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For the Board of Directors

(Election information on page 13)

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President Reese Levasseur

Happy New Year! 2021 is going to be a great year. This year, we



will be having our elections for the Board of Directors for the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area & Western Chapter, INC. Please refer to page 13 for more information. We encourage our members to run for the Board, so we can have a diversity in leadership.

We have some exciting news! Peer Support is continuing at VA Palo Alto Health Care System's SCI/D Center on the first Wednesday of the month. Refer to page 5. We will be having education themes starting in February 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact me at: levasseur@bawpva.org if you have any questions. I am glad we can continue to support our SCI veterans.

The Chapter will also be hosting various clinics that will be virtual. Please attend if able so we can connect and stay active. Some events include: Boccia Ball, Shuffleboard, Bingo, and more.

I love the many opportunities the New Year brings to everyone. We encourage the community reach out to our veterans. A lot of veterans are feeling lonely during the COVID-19 Pandemic and need someone to talk too. The joy of a simple gesture can bring something special to someone.

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Executive Director Kory Amaral

Finally a New Year! 2020 was definitely a tough year. Things can only get better moving forward. Although last year was tough, the good news is that Reese Levasseur and I were able to get closer to many of you through email, phone, and teleconferencing. Many of our Chapter events will be virtual for the safety of everyone



until we are cleared by the hospital to have physical events again. We encourage you to call into the events in this newsletter because we want to hear from you.

If you would like a 2021 calendar from National PVA please email me at amaral@bawpva.org or call the office at (650) 858-3936. This year, we do have two calendars: The Secret Garden and United States Warships.

Information regarding the elections are on page 13 of this newsletter. Positions on the Board of Directors carry two-year terms. There are four officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. There are five director positions for a total of nine Board of Directors. There are appointed positions as well, such as Sports Directors, Membership/Volunteer Officer, and others. We also have committees such as the Fundraising, Finance, Strategic Planning, and Awareness Fair. If you are interested in participating in any of these positions please let President Levasseur know. One important date to note if you plan on running for a position is March 12, 2021. In order to be placed on the ballot you will have to have your certification of membership completed by this date. For assistance with this please contact the Chapter office.

I am truly here for you if you need anything. Although we are going through many changes, my mission is to serve you and make sure you are getting what you need in terms of care. Even though the office is still closed most days and I am working virtually, I can still be reached at: amaral@bawpva.org or (650) 858-3936. What we are going through is just temporary. I cannot wait to see you all soon in







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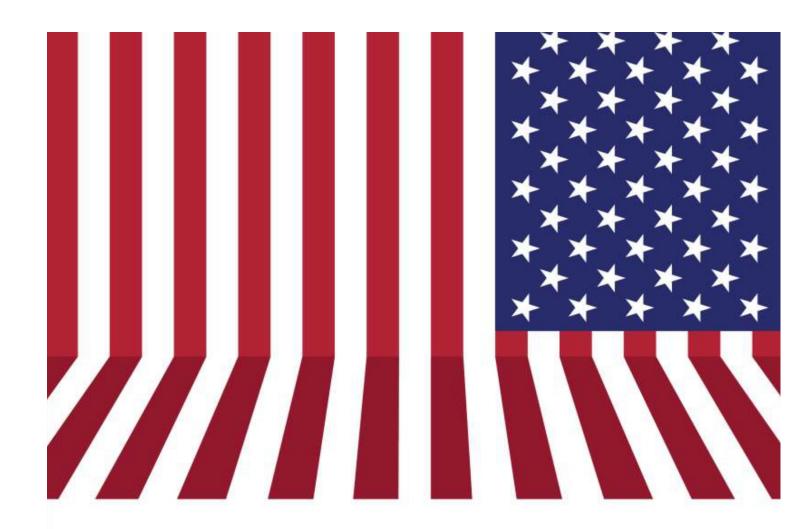




Watch Marine Veteran Steve Holbert's story at www.indego.com/veterans



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SCI PEER SUPPORT LUNCHEON

Please join us every FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month in the SCI Dining Hall at 12:00 PM PDT for a catered lunch and peer support activity. This is a monthly program designed for SCI veterans to gather together and connect in a social and relaxed environment, socially distanced of course!

