



**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

New England Chapter

CORDWORD

The Monthly News Magazine of the New England Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America

Thank you Stop & Shop for Your Support



INSIDE THIS EDITION

IWO JIMA FLAG RAISING

GOLDEN AGE GAMES



NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER OFFICES



Anniversary of Flag Raising on Iwo Jima.



Golden Age Games Registration Opens February 25th

THANK YOU STOP&SHOP	4
NWVG REGISTRATION STILL OPEN	5
A LIFE CHANGING PROGRAM	7
FLAG RAISING AT IWO JIMA	8
VA HEALTH DATA ON IPHONE	11
INDIVIDUAL ALLOTMENT	15

Iwo Jima was a porous, barren, sulfur-scented island, hundreds of miles away from Tokyo, Japan. Yet, for the Marines and sailors who ultimately defeated the entrenched Japanese imperial forces there, it was salvation. The Americans desperately needed the island to gain access to permanent air bases, crucial for bombing campaigns on the Japanese mainland, and critical for an Allied victory in the Pacific theater of World War II....*continued on page 4.*

The VA announced that it will begin accepting applicants on Feb. 25 for the 2019 National Veterans Golden Age Games, scheduled to take place June 5-10 in Anchorage, Alaska.

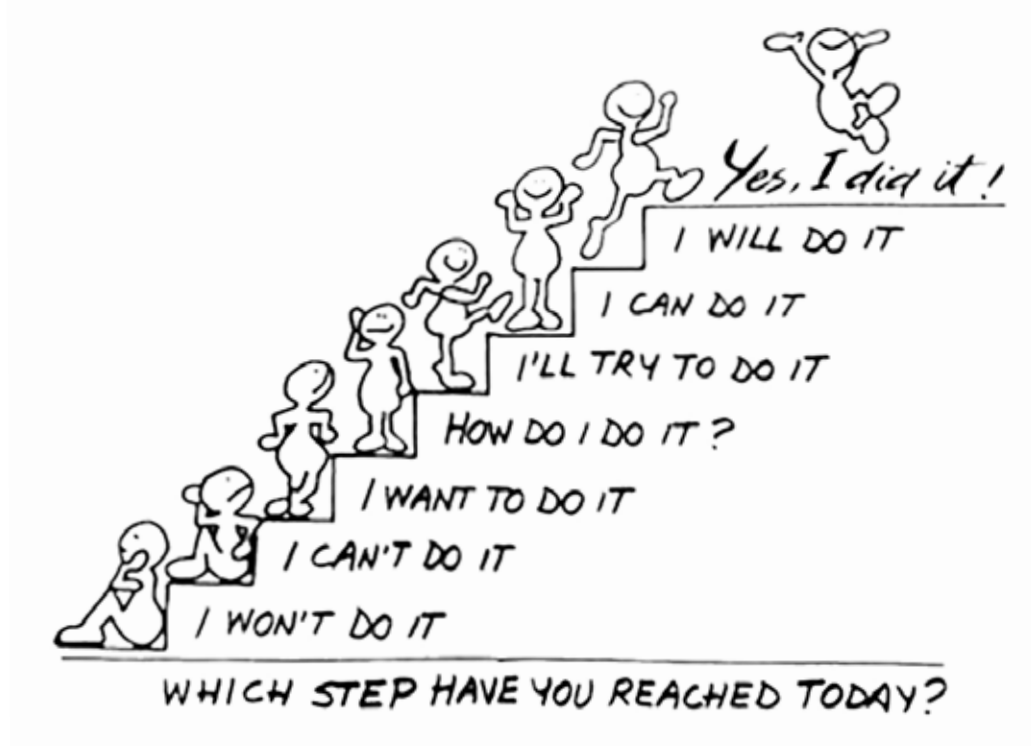
The National Veterans Golden Age Games is the premier senior adaptive rehabilitation program in the United States, and the only national multi event sports and recreational seniors' competition program ...*continued on page 5.*



Out Front

Michael G. Negrete, President

Saw this cartoon recently and thought it'd give us all something a bit different to think about this month.



From the Director's Desk

Debra A. Freed, Executive Director

Just a couple of quick notes for everyone. February will be over before we know it. Myself, Ms. Denise Pease, Mr. Mark Sanders, and Mr. Michael & Mrs. Terry Negrete will be heading to Washington, D.C. for the annual Advocacy and Legislative Seminar.

