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A Message From The President
Jon R. Schneider

Since most of our members use wheelchairs as their mode of transportation, I thought I would share the following important press release from our National Office.

Paralyzed Veterans of America Challenges Administration Rollback of Protections for Disabled Air Travelers

Lawsuit Filed After Administration Delays Rule Intended to Hold Airlines Accountable for Losing, Damaging Wheelchairs

WASHINGTON, DC—Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) today filed suit against the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for abruptly rolling back a rule intended to make airline travel safer and easier for passengers with disabilities. The rule, which requires domestic airlines to track and report data on lost and damaged wheelchairs and scooters, was delayed by the Administration without seeking input from people with disabilities.

"Too often, Paralyzed Veterans of America hears reports on how disabled veterans are reluctant to board planes, fearing their wheelchairs will be damaged or get lost during transport,” said Paralyzed Veterans of America National President David Zurfluh. “Wheelchairs are not a luxury. It's just like having your legs end up in one city when you land in another, if you can imagine that. Wheelchairs replace functionality and provide independence. Having your only means of leaving the plane get lost or damaged is demoralizing. It is a significant issue for all travelers with mobility limitations, and one Paralyzed Veterans of America will not relent on until it’s fixed. Persons with disabilities don’t pay lesser costs for travel, so their experience should be as dignified and as comfortable as everyone else’s. This is especially true for those whose missing limbs and paralysis were the result of military service."

DOT originally published the rule in November 2016, following a five-year rule-making process that included input from air travelers, consumer and disability advocacy groups, and airlines. The rule was scheduled for implementation in January 2018. In March 2017, DOT abruptly delayed the rule's implementation date by one year, until January 2019, without providing the public any notice or opportunity to comment, in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act. DOT claimed the delay was necessary due to implementation "challenges" faced by the airline industry. However, the only evidence of these challenges DOT presented was a single email the agency received from the airline industry.

Since DOT’s decision, Paralyzed Veterans of America has informed Administration officials and members of Congress about how the rule’s delay will hurt people with disabilities and asked that DOT allow these critical protections to move forward.

Together with the complaint, Paralyzed Veterans of America filed a motion to reinstate the rule's original effective date.

The case will be filed on July 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

JRS
From the Desk of the National Director

Kenny Lloyd

Shooting Sports

Recently I was invited to a special shoot in St. Louis, Missouri. Our National Shooting Director Andy McDonald wants to introduce archery and rim fire to the National Circuit. For you who are wondering what rim fire is, it is shooting a 22 rifle and pistol. The shooting range in St Louis had a cover so we could keep dry the first day. There were individual booths to shoot in and each booth’s target was set up differently. You had the choice of shooting pistol or rifle and there were different distances that you could shoot from.

Andy wanted to find out PVA interest by using this set up where almost everyone could participate. He had two 22 rifles set up with sip and puff and this allowed high level quads to participate. I did actually watch several quads shooting and for most of them it had been the first time they got to shoot since their injuries. This would be a good event to go along with air rifle and pistol events since this is already on the National Circuit, so I will be checking to see if I can find some place for our chapter to get on the National Circuit for air rifle and pistol. If any of you have any place you would like to see this happening in Iowa, let the chapter or me know.

The second day we were shooting archery. If you have tried archery at the wheelchair games, you know this is a well attended event. I am one of those that have been shooting archery at the wheelchair games, so I brought my own bow. I always shoot with a compound bow but I do own a crossbow for hunting. I brought the compound bow so I could practice with it. Unfortunately, on my first shot the bow cam broke at the top. For those that are not familiar with a bow, this is a round to oval metal disc which is held in place to the limbs via a pin and located where the string and cable(s) terminate. They are attached at the end of the limbs and transfer the power to the string and arrow during the shot. Bows will either have one or two cams. On a solo cam bow, the cam will be attached to the bottom limb of the bow, while an idler wheel will be attached to the top limb. This is not an easy fix and I knew I would not be shooting with my bow.

Even though my bow was broken, I was still able to participate by shooting one of the range’s compound bows. They did not have any sights on their bows so I decided to take the easy shots at 10 yards. After shooting for awhile, I mastered hitting the bull’s eye several times and I decided to try 25 yards. At 25 yards there was a silhouette of a bear that was marked where the kill area would be. After a few shots, I had mastered this range as well. Now keep in mind, I was hitting the kill zone on the bear, but there is no way I would go hunting for a bear with a bow and arrow sitting in a wheelchair. I would certainly be the next meals-on-wheels for some lucky bear! The longest yardage was at 30 yards. For this yardage, they had a silhouette of a deer which was also marked out where the kill zone was. I managed to master this yardage also.

