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



Executive Director's Message

WRITTEN BY KORY AMARAL

On Monday, September 25, 2023 the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter will be hosting our 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club in San Jose, CA. Please see Page 6 for more information. We are still looking for golfers and sponsors. All funds raised go directly to the Chapter's programs which benefit the paralyzed veterans.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western and Nevada Chapters will be in the Reno area for the "PVA Reno Take Over" September 15-19, 2023. I sent out a letter with all the information about the events. Please see Page 7 for a quick overview.

On Friday, September 29, 2023 the Chapter and the SCI/D Center in Palo Alto will be continuing our SCI Peer Mentoring Program - Education & Lunch. Each month we have an education topic pertaining to spinal cord injuries or diseases. The September topic is Psychology. This is also a great way to interact with your fellow veterans. Please refer to Page 2 for more information. Outpatients can join us via Zoom. The link is on the flyer.

The office at VA Palo Alto Health Care System's SCI/D Center is now open to visitors. If you need to speak with us in person, let me know. We are not always in the office so please contact me first to make sure we do not miss each other. Also, if you need anything, do not hesitate to reach out. We are here for you, email Kory Amaral at amaral@bawpva.org or call (650) 399-5296 with any questions or concerns.

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SCI Peer Mentoring Program - Education & Lunch

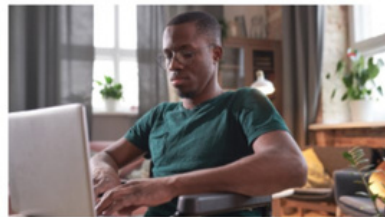
SPONSORED BY THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, BAY AREA AND WESTERN CHAPTER, INC. AND SCI/D CENTER AT VA PALO ALTO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



Please join us the **LAST FRIDAY** of the month in the **SCI Dining Room** at 11:30 AM for a catered lunch and **F-125 Conference Room** at 12:00 PM for education and a 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 ZOOM from your room or home.

MEETING ID: 835 1426 6166
PHONE: +1 669 900 9128
ONLINE: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83514266166>



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September Calendar

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
(OFFICE CLOSED)
SEPTEMBER 4

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER
(NSO) MONTHLY CHAT
(VIRTUAL)
SEPTEMBER 12

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
MEETING / TOP GOLF EVENT
SEPTEMBER 12

INTERACTIVE ARTS CLINIC
(INPATIENTS)
SEPTEMBER 14

PVA RENO TAKE OVER
SEPTEMBER 15 - 19

BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 21

12TH ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 25

SCI PEER MENTORING
PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER 29

ACCESSIBILITY DAY
SANTA CLARA VALLEY
MEDICAL CENTER
SEPTEMBER 30

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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.

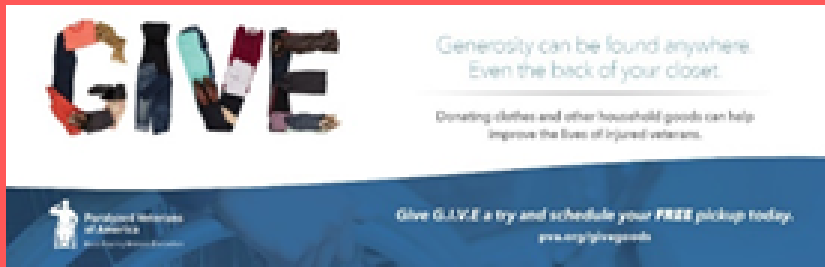
Clothing Donation Program - GIVE
<https://www.pva.org/ways-to-give/g-i-v-e-clothing-donation/>

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>



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National PVA's Washington Update

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

August Recess is Our Time for Action

Congress has officially departed for its August recess, which traditionally is a five plus week-long break from legislative activity that allows members of the House and Senate to reconnect with their constituents, spend time with family, and travel independently or as part of congressional delegations on diplomatic or fact-finding efforts. Much of the time, they will be working out of their state and local offices. During the recess, we are running a number of campaigns on key legislative priorities through [PVAction Force](#). This is the time when action is needed to ensure support for issues important to PVA members and their families.

One of the key issues demanding our attention is the [Justice for ALS Veterans Act, S. 1590/H.R. 3790](#). This legislation aims to provide surviving spouses of veterans who died of service-connected ALS with additional compensation. By advocating for this legislation, we can have a significant impact on the lives of those affected by this devastating disease.

Additionally, let us not forget about the [Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act, S. 141/H.R. 542](#). In the final days before August recess, the [House Veterans' Affairs Committee marked up](#) this top PVA priority. Action on H.R. 542 had been delayed since the last Congress because of a very high price tag placed on it by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) concerning the cap on VA-purchased home care. This bill seeks to improve access to quality home care services for our veterans and their families, and we have a fighting chance to get the legislation passed.

