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Mission Statement

The mission of Nevada PVA is to improve the quality of life of U.S. military veterans and others who have spinal cord dysfunction through the use of adaptive sports, recreation, wellness programs, outreach, education, research and support.

Disclaimer

The Nevada Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America is a non-profit organization. We do not ask for or receive any money from any federal or state agencies. All of our funds are received mainly from donations. All members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America have sustained a spinal cord injury or disease. This newsletter is a publication of the Nevada chapter and is meant to inform its readers of Chapter activities, legislation, and other matters of concern to veterans and/or members of the disabled community. The opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views of Nevada PVA, its officers, board members, the editor or production staff.

President and Executive Director's Report

by Dominic Cirino & Julie Johnson

Hello Everyone, it's been a busy year so far and I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to a few amazing partners and share some highlights from our recent activities.

First a heartfelt thank you to NV Energy Foundation for inviting us to their Community Luncheon and allowing us to set up a resource table. It was a great opportunity to connect with NV Energy employees.

I also want to extend a huge thanks to Elks Lodge #1468 for their generous support of our Adopt-A-Vet program. Their donation and the commitment of volunteers who come out every month to pack food bags and load our van for deliveries are truly invaluable.

This year we participated in the annual Veterans Standdown, serving over 600 veterans who came through our doors looking for various resources. It's inspiring to see the impact we can make together.

Moreover, we received 50 manual wheelchairs from a team-building event organized by Califax. We were able to donate a number of these to victims of the L.A. wildfires, a fantastic example of collaborative efforts for a great cause.

We were also proud to take part in the City of Las Vegas' Inaugural Veterans Heroes Activity Conference. We had a resource table and sponsored lunch at this exciting event, which featured a motivational speaker, activities such as pickleball and handcycling, wheelchair football and dinner.

A special thanks goes to Suzie for donating Desert Dogs tickets. It was wonderful to see several veterans and their family members enjoy the game and have a blast.

As we look ahead. I encourage any members who are interested in getting involved with the chapter to reach out. Our elections for the new board for 2026-2028 are right around the corner, and we need your short bios submitted by August 1st. If you need help with this call our office, we would be happy to help.

IF any NV PVA members are interested in adaptive sports or want to learn about our various programs including basic needs or government relations, please don't hesitate to call our office at 702/646-0040 or email us at pvanevada@gmail.com

Lastly don't forget that our Walk, Run & Roll is happening on May 3rd! We would love to see you there, whether you are participating or just want to connect with fellow members. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and engage with our community.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Elks Lodge #1468



Califax Team Building Event



NV Energy Luncheon



Desert Dogs



Veterans Heroes Activity Conference



The VA policy for mobility devices have been changed for the better and tested. The new method for repair is a direct contact with SCOOTAROUND MOBILITY 1-888-583-VETS(8387) (<https://scootaround.com/en/va>). *See attached.* This is a VISN and VA wide change for any “custom wheelchair, manual wheelchair, powerchair, or scooter that was provided by the VA and is in need of repair.”

To get a repair for your chair or scooter all you have to do is contact the company and make your request for service. They will have a company tech contact you in 2-4 days or less to discuss the where and when for the repair.

- ☐ They also handle air line damages repairs as well, details should be announced within a couple of weeks. Hopefully any loaner temporary replacement issues under this program or the *Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA)* will be clarified as well.
- ☐ They also do weekend calls, particularly handy when traveling and the airline renders your mobility device immobile.

As this service is new, there are questions to be answered from the VA side regarding after hours and temporary device replacement/use issues.

I submitted a request on 23 January and repairs were done by 11 March plus the tech came out to my house to survey the work to be done and do the work. The time lag was due to scooter age issues for replacement vs. a new one plus a looming shut down. SCOOTAROUND via website and RENO MOBILITY (775.260.8267) local company that handled the work did stay in contact throughout the process.


This is a new nation-wide streamlined service and method to address repairs. As always check with your OT, PT, Prosthetics, Primary Care or SCI Clinic to make sure your area is covered to avoid any surprises.

Article submitted by Tom Hudson

Mobility Device Repair Services for US Veterans, enrolled in VA care.