The range did have crossbows too, and some of the people chose to shoot those. If National decides to put archery on the National Circuit, I would like to receive feedback from our members to gauge their interest and find out how far they would travel to participate. Andy is working on a sip and puff for crossbows so this event can be enjoyed by a larger audience.
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**Paralyzed Veterans of America**
Iowa Chapter
Paralyzed Veterans of America’s core values and guiding policies revolve around the principle that **all veterans are entitled to quality health care by virtue of their service.** This can only be ensured by remaining engaged with VA leaders, clinicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, and the veterans themselves. That is why PVA requires that each chapter maintain a Hospital Liaison Officer Program that maintains a relationship with VA medical centers or other institutions where our members receive health care.

Hospital Liaison Officers (HLOs) participate in a quarterly site visit process where the HLO meets with the SCI/D clinic teams. The site visits serve as an opportunity to discuss issues that the clinics may be experiencing as well as gives the HLO an opportunity to speak for the patients and members who may be having a problem. A report is filed following each meeting to both National PVA and to our local National Service Officer (NSO). An additional aspect of the Hospital Liaison Program would be peer mentoring for members and newly injured or diagnosed veterans. This mentoring is vital in assisting these veterans and ensuring they are made aware of not only PVA but of any additional benefits available to them through the VA system.

Currently, the Iowa Chapter has two Hospital Liaison Officers appointed by President Jon Schneider: Kenny Lloyd and myself. Currently, I perform the duties involving meeting monthly with the SCI/D clinic teams at both the Iowa City and Des Moines VA Medical Centers and filing a report to National PVA. My duties in the process are ensuring that the 1176 Directive is followed, that the teams get the resources they need to provide optimal care to the clinic patients, and serving as an advocate for our veteran members. My performing the site visits also saves the chapter money. I do not need to be paid mileage for these visits because I combine the visits with other travel obligations. As far as the peer mentoring, very capable members of PVA perform these tasks. President Jon Schneider is at the Des Moines VA almost daily to mentor and assist our veterans. Kenny Lloyd, David Graham, Larry Phillips and Lonn Cunningham have also served as mentors. The SCI teams at both the Des Moines and Iowa City VAs contact me without hesitation if there is a veteran or a caregiver who would benefit from PVA’s services. I have a list of veterans and caregivers to utilize as mentors to these people. **This system works very well for the Iowa Chapter.** Unfortunately, these procedures will be forced to change. A resolution was passed at the 2016 Mid Fall Board of Directors meeting mandating that the Hospital Liaison Officer position **not** be filled by either a paid employee (such as myself) nor the Chapter President (as he is the overseer and administrator of the program at the Chapter level). Until such time that Jon is able to find a replacement for me, we will involve Kenny Lloyd in all site visits by telephone and he will file the monthly reports.

The chapter HLO Program can only function properly if there are cooperative and coordinated efforts with the local NSO. As an HLO, I have encountered problems specific to the treatment, care, and unfulfilled prosthetics needs of individual veterans. In a perfect world, I would be able to engage the help of the local NSO, Gus Gonzalez, to address these problems and fight for all of the benefits our members have coming to them. In order to accomplish this however, our NSO office **NEEDS** to hold the veterans power of attorney (POA). There seems to be some confusion on just what this type of POA entails. **This is not a financial or medical POA.** This type of POA only gives the NSO access to the veterans medical records, gives the providers at the VA permission to discuss treatment needs, prosthetic needs, etc., and allows the NSO to access the information necessary to file claims and advocate for VA benefits on behalf of the veteran. You can file your POA with any National Service Officer with any of the Veterans Service Organizations, but I would strongly urge veterans who suffer from spinal cord injury or disease to file with their local PVA National Service Officer. PVA has spent the past 67 years dealing with spinal cord issues and is the expert in the treatment and care of these veterans. With all of that being said, I encourage you to:

- Contact the local National Service Office at 515-323-7544 to get the specifics on having them hold your POA.
- Once your POA is in place, contact the local National Service Office and make sure you are receiving all of the benefits you have coming to you!
- If you are having any problems with care, treatment, prosthetics, etc., contact Kenny Lloyd at 515-570-1402 or me at 515-669-8746.

