive Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments from VA. Receiving DEA payments bars a child from receiving DIC payments.

If you are a spouse, benefits end 10 years from the date VA finds you eligible or from the date of death of the Veteran. If VA rated the Veteran permanently and totally disabled with an effective date of three years from discharge, a spouse will remain eligible for 20 years from the effective date of the rating. This change is effective Oct. 10, 2008, and no benefits may be paid for any training taken prior to that date. A spouse using DEA (of the Fry Scholarship) remains eligible to receive DIC payments from VA.

For surviving spouses of Service members who died on active duty, benefits end 20 years from the date of death.

How to Apply
To apply, take these steps depending on your situation:

- To verify if your selected program is approved for VA training you can contact VA Education Department and they can inform you whether your potential school meets the requirements.
- You can apply online by completing VA Form 22-5490 Dependents Application for VA Education Benefits, apply through your schools VA Office (most schools have one), or through your National Service Officer. The completed application should be sent to the VA Regional Office that has jurisdiction over the state where you will receive your education or training. If you are under legal age, a parent or guardian must sign the application.
- If you have already started your educational program, remember to have your school complete VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification, and send the form to the VA. (Note: Inquire how often your School requires you to certify.) ♦
MESSAGE FROM THE (FORMER) SECRETARY OF THE VA

Shooting at the Pathway Home

VA employees are a family. Our shared commitment to the noble mission of caring for Veterans who shall have “borne the battle” binds us together. Devotion to that mission broadens our VA family to include all those who serve Veterans across the Federal government, across state and local governments, in the many Veterans service organizations, and with both non-profit and for-profit organizations.

On Friday evening, I received the sad word that a crisis at the Yountville State Veterans Home had turned tragic with the devastating loss of three loved and respected members of our family – VA employee Jennifer Gonzales and The Pathway Home leaders Christine Loeber and Jennifer Golick. Our sympathies are with their grieving families, friends, and colleagues.

Dr. Jennifer Gonzales was a clinical psychologist with the San Francisco VA Health Care System’s Student Veterans Health Program. Jennifer dedicated herself, her work, and her studies to Veterans, their families, their caregivers, and to helping those struggling with PTSD. Over the course of her career with VA, Jennifer served Veterans at the Iowa City VA Medical Center, the Santa Rosa VA Clinic, and the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. In San Francisco, Jennifer worked particularly closely with student Veterans at the Napa Valley College and The Pathway Home.

At the time of her loss, Jennifer was serving Veterans in partnership with the Veterans Homes of California at the Yountville Campus and The Pathway Home, a non-profit organization supporting post-9/11 Veterans’ transition back to their communities. Christine Loeber was The Pathway Home Director, and Jennifer Golick was the Pathway Home Clinical Director. These three brave women were deeply committed to reaching out to and helping Veterans during some of their most challenging times.

Caring for Veterans and our employees serving them is always important. It is even more critical that we reach out to one another and provide support during painful times like these. I know many have already volunteered to help, and I’m certain many more will volunteer in the days ahead.

We are working with local and federal agencies, the Yountville State Veterans Home, and the Napa community to provide mental health and grief support and resources to those who have been hurt and to those supporting them. Anyone who needs support – or knows of someone who needs support that is not yet receiving it – should not hesitate to call our VA responders at the Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, press #1.

We are continuing to investigate the situation, and we are reviewing our procedures so that we can do everything possible to prevent another tragedy like this one.

I am personally very grateful to every VA employee and all the members of our extended family for what you do to serve our Nation’s Veterans. You all remain in my thoughts and prayers.

David J. Shulkin, M.D.
YOUR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS

Alonzo “Lonnie” Burnett

My name is Alonzo “Lonnie” Burnett. Although I am running un-opposed for the office of Treasurer, I would like to tell you all a little about myself. I’m sure I have met many of you either at the Charlie Norwood VA or at the NVWC Games. I have been a member of Southeastern PVA for more than 30 years and have served on the Board of Directors on and off, for over twenty of those years in one position or another.

I look forward to serving as your Treasurer for the next two years. I served as the Hospital Liaison officer, I would have met many of you in that capacity, so if you see me on the ward please don’t hesitate to ask if I can be of any assistance to you. If I don’t know the answer to your question I will try my best to find someone who does. Again thank your letting me serve you and thank you for your service.