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Once you’ve submitted your repair request, Scootaround will reach out and arrange a time and location to complete the repair.



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

This June, members of our chapter will once again be traveling to Capitol Hill to meet with our legislators to advocate for our members on items of extreme importance..

Our 2025 Priorities are listed below:

- ◆ Protect VA's Specialized Health Care Services
- ◆ Increase Access to Long-Term Services and support for veterans with SCI/D
- ◆ Improve Veteran's Financial Security
- ◆ Enhance Access to Health Care Services for Veterans with SCI/D
- ◆ Defend the Freedoms of Veterans with Disabilities

Bipartisan Credit for Caring Act Introduced

On March 11, Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO) [reintroduced](#) the PVA-supported [Credit for Caring Act](#) (H.R. 2036/S. 925). This bill would provide eligible and working family caregivers with a federal, non-refundable tax credit for up to \$5,000. The bill would also apply to family caregiving expenses greater than \$2,000. Examples of caregiving-related expenses include home modifications, respite care, home care aides, and adult day care. Family caregivers of all ages, regardless of whether they live with their care recipient, could be eligible for the tax credit.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JUSTICE FOR ALS VETERANS ACT

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) reintroduced the Justice for ALS Veterans Act in the Senate and the next day Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Co-Chair of the ALS Caucus, reintroduced the bill in the House of Representatives. Veterans are twice as likely to develop ALS compared to the general population, leading it to be a presumptive condition for all veterans regardless of where they served.

Under current law, survivors of veterans who had a disability rating of 100 percent for at least eight continuous years before death receive an additional monthly stipend from the VA. However, with an average life expectancy of only three to five years after diagnosis, ALS veterans often do not survive long enough to meet this requirement—leaving their families without this crucial benefit.

The Justice for ALS Veterans Act (H.R. 1685/ S. 749) would eliminate this unfair restriction and ensure that all families of veterans who pass away from ALS receive this financial support, regardless of the duration of the veterans' illness.



We recently participated in the recent Veterans Stand Down, handing out hygiene kits, hats and t-shirts

"Every act of kindness, no matter how small, can make a difference."



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Recently two of our members, Jason Kelley and Le'Toi Adams, who are also members of the Raiders Wheelchair Football Team, attended a Wheelchair Challenge event at the VA where VA employees ran an obstacle course in wheelchairs both sport chairs and motorized. Employees stated it was an eye opening event but fun was had by everyone involved. Thank you to the VA for setting up this event. Also in attendance and manning our resource tables were President, Dominic Cirino, Treasurer, Michael Taday and Christine Taday , Christina Kelley and Alan Marsh.



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Upcoming events

April 15	Driven Gym 11 am—12 pm 701 E Bridger Ave, Suit 150
April 17	Driven Gym 4 pm—5pm
April 18	Driven Gym 2:30 pm—3:30 pm
April 26	Henderson Harley Davidson Information Table 11-4
May 3	Annual 5K Walk, Roll & Run Wayne Bunker Park 9 am
May 5	Paralympic Kids Bowling Gold Coast Hotel Bowling Center 5:30 pm
May 24	Henderson Harley Davidson Information Table 11-2
May 31	Memorial Day BBQ 3090 E Centennial Pkwy 9 am
June 6	Paralympic Kids BBQ JD Smith Middle School 1880 E Stanley Ave 12 Noon
July 17-22	NVWG* Minneapolis, MN
Sept 8-12	Reno Military Sports Camp*
Sept 13-15	Reno Takeover
Oct 4	Toys for Tots Golf Tournament
Oct 18	Nevada PVA Awards Banquet Aliante Casino 5:30 pm
Nov 11	Veterans Day Parade
Dec 4	Up Down Bowl Fundraiser* Sunset Station 5 pm
Dec 4-7	L.E. Curtis Invitational Bowling Tournament* Sunset Station
Dec 13	PVA Christmas Party Lieburn Senior Center 12 Noon
Dec 17	Paralympic Kids Christmas Party J D Smith Middle School 6 pm

*Prior registration required

All Nevada PVA members are welcome at any and all of these events.