If you cannot attend in person, or if group is at capacity, you can call into the VANTS line or ZOOM from your room or homes.

ZOOM Dial: 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 835 1426 6166 Access Code: 9750449 ZOOM Online: Meeting ID: 835 1426 6166 Passcode: SCIPEER https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83514266166?pwd=RzE3dzFKaE5wVUJadGdualdQUnM4Z





That stuff that you keep telling yourself "someday I might wear that again."

The back of your closet can do something remarkable for injured veterans everywhere. Your generous donations of clothes and other common household goods help improve the lives of severely injured veterans and strengthen the fabric of our community.



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Paralyzed Veterans
of America

Vehicle Donation Program

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Call 877-900-VETS or donate online at pva.careasy.org

Virtual BINGO

Last Wednesday of the Month
Starting January 2021
12:00 pm — 1:00 pm

Virtual Clinic

VA Palo Alto Health Care System

3801 Miranda Ave.

Building 7's SCI/D Center

Palo Alto, CA 94304



Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area & Western Chapter and SCI Recreation Therapy would like to invite all PVA Members, veterans, and families to join us for Bingo. You must RSVP in order for staff to sign you up for Zoom and send out Bingo materials.

Prizes will be given to participants.

RSVP to BAWPVA 1 (800) 273-6789 or amaral@bawpva.org





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National Service Officer Report Alice Borja, National Service Officer

COVID-19 and Mental Health

A year ago everyone looked to 2020 with excitement and anticipation. Many planned milestone celebrations and events.
Unfortunately the year has brought unprecedented challenges and changes. The biggest being the impact of the novel virus known as COVID

-19. The virus has fundamentally changed all facets of life. For many, the drastic changes brought on by COVID-19 has created new challenges and new ways to cope. Below we will look at some of the tools that can be adopted to help cope with COVID-19.

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Public health actions, such as social distancing, can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. However, these actions are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

According to the CDC taking care of your friends and your family can be a stress reliever, but it should be balanced with care for yourself. Helping those in your community such as by providing social support, can also make your community stronger. During times of increased social distancing, people can still maintain social connections and care for their mental health. Phone calls or video chats can help you and your loved ones feel socially connected, less lonely, or isolated.

Taking care of your emotional health will help you think clearly and react to the urgent needs to protect yourself and your family. **Take care of your body** like eating well, exercising and getting plenty of sleep are good lifestyles practices. Try to do some other activities you enjoy and unwind. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling Connect with others. **Connect with your community- or faith-based organizations**. While social distancing measures are in place, consider connecting online, through social media, or by phone or mail. The future remains uncertain. Let us hope that 2021 brings more hope, opportunities and healing. Even if 2021 is filled with surprises we can face the changes and challenges together. Please also reach out to your local NSO, PVA chapter and VAMC for resources and help.

Executive Director Kory Amaral will be sending the 2021 VA Compensation Rates as an attachment in an email. Please look out for it.



SCI Outpatient Clinic

VA Palo Alto - Building 7 Room F-143 650-493-5000 x65871

SPECIALITY CLINICS

To best serve our Veterans in our SCI Outpatient Clinic – we ask for your assistance with coordination of care. We appreciate your cooperation!

Please check in AND check out with the clerk- make sure you get

an appointment on your way out- appointments are not made

ACUPUNCTURE

CHIROPRACTIC

PSYCHOLOGY

SCI CLINIC

INTEGRATED EVALUATION

UPPER EXTREMITY

TELEHEALTH

SEXUALITY

FUNCTIONAL EXTREMITY

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

UROLOGY

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PLASTICS

SPECIAL MODE TRANSPORT

automatically. Thank you 🚳

Review your Special Mode Transport (SMT) expiration dates – when you receive a letter of expiration, please notify clinic RN as soon as possible to resubmit transportation consult

Clinic x65871

Navarre (833) 628-2773 for scheduling pick up/drop off

GURNEY TRANSFER APPOINTMENTS

For appointments where Veterans need to be transferred from wheelchair to gurney by nursing staff (Radiology, Ultrasound, etc.)