There will be a few changes this year, but for the most part, we will do all we can to see and or drop-off our packets to all 12 Senators and 21 Representatives. If you have an issue that you wish to have addressed, you know you don't need to wait for us. All federal legislators have at least one state office, so call them, visit them if possible. However, I will remind each and everyone of you that you as a private citizen should speak your mind but do so with decency and respect.

When we go to D.C. we are representing our constituents to the best of our abilities. There are no Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Green Party or any other group, just veterans who want to assist our fellow veterans. I look forward to letting you know how we did, who we were able to speak to and what the outcomes were.

Debra A. Freed
Executive Director



New England PVA Contact Information

1208 VFW Parkway, Suite 301
West Roxbury, MA 02132
Phone: (800) 660-1181
Fax: (857) 203-9685

www.newenglandpva.org
info@newenglandpva.org
Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am-4:30pm

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

NEW ENGLAND PVA OFFICERS

President	Michael G. Negrete
Vice President	Mike Guilbault
Secretary	Peter Moore
Treasurer	Peter Moore (Interim)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

John Brako	Brad Carlson
Michael Moran	Peter Falcione
Mark Sanders	Dan Shaul
Walter Farrington	

STAFF

Debra Freed	Executive Director
Jerry Cole	Admin/Bookkeeper

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Bass Trail Liaison	Jim Wallack
Community Outreach	Mike Guilbault
CordWord Editor	Michael Negrete
Communications Director	Michael Negrete
Membership Officer	Mike Guilbault
MS/ALS Liaison	John Brako
Peer Mentor Representative	Mike Guilbault
Sports Director	Mike Guilbault
Assistant Sports Director	Michael Moran
Volunteer Coordinator	Jerry Cole
Women Veterans' Liaison	Debra Freed
National Director to PVA	Neal Williams
ADA Coordinator	Neal Williams

CHAPTER HOSPITAL LIAISONS

VAMC

Brockton
Manchester
Togus
West Haven
West Roxbury
White River Junction
Northampton

CHL

Dan Shaul
Mike Moran
Neal Williams
Peter Falcione
Wayne Ross
Mike Moran
Tim Kelly

NEW ENGLAND PVA NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICES

BOSTON VA REGIONAL OFFICE

J.F.K. Federal Bldg. - Room - 1575 C
Boston, MA 02203
Phone: (617) 303-1395 or 1-800-795-3607
Fax: (617) 303-1396
Joseph E. Badzmirowski
Director of Field Services
Serving Massachusetts and Rhode Island

WEST ROXBURY/BROCKTON VAMC

1400 VFW Parkway, Room AG 60
West Roxbury, MA 02132
Phone: (857) 203-6091
Serving Massachusetts, Rhode Island

TOGUS, VARO, 1 VA CENTER

Bldg. 248, Room 112
Augusta, ME 04330
Phone: (207) 621-7394 or 866-795-1911
Fax: (207) 621-4829
Serving Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont

SYRACUSE VAMC

800 Irving Ave, Room C419
Syracuse, NY 13210
Phone: 315-425-4400 Ext. 53317
Fax: 315-425-2940
Charlie Tocci
East-North Area Manager
Serving New York and Western Massachusetts

MANHATTAN

245 W. Houston Street, Room 212A
New York, NY 10014
Phone: 212-807-3114
Fax: 212-807-4047
Bruce Weston, National Service Officer
Serving Connecticut and New York

BUFFALO PVA

130 South Elmwood Ave, Suite 621
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: (800) 795-3619
Fax: (716) 857-3486
Nona Nixon, National Service Officer
Serving Western and up state New York

BRONX SCI/ JAMES J. PETERS VAMC

130 West Kingsbridge Road, Room 1D-52A
Bronx, NY 10468
Phone: 718-584-9000 Ext: 6272
Toll Free: 866-297-1319
Fax: 718-741-4237
Amauris Polanco
Veterans Health & Benefits Specialist II

CordWord is the New England Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America's (New England PVA) monthly magazine that covers news, health, research, lifestyle and issues of interest and concern to Veterans and others with spinal cord injury and disease. Anyone interested in submitting an article to *CordWord* should email media@newenglandpva.org. The assertions and opinions expressed in articles and announcements in *CordWord* reflect the views of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the New England PVA. New England PVA can in no way whatsoever be held responsible for the content of such views nor can it be held liable for any direct or indirect damage that may arise from such views.

Products and services advertised in the *CordWord* are for general informational purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement, recommendation, or guarantee of any kind by New England PVA.