Kim
The Mission Statement of Paralyzed Veterans of America

**The Paralyzed Veterans of America**, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members—veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

PVA will use that expertise to be the leading advocate for:

- Quality health care for our members,
- Research and education addressing spinal cord injury and dysfunction,
- Benefits available as a result of our members’ military service,
- Civil rights and opportunities which maximize the independence of our members.

To enable PVA to continue to honor this commitment, we must recruit and retain members who have the experience, energy, dedication, and passion necessary to manage the organization and ensure adequate resources to sustain the programs essential for PVA to achieve its mission.

### SHOTGUN DEER HUNT
December 9 & December 10, 2017

The annual IPVA deer hunt will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Lloyd Family Farm in Union, IA. This event is always a good time, with good hunting and lunches provided by Pauline Lloyd.

If you would like to join us, please call Kenny Lloyd at 515-570-1402 by November 30th to register.
2017-2018 Educational Scholarship Award Winners

Paralyzed Veterans of America's (PVA) primary goal has been to assist its members and their families in improving the quality of their lives. This goal has been addressed through a wide variety of activities, including support of programs designed to provide education and training.

PVA established an Educational Scholarship Program to assist PVA members and their immediate families in gaining a post-secondary education.

Full-Time Student Award Winners - $1,000 each

Samuel Angeles (University of California, Santa Cruz) CA
Son of Joseph Angeles - Cal-Diego Chapter

Kaylea Bixler (Oklahoma State University) OK
Daughter of Gene Bixler - Mid-America Chapter

Brandon Craig (Rider University) NJ
Son of Larry Craig - Member At Large

Peyton Curry (James Madison University) VA
Daughter of Preston Curry - Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Hope Ezell (Baldwin Wallace University) OH
Daughter of Dwayne Ezell - Buckeye Chapter

Jaylin Jones (Liberty University) VA
Son of Kuishia Jones - Member At Large

Ethen Lund (Pomona College) CA
Son of Eric Lund - Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Bretta Nienow (Creighton University) NE
Granddaughter of Merlin Canfield - North Central Chapter

Nicole Severn (Michigan State University) MI
Daughter of Scot Severn - Michigan Chapter

Olesya Tehan (Wittenberg University) OH
Daughter of George Tehan - Buckeye Chapter

Iowa PVA Pheasant Hunt

The pheasant hunt will be held on November 4, 2017 in Ogden, IA.

The deadline for signing up will be October 27, 2017

For further information, please contact Kenny Lloyd at 641-486-2564.
Have you considered including Paralyzed Veterans of America - Iowa Chapter in your will or trust?

“It takes a notable person to plant a seed for a tree that will one day provide shade for someone he may never meet”

This type of donation will serve as an investment in our organization that will reap our members benefits for many years to come.

The Access and Quality in VA Healthcare tool is the most transparent and easy to understand wait time and quality data website in the healthcare industry. This tool provides Veterans with data they need so they can make informed decisions about their healthcare.

What is the Access and Quality Tool?

This tool allows Veterans to access the most transparent and easy to understand wait time and quality measures across the health care industry. That means Veterans can quickly and easily compare access and quality measures from their VA facility to other VA’s and make informed choices about where and when they receive their healthcare.

What can Veterans find in the tool?

- How long patients are waiting to be seen in their VA
- How Veterans describe their experiences scheduling primary and specialty care
- Timeliness of appointments for care needed right away
- Information about the quality of healthcare delivered at every medical center compared to local private sector hospitals.

Will Veterans be able to use this information to choose their healthcare facility?

Yes. This information informs Veterans about timeliness of care at VA facilities. The tool helps Veterans compare VA facilities to each other on wait times, veteran experiences with access, and other topics.

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SUPERVISOR: Executive Director

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The organization’s Deputy Executive Director acts as the second most senior employee of the corporation and is responsible for advising and assisting the Executive Director in the overall operation and management of the corporation’s programs and activities. In addition, the Deputy serves as the Executive Director during the absence or incapacity of the Executive Director.

REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor’s degree in business/management or equivalent experience required. The candidate must have excellent communication skills, have the ability to motivate/lead, and be an effective public speaker. The incumbent should have direct experience in management, budgeting, forecasting, and problem solving.

Must be able to maintain diplomatic, cordial and cooperative relations with staff, officers, directors and members of the corporation. Previous work experience within PVA, at either the National or Chapter level is preferred. The candidate must be able to travel within and outside of Washington, DC and must be a member of PVA.