– please call and schedule An RN-TRANSFER Appointment at least 2 weeks in advance

Scheduling x65871

DEFENDER'S LODGE

Defender's Lodge hometel is available for Veteran's who live over 50 miles from the hospital – please request at least <u>1 month</u> in advance to ensure room reservation.

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Pizza Night



Tuesday, February 9, 2021 PVA Office Room E-118 Pick Up at 5:00 PM



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Bay Area & Western Chapter

Social distancing meet with other members of Paralyzed
Veterans of America, Bay Area & Western Chapter.
Find out what's going on with your
Chapter and about upcoming events.
Pizza, pasta, salad, and beverages will be served.

For more information contact Kory Amaral at x65308 or email amaral@bawpva.org

Veterans with sitting restrictions will be served at bedside.



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ELECTION PROCEDURES

NOMINATIONS:

Nominations shall be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Director's held during the month of January in the year of elections. Nominees shall submit a nomination package. The nomination package shall include 1) a letter of intent to run for an office or as a Director; 2) certification of membership eligibility form; and 3) a brief biography. A nominee may not seek more than one position during any single election year.

- 1) <u>Letter of Intent:</u> The letter of intent shall include the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and the position to which the nominee seeks to be elected.
- 2) <u>Certification of Membership Eligibility Form:</u> This form shall be completed and submitted with:
 - a) Proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport, immigration and naturalization form, or voter's registration form);
 - b) Proof of active duty service in the Armed Forces of the United States or our Allies which is terminated by discharge or separation under conditions other than dishonorable (DD 214); and
 - c) Medical proof of spinal cord injury/disease (medical records or physician's statement).

NOTE: Requests for certification of membership must be received in the Chapter office prior to the closing of nominations. Members not certified at the time that ballots are mailed to the membership will not have their names placed on the ballot.

3) <u>Biography:</u> The biography shall be no more than 250 words. The biography shall be printed along with the ballot and submitted to the membership for consideration. The purpose of the biography is to allow the nominee an opportunity to inform the membership as to the reason(s) that he or she is the most qualified person for the position being sought. (Photos of the nominees shall not be permitted to accompany the biography.)

The nominations shall be closed during the regular Board of Director's meeting held during the month of March in the year of elections.

ELECTIONS TIMELINE:

January 12, 2021	Tuesday (BOD Mtg.)	Nominations opened
January 15, 2021	Friday	Deadline to send out notice of nominations and election procedures
March 9, 2021	Tuesday (BOD Mtg.)	Nominations closed, deadline to receive nominations by mail
March 12, 2021	Friday	Deadline to have certifications completed
April 2, 2021	Friday	Deadline to mail ballots and bios
May 7, 2021	Friday	C.O.B. Deadline to receive ballots
May 7, 2021	Friday	Count ballots with 3 volunteers
May 11, 2021	Tuesday (BOD Mtg.)	Announce results of election
July 1, 2021	Thursday	New term of office begins

Board Meetings Video/Teleconference

If you are interested in participating in the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area & Western Chapter's Board of Director's and Membership Meetings via video and teleconferencing below is the information:

VA Palo Alto Health Care System is under strict restrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; therefore, all meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Tuesday, February 9, 2021 Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83701668667?pwd=R09NV1duRXIheHZGOGV3ckNDUUNRUT09

Meeting ID: 837 0166 8667
Passcode: 0xfGNG
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Shuffleboard Clinic

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 11:00am-2:00pm



Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area & Western Chapter and SCI Recreation Therapy would like to invite all persons with physical disabilities and their families to join us for an Adapted Shuffleboard Clinic.