Paul Stewart

I served in the USMC in 1987. While in boot camp, I ended up with Transverse Myelitis from unknown causes. I was originally paralyzed from the chest down. I did regain some of my functions, however I am an incomplete para.

I am currently a Board Member and National Director for the Southeastern Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. I have served as a Board Member for the past six years and National Director for two years. I have represented our members as a chapter, as well as, an organization. I have been a PVA member since 1989 when I joined in Buffalo, NY. Upon my moving to North Carolina in 1995, I transferred my membership to Southeastern Chapter.

I am also the government relations director for the chapter. I have addressed elected officials about concerns for our veterans, as well as, people with disabilities and the aging. Additionally, I have assisted with concerns from veterans and people with disabilities about ADA issues.

As a board member, I have assisted with many activities within our chapter: Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Month, Bass Tournaments, Sports Clinics, Hospital events, Veteran and non-veteran events, SCI Camps and fundraising. In addition to the SEPVA Chapter’s programs, I reach out to other organizations to assist and support for the disabled community in general. I am requesting your support in a vote for the Vice President position with the Southeastern Chapter. Thank you for your time. I look forward to the future of our Chapter.

Joseph O. Gethers

Hello, my name is Joseph O. Gethers. I have proudly served in the U.S. Army for 5 years. Currently, I reside in Pineville, SC (30 miles north of Moncks Corner). I have been in a wheelchair for 27 years. I am soliciting your vote for the Board of Directors for Southeastern PVA. I have a passion for wheelchair sports. I have competed in wheelchair sports for over 20 years.

My passions consists of table tennis, weightlifting, and bowling. I enjoy teaching people with disabilities how to bowl. I have participated in approximately 6 bowling clinics throughout South Carolina, from Myrtle Beach to Charleston, as well as, Augusta, GA. With your vote, I am looking forward to serving on the Southeastern PVA Board of Directors.
Joe Willis

My name is Joe Willis, US Army veteran. I’ve been a member with the Southeastern Chapter for seven years. I am currently serving my first term as a Board member. During this term, I have learned a lot about the chapter operations, advocating, and fund raising. I will continue to explore new and better ways to improve member involvement within the chapter. I am asking for your vote for a second term. Thank you very much.

Alan Washington

My name is Alan Washington, US Navy veteran, I am running for the Board of Directors (BOD). I have been a member of PVA for 28 years and have served on the board for the last two years, having assumed the position of Chapter Secretary mid-way through the term. As the Chapter’s current VP I had to step up as acting President for nearly a year. I have a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting.

I look forward to continue working with the Board, as well as, the office staff in continuing to help Southeastern PVA represent it’s members throughout the Southeast. Thank You!

Lee Baker

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

Michael Steward

I Michael L. Steward, of dedicated services of over 1505 hours and 9 years at the Dorn VA Medical Center. I have served on the board of directors for two terms and I am seeking re-election. My strong points are fighting for disabled veterans and the public to ensure that establishments are accessible for people with disabilities. I have also been able to get night pool, the gun range and Perez Fitness Center accessible for those who are disabled. I have also donated personal funds to the garden plot at Ft. Jackson, which was built in honor of the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and military personnel. The Garden of Eden was founded by Michael L. Stewart, which I have raised funds for the garden at Ft. Jackson base. I have litigated issues for disabled veterans for the quantity and quality for life at the Dorn VA Hospital. I have advocated for lifts, so that spinal cord injured veterans can be transported safely. My personal use of the VA should provide top quality care and prostatic equipment. I have survived my spinal cord injury for 32 years by exercising, recreation, bowling, fishing and hunting. I currently manage The Big Red Barn Garden in Blythewood, SC.
Washington Elementary School Honors Veterans

I was asked to come to a presentation at Washington Elementary School, to honor for our veterans past and present. The 5th and 6th grade chorus sang Patriotic songs and did a little skit. After the presentation the children and staff came over to the veterans and shook hands and to say thank you for all they did for their country and for freedom. I was honored to be part of this. Thank you very much!

-Paul Stewart, Chapter National Director

Everybody can be great... because anyone can serve.
Whether you have 5 minutes, 5 hours, or 5 days, you can make a difference in your community.