TO APPLY, PLEASE SUBMIT:

Cover letter which includes the following:

• Membership status with the Paralyzed Veterans of America or a statement regarding your eligibility and Chapter affiliation if applicable
• Reason for your interest in the position, your management style, and how you plan to fulfill your management responsibilities.
• A resume detailing your education, experience and accomplishments;
• Contact information for at least 3 references that we can contact regarding your qualifications for this position
• Two writing samples that were created within the past six (6) months
• Salary requirements.

Interested candidates may send their packet to the Office of Human Resources Management via email to: careers@pva.org.

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ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM

Arizona Air Rifle/Archery & Bocce Tournament*
Sept. 6-8, 2017
Phoenix, AZ

West Virginia Air Rifle & Bocce*
Oct. 28-29, 2017
Martinsburg, WV

KY-IN Air Rifle & Bocce Tournament*
Nov 16-18, 2017
Lexington, KY

Cal-Diego Air Rifle Tournament
Jan. 22-23, 2018
San Diego, CA

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 21-22, 2018
Geneva, OH

*indicates combined events

PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Tournament & Pistol Tournament
Aug. 4-6, 2017
Green Bay, WI

North Central Shooting Sports Tournament
Sept. 8-10, 2017
Sioux Falls, SD

Keystone Shooting Sports Tournament
Sept. 22-24, 2017
Clairton, PA

Arizona Shooting Sports Tournament
Nov. 3-5, 2017
Phoenix, AZ

Mid-Atlantic Shooting Sports Tournament
Nov. 10-12, 2017
Richmond, VA

Florida Gulf Coast Shooting Sports Tournament
March 3-5, 2018
Odessa, FL

Kentucky Shooting Sports Tournament
April 4-6, 2018
Kuttawa, KY

National Shooting Sports Tournament
June 1-3, 2018
Marbury, MD

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament
June 8-10, 2018
Richmond, VA

ANNUAL PARALYZED VETERANS/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament
Sept. 15-17, 2017
Virginia Beach, VA

Mid-South Billiards Tournament
Oct. 13-14, 2017
Memphis, TN

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

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

Mountain States Billiards Tournament
May 4-6, 2018
Fountain, CO

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

**non-sanctioned events

ANNUAL PARALYZED VETERANS/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-America Bass Tournament
Sept. 22-24, 2017
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Please provide us with your email address. We would like to provide you your newsletter and other information electronically. This will make it easier for you and less expensive for us.
IVH Pool Tournament

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 18, 2017

**TIME:** 9:00AM

**Location:** Iowa Veterans Home
Malloy Building
LRC Room

This event is free and open to anyone who is shooting pool from a wheelchair.
Please RSVP by November 12th by calling the IPVA office at 888-909-4782 or 515-277-4782.
Kim or Linda will be happy to sign you up!
Come have some fun with us!!

Reading Glasses for our Vets

Paralyzed Veterans of America-Iowa Chapter is now the collection point for reading glasses to be donated to the Des Moines Veterans Hospital. These contributions will be very appreciated by our hospitalized veterans so please feel free to drop off at our office at 7025 Hickman Road, Suite 1, Urbandale.

**Thank you for your help.**
Des Moines Vet Center Group Meetings
For Combat Veterans

Gaming  Monday  9:00am-10:00am
LGBTQ   Monday (2nd Mon month)  3:00pm- 4:00pm
Concerned Person  Monday (1st & 3rd Mon month)  6:00pm- 7:00pm
PTSD PEER  Tuesday  10:00am-11:30am
PTSD VN   Tuesday  11:00am-12:30pm
OIF/OEF/OND  Tuesday (Drop in)  5:00pm- 6:00pm
OIF/OED/OND  Tuesday  6:00pm- 7:00pm
Grief / Loss  Wednesday (2x month)  10:00am-11:30am
Peer Combat Vets  Wednesday  10:00am-11:30am
PTSD VN  Thursday  1:30pm- 3:00pm
PTSD Focus  Friday  11:00am-12:30pm

*Free and Confidential Individual counseling sessions are also available.

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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

The Board of Directors of the Iowa Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America would like to invite you to their Annual Dinner Meeting and Awards Banquet on Friday evening:

October 6, 2017
at the Ramada Tropics Resort & Conference Center
at I35/80 and Merle Hay Road in Des Moines, IA

4:30 p.m. Bingo
5:30 p.m. Social Hour and Music
6:30 p.m. Dinner
Awards will be presented following dinner

Please RSVP to the Iowa PVA office by Close of Business on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 515-277-4782 or iowapvakim@yahoo.com or iowapvalin17@yahoo.com

(Dress is Business Casual)