Registration will open at 11:00am followed by an introduction to shuffleboard.

Lunch will be provided at 12:00pm.

Following lunch all in attendance are welcome to participate in shuffleboard.

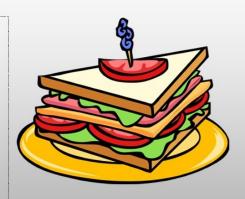
VA Palo Alto Health Care System 3801 Miranda Ave.

Palo Alto, CA 94304

Location: TBD

RSVP to BAWPVA

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Spinal Cord Triury Disease



11:30AM -- TO --1:00PM

3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

EVELYN MOUNT NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER 1301 VALLEY RD, RENO NV 89512

Please join City of Reno, VA Sierra Nevada Healthcare System, Renown Health, and High Fives Foundation for Spinal Cord Injury/Disease specific resources, topics, and guest speakers during our monthly community-based luncheons.









334-INFO | Reno.Gov/Adaptive | @CityofReno

Washington Update

The Paralyzed Veterans of America's Government Relations Department



NEWS ITEMS OF NOTE

- U.S. Access Board Launched New Website The U.S. Access Board has redesigned and updated its website. The new site features a streamlined design to make information easier to find. New menus and cross links enhance navigation of key resources, including the ADA Accessibility Standards and the Section 508 Standards. In addition, the site updates information on Board programs and services, including training and filing of complaints under the Architectural Barriers Act. Send questions or comments on the site to webmaster@access-board.gov.
- **DOL VETS Celebrates Veterans Day** _ The Department of Labor (DOL) Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) hosted a variety of events around Veterans Day. DOL VETS Assistant Secretary John Lowry wrote an <u>oped</u> that was published in the Kansas City Star and posted a <u>video message</u>. DOL VETS held the HIREVets Medallion Award Ceremony and the 675 Medallion Award recipients can be found at <u>HIREVets.gov</u>. The Assistant Secretary also took part in a wreath laying ceremony at DOL Veterans Park with DOL Secretary Eugene Scalia.
- Disability Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Effort Launched The Association of University Centers on Disability and National Center on Disability and Public Health are undertaking Prepared4All, an initiative that aims to increase the number of individuals with disabilities and disability organizations that are actively engaged in local emergency planning efforts. Prepared4All links disability organizations and individuals with emergency management agencies, public health professionals, and health provider organizations on a local level. Inclusion coaches from the disability community will form "Action Teams" that will collaborate with local emergency management, public health, and health providers to offer a menu of services to support disability inclusion. To learn more about the "Prepared4All" initiative, click here or email Prepared4All@aucd.org.
- ODEP Blog on Inclusive Apprenticeships Carolyn Jones and Lydia Parenteau, Policy Advisors in the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), wrote a blog on "Inclusive Apprenticeships: Connecting Employers and Career Seekers" in recognition of National Apprenticeship Week. Jones and Parenteau highlighted the ODEP-funded Apprenticeship Inclusion Models initiative, which focuses on apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs that provide skills training to youth and adults with disabilities in high-demand, high -wage industries. They also discussed Universal Design for Learning principles, workplace accommodations, and inclusive workplace technologies.
- VA's First EHR Modernization Deployment a Success Following three delays since November 2019, VA has Launched its Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) system at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center in Spokane, WA. Along with Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, the Cerner-led project deployed at the medical center's four associated community-based outpatient clinics and the West Consolidated Patient Account Center in Las Vegas, NV.

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St. Patrick's Day Luncheon Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 12:00 pm







Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon sponsored by Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area & Western Chapter. All SCI/D veterans and their families are welcome. Veterans with sitting restrictions will be served at bedside upon request. SCI staff will be required to have a ticket. Location of Luncheon TBD.







