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*Our Nevada PVA Family  
wishes you and your family  
the happiest of holidays and  
a joyful and prosperous  
New Year.*

*We are excited to see what  
the new year will bring.*



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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**

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# President and Executive Director's Report

*by Dominic Cieino & Julie Johnson*

Dear Nevada PVA Members and Friends,

As we embrace the spirit of giving this December, we are excited to share some wonderful updates and events within our community.

Recently, NV PVA member Roland Teal reached out for assistance in having his American Flag, a tribute to his service retirement, and his PVA flag flown. We want to extend our gratitude to Nat for researching this project and successfully procuring the PVA flag. Special thanks also go to Karl and his church group for completing the project and honoring Roland in this meaningful way.

Our appreciation continues with the dedicated volunteers from the Southwest Gas Foundation who generously spent their Saturday assembling hygiene kits for our local veterans. Thanks to their efforts and a generous grant from their foundation, we were able to create 1,000 hygiene kits. It was a privilege to spend the morning alongside 130 wonderful volunteers who showed their commitment to serving those who have served us.

This year we also delivered 30 turkeys directly to Nevada PVA members' homes, sent out 8 gift cards to members residing in rural or Northern Nevada, and distributed food and hygiene kits to 180 veterans in need across our community.

Looking ahead, here are some important events to mark on your calendar.

- ♦ **December 14:** Our annual holiday party will take place from 12 pm to 2 pm. If you would like to attend, please call the office at 702/646-0040 to RSVP.
- ♦ **December 17:** NV Energy employees will gather to create 200 bags of household cleaning supplies and backpacks filled with goodies for our veterans and 25 families with special needs children.
- ♦ **December 18:** We'll be delivering food, hygiene kits, household cleaning supplies, and backpacks to 175 veterans' homes. Additionally, we invite our members to the Paralympic kids' sports activity night and holiday party at JD Smith Middle School from 5 pm to 7 pm, where we will serve a spaghetti dinner, distribute toys, and provide food bags for families.

Please note that our office will be closed from **December 23—January 3**. During this time, we will continue to monitor emails and phone messages. For any medical emergencies, please call 911.



Roland's Flags



Le'Toi Adams at the Nevada Veterans Golf Tournament



Le'Toi Adams at the Women's Empowerment Conference in Long Beach, CA

# Service Officer's Report

*by Jason McDonald, NSO*



## **Changes to AAE Grant**

Effective October 1, 2024 the VA has made changes to how they pay out the Adaptive Equipment portion of the Auto Grant process. Adaptive equipment means equipment which must be part of or added to a conveyance manufactured for sale to the general public to make it safe for use by the Veteran and enable that Veteran and the conveyance to meet applicable standards of licensure. In the past the VA paid 100% of the cost for any adaptations that are necessary for the vehicle. Now the VA has implemented an AAE payment schedule. This list contains the maximum allowable reimbursement amounts for such things as specific adaptations parts, hourly labor rates, repairs and much more. For some insight as to those costs you can visit [https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/AAE\\_Schedule.asp](https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/AAE_Schedule.asp). What does this mean for you the Veteran? This means that if the dealership you are working with decides to charge higher prices than what the VA is allowed to pay, then you will be responsible for the difference. I have contacted the Chief of Prosthetics in both Las Vegas and Reno and they both held conferences with the major adaptive dealerships in our area and each dealership has stated that they plan to stay within the AAE Schedule. Please contact your local PVA Service Officer if you have any questions.

## **2024 VA Ancillary Benefits Increased and VA Disability Compensation Rates**

Effective October 1, 2024 the rates have increased for the Department of Veteran's Affairs ancillary benefits. In order to be eligible for one or more of the ancillary benefits you must have a qualifying service-connected disability. The new fiscal year 2025 amounts are listed below.

Specially Adaptive Housing (SAH) Grant: \$121,812.00

Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) Grant: \$24,405.00

SAH Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) Grant: \$49,062.00

SHA Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) Grant: \$8,760.00

Auto and Adaptive Equipment Grant: \$26,417.20

Clothing Allowance: Not updated at this time.

Medal of Honor pension: Not updated at this time.

## Boards Night Out



We once again participated in the Toys For Tots Golf Tournament. Always a fun time



Thank you Navy Federal Credit Union for joining us in this year's Veterans Day Parade.