~Martin L. King

WAY TO GO KATER COMWELL

By: Twila Adams

Ok here’s a quick one. I was at Tuesday tennis with my Carolina Medical Adaptive Sports and Adventure Program (ASAP) Tennis family. A new guy joined us on the court around spring of last year. One day during a break between play on the court. He mentioned that he and Kater were talking about VA resources. My response was, "you know Kater Cornwell?" I told him that he has hooked up with the right guy. First of all, I didn’t even know the gentleman was a veteran. Of course I told him a little bit about other adaptive sports in the area, the next National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Veteran Service Officers name, PVA’s mission, offered him an application. Brought him an application the following Tuesday. With an envelop inside addressed to Southeastern PVA. With a loose stamp. Just in case he wants to use the stamp for another letter.

My point is Kater has been an awesome example for me and other veterans for a long time. And he continues to spread the message. I had to call him to let him know that I appreciate him for all that he continues to do for others. When a few more of us make the commitment that Kater makes each day, to share resources. We will create more positive change for Veterans one at a time. Thank you Kater! ✨
Medication Compliance
By: Donna Bowe, RN

♦ Do you forget to take your medications?
♦ Do you stop taking medication when you start to feel better?
♦ Have you ever started taking a medication, felt worse and stopped taking it without talking to your doctor?
♦ Do you routinely skip doses?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, you are non-compliant with how your medications are to be taken.

Living with a chronic condition successfully will mean taking medications as prescribed, and collaborating with your physician about any changes you feel are needed. A chronic condition can include things such as high blood pressure, diabetes, emphysema and heart disease and Spinal cord injury.

Sometimes it is easy to forget to take the medication as ordered. There are ways to help to remember to take medication:

♦ Pill planners are a simple way to set up medications for a week at a time.
♦ Setting up a medication calendar may help. Include on it the time of the drug, the drug name and the amount of the drug. Divide it into morning, afternoon and evening and allow for the days of the month.
♦ Buy a magnetized white board which can go on your refrigerator. Purchase dry erase markers. List your pills on the board and make a check mark when you have taken them. Erase the checks at the end of the day and start fresh the next morning.
♦ Use colored stickers or labels to identify the times a medication needs to be taken. For example: red for morning, yellow for afternoon, blue for bedtime.
♦ Newer tools that can be purchased are watches which can be set with 5-6 alarms so that you can be reminded when a pill needs to be taken, pill boxes that can be purchased that alarm and dispense routine medications.

When you come into the hospital or clinic for an appointment or annual evaluation, bring along a list of your current medications and how often you take them. This should include VA meds, Non VA meds and over the counter medications.

If you are admitted to the hospital it is very likely that your medications will change in some way. Before you leave the hospital your nurse, doctor or pharmacist will review with you the medications that you should taking. Listen carefully. Ask questions.

Keep up with your discharge instructions. Do not continue taking previous medications at home unless you have been told to do so. It is always better to ask questions than to risk taking the wrong medications.
Get out there.

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Advocacy in Washington DC

It is the time where PVA, DAV and other veteran organizations hit the Hill and discuss concerns regarding our veterans, caregivers and people with disabilities. It was a busy week for us all. Paralyzed Veterans of America made it clear that we are here and what we stand for. We reached out to most - all the House of Representatives and Senators offices. My wife Kharen and I made it to almost all the offices within our chapter. We either dropped off information (if we had no appointments) or met with congress or their staff to talk with them. We were very busy, making our way around the Hill over a two-day period.

While visiting offices on the Hill, we had the honor of presenting GA Senator Johnny Isakson, with the prestigious 2018 Gordon H. Mansfield Congressional Leadership Award. Johnny Isakson has been working on getting the Comprehensive Family Caregiver Program offered to all veterans that qualify for this without the post 9/11 date. Senator Isakson was humbled and told us the award should go to Senator Murray, in which National PVA ED Carl Blake, mentioned she had been honored with it last year. Both Murray and Isakson have been on the forefront of this bill.

The top three priorities that National wanted us to share with Congress were: Protection of Specialized Services, Expand Eligibility for The VA Comprehensive Caregiver Program, and Air Carrier Access Amendments Act. Additional priorities consist of ADA Notification Legislation, Improve Benefits for Catastrophically Disabled Veterans, Automobile Adaptive Equipment, Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP) and Congress Targets Safety Net Programs.

Protection of Specialized Services

- Congress must provide sufficient funding for VA to hire additional clinicians to meet the demand for services in the SCI/D system of care.
- Congressional oversight is needed to ensure that the VA is meeting capacity requirements within the recognized specialized system of care.
- Congress and he VA must ensure veterans that receive care in the community retains the current unique to VA health care under title 38.