Furthermore, let us not overlook the [FAA Reauthorization](#). The House and Senate versions of the reauthorization include important provisions for passengers with disabilities, including improved training requirements and required further study into in-cabin wheelchair restraints. The House's bill also includes elements of the PVA-supported Air Carrier Access Amendments Act (ACAAA) (H.R. 1267). We support adding amendments based on the ACAA (S. 545) to the Senate bill that would improve the disability-related complaint process and improve disability access standards.

Last, but certainly not least, we need action on the [Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act, H.R. 2818](#). This legislation aims to empower disabled veterans by providing them with increased mobility options through home modifications. The VA's Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) grant has not been adjusted since 2010. HISA needs rates that are raised annually to offset the associated costs of rising prices.

Now is the time to make our voices heard! Together, let's ensure that these critical bills receive the attention they deserve during this recess period, so that we can keep pushing access forward.



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National Service Officer Monthly Chat

IN SPONSORSHIP WITH THE
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA'S BAY AREA AND WESTERN
CHAPTER, INC. 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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86791501025?pwd=OHJ1KzNoVi9XR0FoSHNvVHRkcFRUZz09)

Why: To receive benefit updates
and to ask questions



Important Links

[AIR ACCESS 30
SHARE STORIES ABOUT
YOUR AIR TRAVEL
EXPERIENCES AS A
PASSENGER WITH A
DISABILITY](#)

[PUBLICATIONS
VIEW CHAPTER
NEWSLETTERS,
ANNUAL REPORTS, PVA
PUBLICATIONS](#)

[COVID-19 RESOURCES
VIEW NATIONAL
PVA'S RESOURCES AND
UPDATES ON COVID-19](#)

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12th Annual Golf Tournament

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Sponsorship Opportunities:

Platinum Sponsor
\$5,000

- Two Tournament Foursomes
- Two Tournament Tee Signs
- Preferred Starting Holes
- Speaking Opportunity
- Exposure in Newsletter
- Exposure on Website

Gold Sponsor
\$3,000

- Tournament Foursome
- Tournament Tee Sign
- Preferred Starting Hole
- Mention in Newsletter
- Mention on Website

Tee Sign Sponsor
\$250

Foursome
\$1,000

Individual Golfer
\$275

Sponsor a Disabled Veteran
\$275

Spectator Ticket
\$100
Includes Dinner

All golf sponsorships include golf cart, lunch, and dinner.



**PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA,
BAY AREA AND WESTERN CHAPTER'S**

12TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter is dedicated to the task of improving the quality of life of Veterans with paralysis due to spinal cord dysfunction and to the protection of their civil rights. We are committed to the duty of assisting paralyzed Veterans by advocating for unfettered access to VA health care and barrier-free access to the community.

Our goal is to ensure the fulfillment of the need for the health and well-being of our Members, and all paralyzed Veterans, through education, information and referral, medical research, and physical, psychological, and recreational therapy.



Cinnabar Hills Golf Club

23600 McKean Road San Jose, CA 95141

AT
12 PM

Monday,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

SPONSORSHIPS
OPPORTUNITIES ON
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REGISTRATION : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/12th-annual-golf-tournament-tickets-634205424497>

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PVA Reno Take Over

SPONSORED BY THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, BAY AREA AND WESTERN CHAPTER, INC., NEVADA CHAPTER OF THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, CITY OF RENO, THE SCI/D CENTER AT VA PALO ALTO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND MILITARY ADAPTIVE COURT SPORTS

PVA
RENO
take over

<p>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023</p> <p>MOVIE & SNACK 11:30 AM LOCATION: CENTURY SUMMIT SIERRA 13965 SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET RENO, NV 89511</p>	<p>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023</p> <p>RENO ACES GAME 1:05 PM LOCATION: GREATER NEVADA FIELD 250 EVANS AVENUE RENO, NV 89501</p>
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCH
ADAPTIVE SPORT CLINIC (PICKLEBALL)
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: EVELYN MOUNT NORTHEAST
COMMUNITY CENTER
1301 VALLEY ROAD
RENO, NV 89512

RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023
1 (650) 399-5296 OR AMARAL@BAWPVA.ORG

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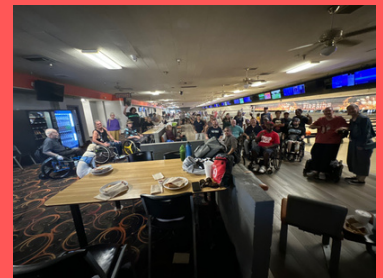


Member Column

SACRAMENTO MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BOWLING CLINIC AUGUST 10, 2023

THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, BAY AREA AND WESTERN CHAPTER HAD A GREAT TIME WITH OUR MEMBERS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BOWLING CLINIC IN SACRAMENTO.

WE HAD OVER 30 INDIVIDUALS SHOW UP FOR THE EVENT AND WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT. WE KNOW HOW ADAPTIVE SPORTS CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF ADAPTIVE SPORTS THOUGHOUT OUR CATCHMENT AREAS.



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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 523 members, but sees over 1,000 paralyzed veterans at the SCI/D Center at VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

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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