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President Chet Miller



In August 2023, our friend and President of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter Sebastian DeFrancesco unexpectedly passed away. Sebastian was a huge part of PVA for many years and his passion for adaptive sports helped shape the Chapter's adaptive sports program. He will be forever missed, but his legacy will remain.

I would like to introduce myself. I have three daughters and I am very proud of each of them. I have been a member of our local PVA Chapter since my injury in 1993. After returning from Desert Storm while stationed at Fort Campbell, KY in the 101st Airborne Division, as an Aviation Mechanic, I was injured in a motocross accident. It left me as a C-5, C-6 quadriplegic and ended my 12-year military career. I did my treatment and rehab at the Palo Alto VA. Since my injury, I have enjoyed spending time with my family and staying active by participating in wheelchair sports. I have played Quad Rugby for over 25 years now. I look forward to the next two years and I am honored to be your President.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter and the SCI/D Center at VA Palo Alto Health Care System have revamped our peer support program. The SCI Peer Mentoring Program - Education & Lunch will take place on the last Friday of the month at the SCI/D Center's F-125 Conference Room at 12:00 PM. Some topics include PVA, Social Work, SCI Travel, Recreation Therapy, and more. Zoom is available if needed. We would love for our SCI/D veterans to either attend or call into the meeting to socialize with your fellow veterans. Please refer to Page 20 for more information.

Executive Director

Kory Amaral



We have been busy the last 3 months. I want to thank all the PVA members, family, friends, caregivers, and staff who attended our membership events in Sacramento and Reno. I know we do not visit often, but when we do, you are all appreciative and willing to attend all events. Your support is what makes our mission and programs successful. We look forward to future events.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bay Area and Western Chapter held our 12th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, September 25, 2023. I would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make our event a success. The funds raised at the Golf Tournament will be used to send our PVA members to various adaptive sports events. We know that adaptive sports can truly change a veterans life. Please view a list of sponsors on Page 13.

The office is now open to visitors at VA Palo Alto Health Care System , but we encourage you to call or email first, to make sure staff is in the office. I am always here for you if you need anything. Please feel free to reach out to me at amaral@bawpva.org or (650) 399-5296 with any questions.

Remembering Sebastian DeFrancesco, U.S. Army

Sebastian DeFrancesco, our resilient warrior, passed away peacefully on the evening of August 29, 2023, in the loving company of his wife Liz, three daughters Alicia, Emily, and Anna, his brother Bobby, son-in-law Amar, Emily's partner Chris, and the family dog, Pebbles. Seventeen years after being the first quadriplegic to receive a liver transplant, his body succumbed to liver and kidney failure at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto. He fought every challenge like the Green Beret that he was. Knowing that his last battle was complete, his final words were: "I'm transitioning. I love you all."

To many, Sebastian was known as an oft-honored adaptive sports champion. Prior to being injured at the age of 22, he had been a standout soccer player. He took that love of athletics and competition with him as he adapted to his life as a quadriplegic after injuries incurred during a training exercise in Italy while serving as a member of the Special Forces during the Vietnam War. He had been inducted into multiple halls of fame: Wheelchair Sports USA, New England Wheelchair Athletic Association, US Quad Rugby Association, and US Table Tennis. He was a Paralympic table tennis medalist in 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, head coach of a wheelchair basketball team that rose to national acclaim, coach to local soccer kids, Santa Cruz County Paralympic Wall of Fame Honoree, and always an ambassador for and participant in a variety of sports, including tennis, track and field, and bocci. His passion encouraged everyone, able-bodied and those with disabilities, to be active and to bring their best to every challenge, on or off the field. Even while hospitalized at the VA, he was making plans to return to table tennis training to compete in the 2028 Paralympics in Los Angeles. He was indomitable and fearless.

To others, Sebastian was known as an advocate for social justice and disability rights. When he was first injured, there was no Americans with Disabilities Act, and many persons with disabilities struggled to participate in society. Through his work with the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Sebastian lobbied Congress on veterans' issues including mental health and homelessness. He fought for accessibility to all manner of venues and spaces, including investing in housing and hotel rooms that met the needs of persons with disabilities. He could be "a dog with a bone" when it came to fighting for equal rights. He was active in the PVA organization in both New England and Northern California and was serving as president of the Bay Area and Western chapter when he passed. In recent months, despite being hospitalized, he would conduct Zoom meetings from his bed. To countless many, Sebastian was a thoughtful and caring friend. He listened to concerns, focused his compassion and empathy on helping others, and cared passionately about the future of our country and world. His tender-heartedness was apparent. Sometimes when imagining how much better this world could be he would tear up, other times he would groan with frustration. He often brought the wisdom gained from his varied and challenging life experiences to help others see their situation in a fresh and hopeful light.

