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Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area & Western Chapter, INC.



## *Executive Director's Message*

**WRITTEN BY KORY AMARAL**

This new fiscal year marks a huge milestone for the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter. The Chapter will be celebrating 60 years at our Annual Banquet on August 13, 2022. Although I have only been with the Chapter for 6 years, I have seen how the mission and programs of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter has directly affected our veterans. Each day we are able to support a veteran in some way and I know that the Board of Directors and I will continue to honor and support our members.

On August 19 - 20, 2022 the Chapter and National PVA will be hosting a DISC Golf Clinic. This clinic is a novice clinic and is open to all SCI/D veterans, family members, and caregivers. More information about the clinic is on page 5.

We will be visiting the Reno area on Monday, September 26, 2022 and Tuesday, September 27, 2022. We will host a membership meeting, adaptive sports clinic, movie & snack and more. We will be sending out a letter to our members in the Reno area with more information soon. We encourage you to attend. Please see page 7 for more information.

The office at VA Palo Alto Health Care System's SCI/D Center is still closed to visitors. If you need to speak with us in person, let me know and I can put you on the visitor list with approval from the SCI/D Center. Please, if you need anything, do not hesitate to reach out. We are here for you, email Kory Amaral at [amaral@bawpva.org](mailto:amaral@bawpva.org) or call (650) 399-5296 with any questions or concerns.

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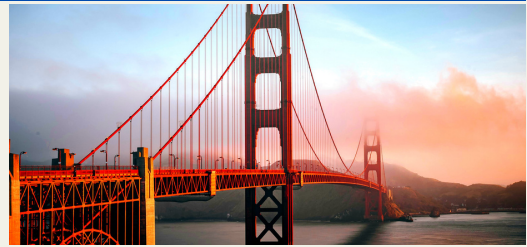
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## National Service Officer Monthly Chat

IN SPONSORSHIP WITH THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA'S BAY AREA AND WESTERN CHAPTER AND NATIONAL PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

### Monthly Chat with your National Service Officer (NSO)

**Who:** PVA Members & SCI/D Veterans

**When:** Second Tuesday of the Month  
11:30am

(Will only stay on the call for 15 mins if no one calls in)

**Where:** Virtual (Zoom)  
Meeting ID: 867 9150 1025  
Passcode: 370759  
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86791501025?pwd=OHJ1KzNoVi9XR0FoSHNvVHRkcFRUZz09>

**Why:** To receive benefit updates and to ask questions



### August Calendar

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER MONTHLY CHAT  
AUGUST 9

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
AUGUST 9

ANNUAL BANQUET  
AUGUST 13

BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT (INPATIENTS)  
AUGUST 18

DISC GOLF CLINIC  
AUGUST 19-20

SCI PEER MENTORING PROGRAM  
AUGUST 26

PVA SUMMIT  
AUGUST 28-31

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## Goods Inspiring Veterans Everywhere (GIVE) Program

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA AND THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, BAY AREA & WESTERN CHAPTER, INC.**

The Chapter is hosting a Clothing Drive in the Palo Alto, CA Office. The Chapter is looking to the community to donate lightly used clothing and other items that will directly benefit a veteran. Through the GIVE Program, we would love to expand the program by bringing in more funds for our veterans.

Clothing Donation Program - GIVE  
<https://www.pva.org/ways-to-give/g-i-v-e-clothing-donation/>

## Car Donation Program

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA AND THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, BAY AREA & WESTERN CHAPTER, INC.**

Are you tired of having too many cars or is your car getting old and you are looking to donate it? The Car Donation Program is a program in which we accept vehicles and the proceeds go to our veterans. The process is very simple and veterans from Northern California will benefit from the donation.

Car Donation Program  
<https://pva.careasy.org/HOME.html>

Generosity can be found anywhere. Even the back of your closet.

Donating clothes and other household goods can help improve the lives of injured veterans.

Give GIVE a try and schedule your **FREE** pickup today.  
[www.org/givegoods](http://www.org/givegoods)

Especially now, we need your support.

Donate a car, truck or other vehicle. The process is easy, the pick-up is free, and your gift is tax-deductible.