Menu Corned Beef Cabbage Salad **Boiled Potatoes** Carrots Rolls & Butter





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WheelchairGames.org







January

Troy Johnson Ronald Bojorques Lisa Giovannini Boyd Farnsworth Michael Luberto Larrv Hansen Daryl Meshack Richard Charfauros Dennis Kavanagh J.D. Clarkston James Elwood Hen-Min Hiu

William Nelson Lonia Caton David Lane Lex Morse Edgardo Odango Mike Giffiths Peter Arballo McKinley Keith Ramon Pereyra William Smith

David Jenkins Milton Roberts Carlos Parra William Cotter Manuel Fernandez John Hemstreet Barry McKeown Robert Stafford Donn Foster My Truong Santiago Diaz

Louis Triana

February

Michael Wagner Kevin Hoy George Rawls Jerry Metheny David Petrus Aaron McMihelk Rogelio Rodriguez Rachaelynne Horeisi Larry Moore Craig Woods

Joseph Martinez Wayne Muscato Jim Weeks John Hunt Bruce Mallibert Kenneth MacDonald

Gerald Tharp Richard Craig Gerald Cuzick Eric Taylor

Glenn Gain Larry Crothers Floyd Tate Jerry Leister John Borges Gary Mokuau Steven Sober James Griffith John Bajorek Patrick Carr Joseph Jones

Jesse Orosco Robert Frazier Keith Phillips Jennifer Splichal

March

William Smith George Appel Fillmore Matthews Lamont Green Ronald Thayer **David Kuester** Jeffrev Ovetz Jerry Thompson **Todd Meadows** John Swanlan David Hinze **Kevin Patton** Jesus Garcia

Jack Pierce Nathan Jackson Bernard Jennelle Douglas Monrad Mike Heflin Stephen Mendick Stanley Silverman Patrick Scott Charles LaFleur Kenneth Dubroff Dino Granzella **David Nunes** William Roark

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Rexis Daniels Lawrence Rogers Loren Greenhill Christopher Brook Claudius Frederick **Donald Mahaffy** Barry Gore

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January 2021							
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• 6- Virtual SCI Peer

Support 12pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room • 12 - Virtual BOD Meeting & Nominations Open 1pm, Bldg. 7 Rm.

- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed)
- 27 Virtual Bingo 12pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room

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- February 2021 SUN MO TUE WED TH FRI 3 4 5 6 1 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 22 23 25 21 24 26 27
- 3 Virtual SCI Peer Support & Boccia Ball Demonstration 12pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room
- 24 Virtual Bingo 12pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room
- 9 Virtual BOD Meeting 1pm, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118 • 9 - Pizza Night 5pm, Bldg. 7 Rm.
- E-118
- 15 Presidents Day (Office Closed)

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- **March 2021** SUN MO TUE WE THU FRI SAT 3 5 4 12 13 8 9 10 11 15 17 18 19 16 14 20 22 25 27 21 23 24 26 29 31 28 30
- 1 to 5 Advocacy **Legislative Seminar** All Day, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118
- 3 Virtual SCI Peer Support 12pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room
- 9 Virtual BOD Meeting & Nominations Close 1pm, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118
- 10 Shuffleboard Clinic 11am, TBD

- 16 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon 12pm, TBD
- 31- Virtual Bingo 12pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room

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Tele: 775-321-4789

<u>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</u> Tele: 800-827-1000 (toll-free)

Web: www.va.gov

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA)

Tele: 800-952-5626 (toll-free)
Web: www.cdva.ca.gov

Social Security Administration

Tele: 800-772-1213 (toll-free)

Web: www.ssa.gov

San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities

Web: <u>www.smco-cod.org</u>

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Tele: 650-493-5000

 SCI Out-Patient:
 ext. 65871

 W/C Repair:
 ext. 63235

 Social Work:
 ext. 64496

 OT:
 ext. 65604

 PT:
 ext. 65672

 Recreation:
 ext. 64353

San Francisco VA Medical Center

Eva Woodward, LCSW. SCI Coordinator

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Vacant, LCSW, SCI/D Coordinator

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Honolulu Clinic

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