Expansion of the Comprehensive Family Caregiver Program

- PVA understands the importance of our caregivers.
- There is no reasonable justification other cost consideration, can be provided as to why pre-9/11 veteran with service connected injury or illness should be excluded from the caregiver program.
- Congress must pass legislation that would expand eligibility for VA’s comprehensive caregiver assistance benefits to seriously ill and injured veterans regardless of what era they served.

Improving Air Travel for People with Disabilities

- The Air Carrier Access Act has been in existence since 1986, which was made law to give all people the safe rights and experience to fly. Congress needs to get the airlines to be more accountable for the injustice we still face. There are too many stories of people with disabilities being mistreated, mishandled, and our equipment getting damaged. The airlines, as well as, their contract employees need to be properly trained.
- When we book a flight on a plane, people with disabilities don’t get any discounts for the amenities we don’t have access to use. For example, due to accessibility issues, many are unable to use the bathroom. We abuse our body and health because the facilities aren’t accessible. We cannot move around as much as someone that is able to stand and walk around. Seats that were originally reserved for someone that is disabled, are now labeled as a premier seat: one that you could pay extra for in order to have more leg room. Even if we provide the airlines the information, it is overlooked.

Americans with Disabilities Act

When we visited with members of Senate, we requested that they oppose the ADA education and reform act (HHR 620). We don’t need the law to be changed, we just need businesses to abide by the law and government needs to enforce it.
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, 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; (F) ChristiH@pva.org; (F) 202.466.6549. Providing the requested information is entirely voluntary but required for membership with Paralyzed Veterans of America.

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First Name: ____________________________ Middle Initial: _______ Last Name: ____________________________
Date of Birth: _____ / ____ / _______ Social Security Number: ____________________________ □ Male □ Female
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☐ Native American/Alaskan Native ☐ Caucasian
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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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CAUTION TO ANYONE HAVING ACCESS TO THESE DOCUMENTS

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: ___/___/_____
Farewell From the Executive Director

It is with mixed emotions and a heavy heart that I have come to say goodbye to the Southeastern Chapter. I come from a long family history of military veterans. From both of my Grandfathers, my father, brother, husband and now, even my son-in-law, but never heard the calling myself. When I took the position as Executive Director, I saw this as my opportunity to "serve."

Not only have I learned how strong the human spirit for living can be, living with a Spinal Cord Injury/ dysfunction, but the desire to be treated the same, and have a greater quality of life. Participating in the many adaptive sports clinics, writing grants to support the SCI Camp, and serving lunches during our membership meetings, gave me a great appreciation for each of our members. Thank you, for giving, not only me but my entire family, the opportunity to better understand and respect our SCI Veterans. Even though I am leaving the Chapter, my family and I will continue to volunteer in activities and also advocate for the entire disabled community.

Unfortunately, my path must now part from the Chapter, as it is time for me to move onto other opportunities. Thank you for the last seven years. I will always cherish the friendships I’ve made along the way. Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Windham
SEPVA Calendar

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Little Johnny Was Being Questioned By The Teacher During An Arithmetic Lesson.

Teacher: "If you had ten dollars, and I asked you for a loan of eight dollars, how much would you have left?"

Little Johnny: "Ten"

Teacher: "Ten? How do you make it ten?"

Little Johnny: "Well, you may ask for a loan of eight dollars, but that doesn't mean you'll get it."

Happy Birthday

To all our members and volunteers celebrating birthdays in April and May

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Apr 1    Easter Sunday
Apr 10   BOD Meeting
Apr 11   Membership Meeting
Apr 27   SCI Outing Fishing

May 10-11 SCI Kayak Clinic
May 13   Mother's Day
May 19   Armed Forces Day
May 18-21 National PVA Convention '18
May 28   Memorial Day
Chapter Office CLOSED
Iowa Shooting Sports Tournament & Pistol Tournament
June 15-17, 2018
Cedar Rapids, IA

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 3-6, 2018
Woodridge, IL

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 Tournament
March 23-25, 2018
Redlands, CA

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

**non-sanctioned events

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

Paralyzed Veterans of America Racing Mini-Camp
June 19-28, 2018
Delafeld, WI

Tour De Nez
June 23, 2018
Reno, NV

Tour of America's Dairylands
June 22-24, 2018
Milwaukee, WI

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

National Veterans Wheelchair Games
July 30, 2018
Orlando, FL

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