**Give Today**

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## *National PVA's Washington Update*

**WRITTEN BY NATIONAL PVA'S GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

### **House Passes Six Appropriations Bills**

On July 20, the House passed a package containing six fiscal 2023 appropriations bills, sending a \$405 billion minibus package to the Senate where it will likely set unaddressed until the two chambers reach agreement on the coming fiscal year's topline funding levels. The bill, which passed by a party line vote of 220 to 207 contains language from the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, Energy-Water, Financial Services, Interior-Environment, and Military Construction-VA bills. The Military Construction/VA portion of the bill provides \$314.1 billion to support veterans, servicemembers, and their families. \$118.8 billion of that amount goes toward veterans' medical care to meet their comprehensive health care needs, including:

- \$13.9 billion for mental health care to provide treatment and support for the two million veterans receiving mental health services
- \$498 million for suicide prevention outreach
- \$911.1 million for gender-specific care and programs to support over 600,000 women veterans
- \$183.3 million for substance use disorder programs and \$662.8 million for opioid abuse prevention
- \$2.7 billion for homeless assistance programs to better reach homeless veterans

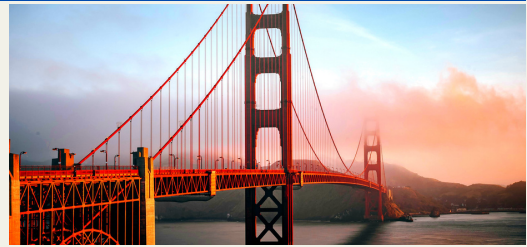
The bill invests another \$16.2 billion for other VA programs, including:

- \$926 million for medical and prosthetic Research
- \$1.76 billion to continue the implementation of the VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization effort
- \$2 billion for VA construction programs
- \$3.9 billion for operating expenses of the Veterans Benefits Administration
- \$150 million for grants for construction of state extended care facilities

The bill also includes \$155.4 billion in fiscal year 2024 advance mandatory funding for VA benefit programs which was equal to the President's budget request. A last-minute amendment by the House transferred \$5 million from the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission to VA Medical Services and another blocks VA from transferring funds from the Medical Facilities and General Administration accounts to the AIR Commission. These moves essentially strip the Commission of its funding and further reduce the likelihood that it would be resurrected. Additional information about the contents of the legislation can be found [here](#).

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## DISC Golf Clinic

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CHAPTER AND NATIONAL PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

2022  
ADAPTIVE

# DISC GOLF CLINIC

Disc Golf is an accessible, affordable, lifetime sport! It is easy to learn and can be played indoors or outside.

Join us to learn to play for fun or to get competitive!

For more information, contact Vickie Lincks at [VickieL@pva.org](mailto:VickieL@pva.org) or (202)416-7654

Register at [pva.org/adaptive-sports](http://pva.org/adaptive-sports)



August 19 & 20, 2022

Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Bay Area & Western Chapter

Location  
San Jose, California

Registration/Check-In  
10:00am

Clinic  
10:30am to 5:00pm

Clinic is free. Lunch will be provided

Contact  
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### Important Links

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## National PVA Sports

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### 2022-2023 ANNUAL CALENDAR



#### PVA BASS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-America Bass Tournament  
September 16-18, 2022  
Eufaula, OK

Vaughan Bass Tournament  
October 7-9, 2022  
Marion, IL

Southeastern Bass Tournament  
September 30-October 2, 2022  
Evans, GA

Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament  
March 24-26, 2023  
Kissimmee, FL

Kentucky-Indiana Bass Tournament  
April 21-23, 2023  
Kuttawa, KY

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament  
June 2-4, 2023  
Hopewell, VA

Capital Clash Bass Tournament  
June 9-11, 2023  
Waldorf, MD

#### PVA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-South Billiards Tournament  
October 28-29, 2022  
Memphis, TN

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament  
March 17-19, 2023  
Richmond, VA

Mid-America Billiards Tournament  
June 16-18, 2023  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Buckeye Billiards Tournament  
June 24-26, 2023  
Columbus, OH

#### AIR RIFLE & PISTOL PROGRAM

National Postal Matches  
November 2022 – March 2023  
In-person event dates coming soon!

#### PVA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Great Plains Bowling Tournament  
July 28-31, 2022  
Council Bluffs, IA

Mid-Atlantic Bowling Tournament  
September 9-11, 2022  
Richmond, VA

Nevada Bowling Tournament  
December 2-5, 2022  
Las Vegas, NV

Florida Gulf Coast Bowling Tournament  
February 23-25, 2023  
Tampa, FL

Mid-America Bowling Tournament  
March 31 – April 3, 2023  
Oklahoma City, OK

#### PVA NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

North Central Trapshoot  
September 9-11, 2022  
Sioux Falls, SD

Oregon Trapshoot  
September 24-25, 2022  
Hillsboro, Oregon

Cal-Diego Trapshoot  
March 18-19, 2023  
Redlands, CA

Nevada Trapshoot  
March 31-April 2, 2023  
Las Vegas, NV

Wisconsin Trapshoot  
May 19-21, 2022  
Green Bay, WI

Vaughan Trapshoot  
May 26-28, 2023  
Elburn, IL

Iowa Shooting Trapshoot \*  
June 16-18, 2023  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
\*Year-End Tournament