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

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National Service Officer Report

Reese Levasseur, National Service Officer Candidate



Good year to all. As your National Service Officer Candidate (NSOC) at the Palo Alto SCI/D Office, I am happy to say it's been a fast year. With only one training lesson and a Capstone to pass, I will hopefully be your NSO II by the end of October. I would like to let everyone know that the time has ended for the prorated back pay for the Pack Act, the end date was August 14th. That doesn't mean you can't still file a claim pertaining to the Pact Act. It means you will not get retro pay from August 10, 2022. If you think you may have an undiagnosed service-related injury, please feel free to contact me to discuss your issue. We can review the claim filing process together and determine your best option.

With the holidays coming up, many of you may be considering traveling to visit family from state to state and others traveling abroad. If you are ever planning to travel outside the United States as a service-connected veteran, you may want to file for the Foreign Medical Program (FMP). For eligible Veterans already in the VA system living or traveling abroad, the VA offers medical services through the Foreign Medical Program (FMP). Through this program, FMP will pay for health care services, medications, and durable medical equipment for service-connected conditions and conditions associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected condition. Also, the VA may authorize foreign medical services for any condition if you are participating in the VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Title 38, U.S. Code, Chapter 31). To file a claim, you would use the VA form 10-7959f-2. Enrolling in FMP is simple. Fill out the FMP Registration Form (VA Form 10-7959f-1) and send it to the VHA Office of Integrated Veteran Care. (Fillable PDFs can be completed online, saved, and printed.) You may also send your full name, mailing address, residence address (including country), and VA claim number to the VHA Office of Integrated Veteran Care. See the full address and phone number below.

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Most VA benefits are payable regardless of place of residence or nationality. VA benefits include disability compensation, pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation, employment, and burial. If you have any questions, contact me at 650-493-5000 EXT 65046 or VIA email at REESEL@PVA.ORG.



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Board Meetings via Zoom



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

VA Palo Alto Health Care System is under slight restrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; therefore, all meetings will be by invite only if coming in person.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 1:00 PM
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM

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MS Committee Member Report Mr. Richard Hagan

Let's Talk - Service Dogs

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Canine Companions train service dogs, skilled companion dogs, hearing dogs, and PTSD dogs. Their headquarters is in Santa Rosa, and that is where I was trained to handle my dogs. Canine Companions is not the only organization that supplies service dogs, but they are the one I am most familiar with. Please visit them at www.canine.org for further information, and you can contact me at hagan@bawpva.org if you'd like to hear more about life with a service dog.



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- they are not within six feet of a Veteran in a congregate area (e.g., shared meals in CLC); or
- they are not within six feet of a patient in an open treatment area/room.

Please check in AND check out with the scheduler especially after your Annual Exam; make sure you get an appointment on your way out as appointments are not made automatically. Thank you

SPECIAL MODE TRANSPORT

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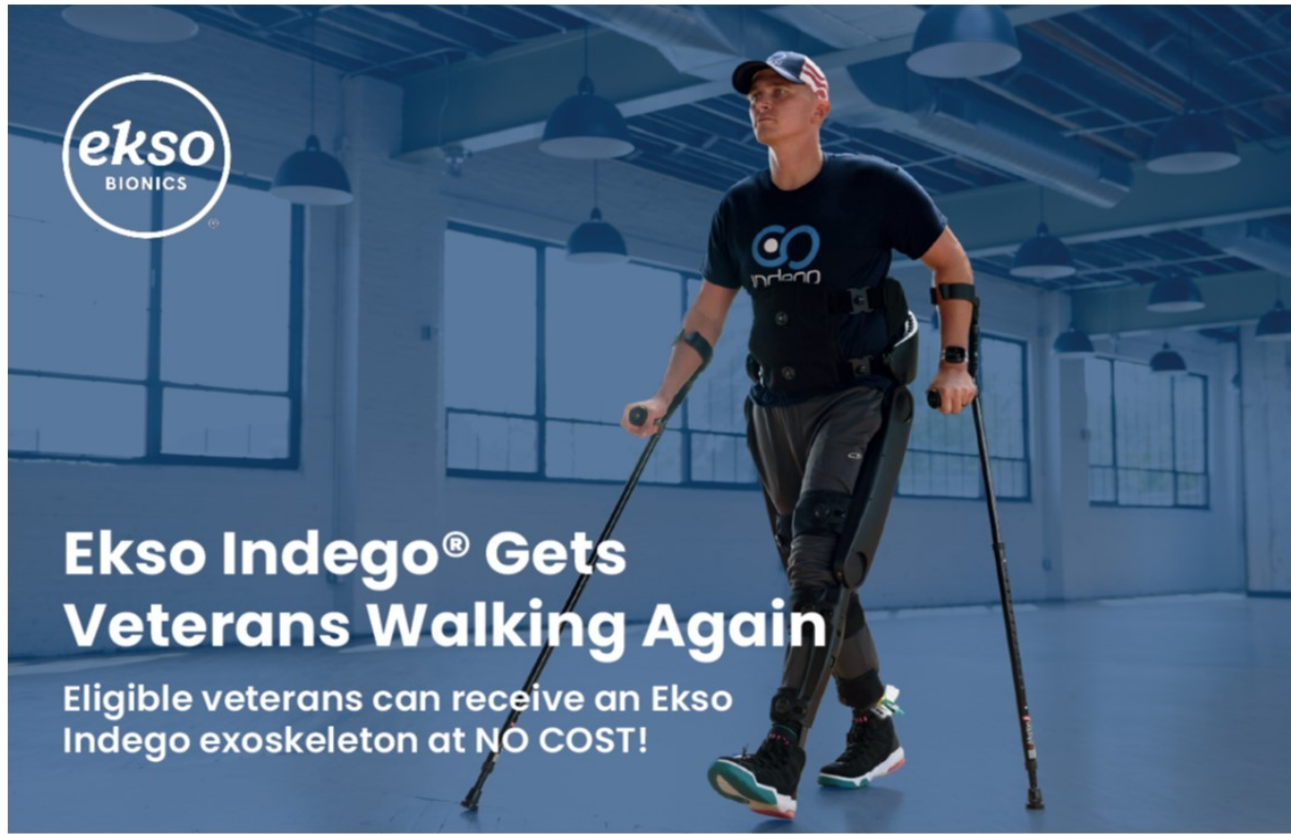
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Please join us the **LAST FRIDAY** of the month in the **SCI Dining Room** at **11:30 AM** for a catered lunch and **F-125 Conference Room** at **12:00 PM** for education and a peer support activity. This is a monthly program designed for SCI Veterans to gather together and connect in a social and relaxed environment, socially distanced of course!