Scholarships

Nevada PVA offers two (2) annual full-time scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. It is open to any student attending a college or university as long as they are a member or a family member of a Nevada PVA member. Deadline for application submission is **June 30, 2025** and awards will be made in August in time for the fall semester. The money will be sent directly to the college or university. Please contact the office if you would like a scholarship application package sent to you.

ELECTIONS

Don't forget, elections are coming later this year. Get involved in our chapter, you **CAN** make a difference. Bio's our due no later than August 1st. You can submit them before if you wish. If you don't want to run for an office, you can run to be a director on our board.

We have members all across the country, you do not need to live in Nevada to run, you just need to be a member in good standing. Thanks to wonder of ZOOM you can live anywhere and still be a board member.

Thank You!

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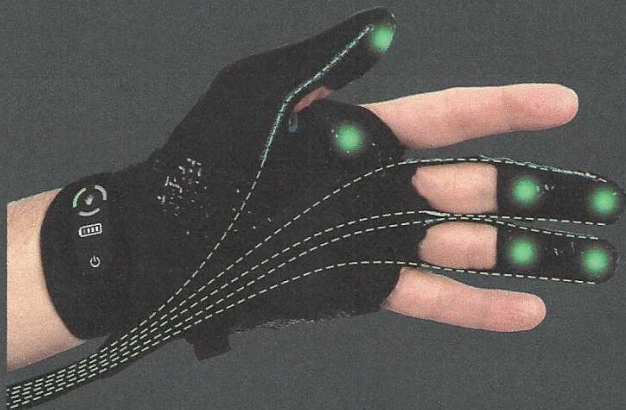
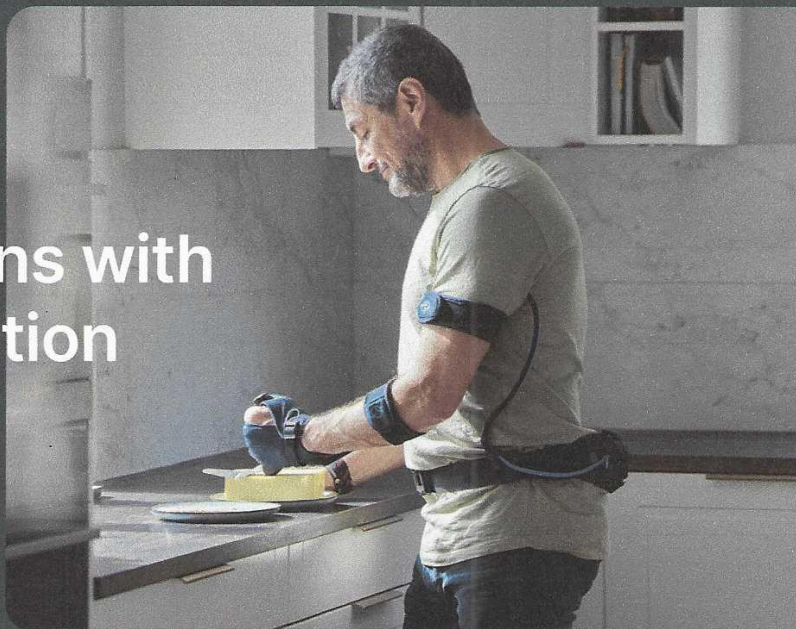
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	Northwest Primary Care Clinic 3968 North Rancho Drive North Las Vegas, NV 89130	702-791-9020
	Pahrump Community Based Outpatient Clinic 2100 East Calvada Boulevard Pahrump, NV 89048	775-727-7535
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	Community Resource and Referral Center 926 West Owens Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89106	702-791-9077
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	Psychosocial Rehab Recovery Center 3525 W. Cheyenne Avenue North Las Vegas, NV 89032	702-791-9060
	Vet Center - Las Vegas 1919 South Jones Boulevard, Suite A Las Vegas, NV 89146	702-251-7873
	Vet Center - Henderson 400 North Stephanie Street, Suite 180 Henderson, NV 89014	702-791-9100
	Women's Health Center Temporarily at Northeast PCC 4461 East Charleston Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89104	702-791-9050

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