#### BOCCIA

New England Boccia Tournament  
November 5-6, 2022  
West Roxbury, MA

West Virginia Boccia Tournament  
December 2-3, 2022  
Charleston, WV

Bayou Boccia Tournament  
February 3-5, 2023  
Gulfport, MS

Gateway Boccia Tournament  
March 17-19, 2023  
St. Louis, MO

#### HANDCYCLING

Echelon Racing League Virtual Paracycling Series (Online)  
November 2022 - February 2023

PVA High Performance Off-Road HC Camp  
August 13-18, 2022  
Crested Butte, Colorado

Off-Road Handcycling Championships  
August 19-21, 2022  
Crested Butte, Colorado

Pocahontas Off-Road Camp  
September 29 – October 2, 2022  
Chesterfield, VA

Tampa VA Handcycling Clinic  
January 21, 2023  
Tampa, FL

PVA High Performance Camp  
January 30 – February 3, 2023  
Brooksville, FL

#### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

PVA – NWBA Lakeshore Basketball Camp  
August 4-7, 2022  
Birmingham, AL

Bay Area & Western Disc Golf  
August 19-20, 2022  
San Jose, CA

New England Disc Golf Clinic  
September 10, 2022  
West Roxbury, MA

PVA Rugby Clinic  
September 16-18, 2022  
Phoenix, AZ

New England Basketball Camp  
September 23-26, 2022  
New Haven, CT

PVA Wheelchair Rugby Invitational  
February 23-26, 2023  
Raleigh, NC

#### NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



July 4-9, 2023  
Portland, Oregon

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT: [PVA.ORG/ADAPTIVE-SPORTS](http://PVA.ORG/ADAPTIVE-SPORTS)

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### Member Column

KYLE HANSEL  
BOARD MEMBER

MR. HANSEL IS A UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN SERVING FROM 2010 TO 2014 AS A 3521 MOTOR TRANSPORTATION MECHANIC WITH 2ND BATTALION 10TH MARINES FIELD ARTILLERY AT CAMP LEJEUNE IN NORTH CAROLINA. WHILE STATIONED WITH 2/10, MR. HANSEL WAS DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN IN 2012 TO SUPPORT OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. AFTER MR. HANSEL LEFT THE MARINES, HE BECAME A HEAVY DIESEL MECHANIC IN CHARLOTTE, NC WORKING ON SEMI-TRUCKS. MR. HANSEL DECIDED AFTER TWO YEARS TO PURSUE GUNSMITH SCHOOL IN NORTH CAROLINA. IN OCTOBER OF 2017, MR. HANSEL SUFFERED A SPINAL CORD INJURY DISLOCATING HIS C4 AND C5 VERTEBRAE, BECOMING PARALYZED FROM THE CHEST DOWN. MR. HANSEL LEFT NORTH CAROLINA IN 2020 AND JOINED THE PALO ALTO VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. MR. HANSEL BECAME A PVA BOARD MEMBER IN 2022 AND IS EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT HIM IN THE FUTURE.

  
**PVA**  
**RENO** Visit

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

<p><b>MOVIE &amp; SNACK</b> 11:30 AM <b>LOCATION: CENTURY SUMMIT SIERRA</b> 13965 SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET RENO, NV 89511</p>	<p><b>RENO ACES GAME</b> 6:05 PM <b>LOCATION: GREATER NEVADA FIELD</b> 250 EVANS AVENUE RENO, NV 89501</p>
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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, ADAPTIVE SPORT CLINICS (WHEELCHAIR RUGBY & BOCCIA BALL) AND LUNCH  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**LOCATION: EVELYN MOUNT NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER**  
1301 VALLEY ROAD  
RENO, NV 89512

**RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022**  
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## *About Us*

### **THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, BAY AREA & WESTERN CHAPTER, INC.**

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter, INC. (BAWPVA) is a nonprofit, veterans service organization located in Palo Alto, CA. BAWPVA serves spinal cord injured and/or dysfunction veterans located in Northern California, Northern Nevada and the Pacific Islands. BAWPVA is one of 33 chapters of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) located across the United States. Currently, BAWPVA has approximately 500 members. The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter, INC. (BAWPVA) services provide direct support to the Chapter's programs. BAWPVA sponsors various events and adaptive sports clinics at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System in Palo Alto, CA, VA Northern California Health Care System, VA Central California Health Care System, VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System and VA Pacific Islands Health Care System.

If you are interested in membership, volunteering, or donating please contact us today.

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