Thank you to the Home Depot Crew Store #3324 who came out to update our office



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To see more pictures of these and other events go to our Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/ParalyzedVeteransofAmericaNevadaChapter](http://www.facebook.com/ParalyzedVeteransofAmericaNevadaChapter)



## October

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## November

Jeffrey Alcorn  
Bryan Bedoy  
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Lawrence Cabrera  
Raymond Daigle

Kenneth Harrop  
Gregory Hughes  
Frank Kennemur  
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Carmela Monahan

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James Oliver  
Ann Perelman  
Wade Reckinger  
Jaime (Jay) Segarra  
John Simmons

## December

Ella Brewer  
Judy Cirino  
Lawrence Cook  
InaEdwards  
Dawn Eggstaff

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Shane Irwin  
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Joe Kingsbury

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# Reno Takeover 2024



Elks Lodge #1468 put together 180 grocery bags for  
Our Adopt-A-Vet Program



Great food at the Veterans BBQ. Thanks for  
Including us.

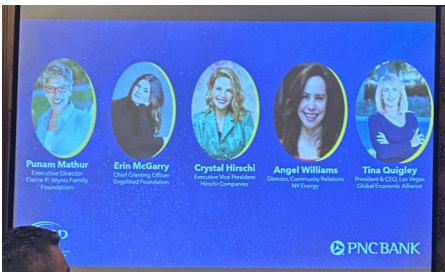


VFW Auxiliary Post  
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for the food drive,  
check and gift  
cards.

National Philanthropy Day



Thank you Henderson Harley Davidson for  
Including us in your great event.



Thank you Italian American Club and  
Vincent from MOPH for inviting us to  
your luncheon.



Thank you to Southwest Gas for  
putting together 1,000 hygiene  
kits for us.

# Thank you to Touro University and Tito's Vodka for helping to sponsor this year's General Membership Meeting And Awards Banquet



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## More pictures from our General Membership Meeting



# EVERYONE SEEMED TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN WITH THE PHOTO BOOTH



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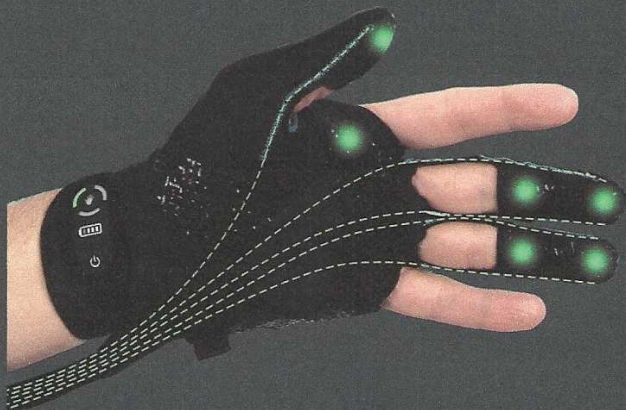
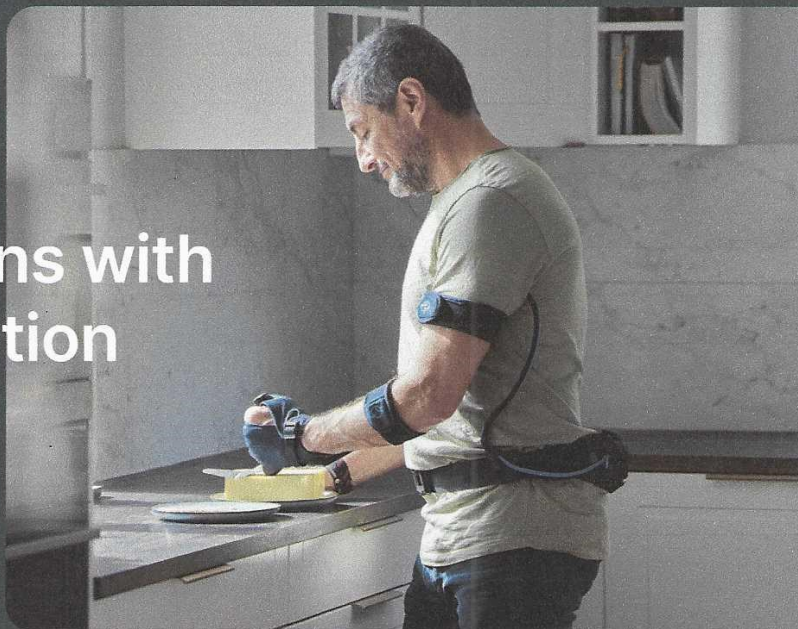
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**Toll-Free Nurse Advice Line:** 1-877-252-4866

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	<b>Northwest Primary Care Clinic</b> 3968 North Rancho Drive North Las Vegas, NV 89130	<b>702-791-9020</b>
	<b>Pahrump Community Based Outpatient Clinic</b> 2100 East Calvada Boulevard Pahrump, NV 89048	<b>775-727-7535</b>
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	<b>Vet Center - Las Vegas</b> 1919 South Jones Boulevard, Suite A Las Vegas, NV 89146	<b>702-251-7873</b>
	<b>Vet Center - Henderson</b> 400 North Stephanie Street, Suite 180 Henderson, NV 89014	<b>702-791-9100</b>
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