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PVA Summit 2023

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Marisol Garcia-Manipol MSN, RN, Assistant Nurse Manager SCI/D Center

Attending the Paralyzed Veterans of America Healthcare Summit last August 14-17, 2023 was my first ever conference experience in VA Palo Alto Health Care System. I cannot help myself expressing immense pleasure to be part as an attendee in the event. I have gained new knowledge, skills, experience and hear advise and life hacks from the experts. The event held in Orlando, Florida where Disney World and Universal Studio located. The hotel venue at Renaissance SeaWorld has an stylish accommodations and incredible amenities. The venue was conducive to learning and leisure. I do appreciate the opportunity for me to have participated in the conference. I was lucky to witness some of the important people of the PVA organization and gained a lot of insights and understanding of the VHA Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders National Program. Also, most the sponsors/exhibitors are generous and friendly.



Most of the speakers are experts on their field and enthusiast. The one that interested me the most is about the Autonomic Dysfunctions. Following Spinal Cord Injury and the therapeutic Potential of Spinal Cord Stimulation. There are four speakers for this topic. One of the speaker mentioned the important management of AD in SCI as follows:

- Step 1:** Sit patient up. Loosen clothing and devices. If symptoms persist go to Step 2. (Monitor blood pressure and pulse frequently
- Step 2:** Check the urinary system- If indwelling urinary catheter is not in place, catheterization using lidocaine jelly. If symptoms persist go to Step 3.
- Step 3:** If blood pressure remains elevated, suspect fecal impaction. If symptoms persist go to Step 4.
- Step 4:** If blood pressure is at or above 150 mmhg systolic consider pharmacological management to reduce blood pressure.

Spinal Cord stimulation has two kinds which are epidural as invasive method while transcutaneous is non- invasive. Transcutaneous is non- invasive stimulation restores autonomic cardiovascular control. While Epidural stimulation modulate cardiovascular function.

With this very informative lecture assisted and improved me in providing service to our veterans. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Reference:

Claire Shackleton, PhD
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- 9 - **Columbus Day (Office Closed)**
Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118
- 10 - **NSO Chat (Virtual)**
11:30am, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-101
- 10 - **BOD Meeting**
1pm, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118
- 12 - **Disability Awareness Day**
10am, San Jose, CA
- 12 - **Adaptive Sports Clinic**
3pm, TBA
- 19 - **Bingo & Pizza Night**
3pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room
- 19 to 24 - **Fall BOD Meeting (Office Closed)**
Orlando, FL
- 27 - **SCI Peer Mentoring Program**
12pm, Bldg. 7 Rm. F-125

November 2023

SUN	MO	TUE	WED	TH	FRI	SAT
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- 7 - **Veterans Day Luncheon**
12pm, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-101
- 9 - **Adaptive Sports Clinic**
3pm, TBA
- 11 - **Veterans Day Event**
Sacramento, CA
- 14 - **NSO Chat (Virtual)**
11:30am, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-101
- 14 - **BOD Meeting**
1pm, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118
- 16 - **Bingo & Pizza Night**
3pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room
- 23 to 24 - **Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)**
Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118

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- 5 - **Winter Luncheon**
12 pm, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118
- 12 - **NSO Chat (Virtual)**
11:30am, Bldg. 7 Rm. E-101
- 14 - **Adaptive Sports Clinic**
3pm, TBA
- 21 - **Bingo & Pizza Night**
3pm, Bldg. 7 Dining Room
- 18 to 31 - **Winter Break (Office Closed)**
Bldg. 7 Rm. E-118



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Tele: 650-858-3936
800-273-6789 (toll-free)
E-Mail: administration@bawpva.org
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Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Washington, D.C.

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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: www.smco-cod.org

VA Palo Alto Health Care System

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