Thank You Stop & Shop for Your Support

By Michael G. Negrete, Chapter President



Stop & Shop officially presented the New England Chapter with a check for \$7875.00 on Thursday February 21st at their Norwood, MA store offices.

Steve Rubner, Store Manager of #460 in Action, MA and volunteers from his and surrounding Stop & Shop stores worked hard to organize the 2018 5K Annual fund-raiser to benefit the New England Chapter. From organizing the venue, the cookout, course layout and timing, collecting donations and registering runners.

A huge Thank you to Steve Rubner and the Shop & Shop family for their continued support of our local activities and programs! It's supporters like Stop & Shop that allow us to continue supporting and advocating for the critical medical care and benefits of our most catastrophically

injured Veterans who have sustained spinal cord injuries or dysfunction. Their support also helps to provide local opportunities for therapeutic recreational activities such as the New England Winter and Summer Sports Clinics and Sail To Prevail adaptive sailing program. It also helps to send Chapter members to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games each year.

Again, can't say enough to Thank Stop & Shop, their employees, the volunteers and 5k runners for giving so generously of their time and resources.



Chapter Board Vacancy: Treasurer



Paralyzed Veterans of America

New England Chapter

The Chapter is currently seeking a Treasurer to serve on its Board. This volunteer position will be appointed by the Chapter President with approval from the Board of Directors. It will be for a 2-year term ending on June 30, 2020. Individual must have relevant financial or accounting skills, be committed to attending monthly Board meetings and available to periodically work in our West Roxbury, MA office, as needed.

The Treasurer has the following general duties and responsibilities in managing the overall finances of the Chapter:

Oversee the deposit of all monies received by the Chapter.

Oversee the disbursement of funds subject to the regulations set forth by the Board of Directors and the membership.

Charged with the submission of an annual financial report to the Board of Directors and to the Membership, and more often if directed by the Membership, Board of Directors or President. It shall be his or her personal responsibility to assure the accuracy of each financial report prior to delivery of said report.

Assist in direct audits of all the Chapter funds according to funding source guidelines and generally accepted accounting principles

Chair the Finance Committee.

If interested, please send an e-mail to the Chapter President at michael@newenglandpva.org with a copy of your resume and a brief statement of why you would like to serve as Treasurer.



2019 National Veterans Wheelchair Games Registration Still Open Till April 15th

VA Media Relations via blogs.va.gov



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that Veterans interested in registering for the 2019 National Veterans Wheelchair Games can do so online Jan. 7 through April 15.

Presented by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), the world's largest sports event for Veterans who use wheelchairs will be held July 11-16 at Robley Rex VA Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

The event is a sports and rehabilitation competition to engage Veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or other neurological conditions.

"I encourage every Veteran interested in competing at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games to register for this important event," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "The games exemplify VA's commitment to supporting Veterans as they navigate through recovery and rehabilitation to active, independent lives. Sports and recreation play an important role in this journey, enhancing Veterans' positive mental health and physical well-being."

Each year, Veterans challenge themselves and cheer on their fellow Veterans in the excitement-packed games. This year, David Zurfluh, national president of PVA and a service-disabled Air Force Veteran, plans to compete alongside hundreds of other Veterans at the games.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games offer 19 different competitive events, including air guns, archery, basketball, bowling, field events, hand cycling, nine-ball, power soccer, quad rugby, slalom, softball, swimming, table tennis, track, trapshooting and weight-lifting. Athletes compete against others with similar athletic ability, competitive experience or age.

For more information about the games, visit www.wheelchairgames.org. Follow VA Adaptive Sports on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at @Sports4Vets.

Application Period Opens February 25th for 2019 National Veterans Golden Age Games

VA Media Relations via blogs.va.gov



The VA announced that it will begin accepting applicants on Feb. 25 for the 2019 National Veterans Golden Age Games, scheduled to take place June 5-10 in Anchorage, Alaska.

The National Veterans Golden Age Games is the premier senior adaptive rehabilitation program in the United States, and the only national multi event sports and recreational seniors' competition program designed to improve the quality of life for all older Veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities.

The annual competition is one of the most progressive and adaptive rehabilitative senior sports programs in the world, and hundreds of

Veterans from across the country are expected to take part.

Veterans ages 55 and older who receive VA health care may complete applications at www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov. Registration will close once the maximum number of applicants are reached.

"We encourage every Veteran to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle, and this annual event encourages participants to make physical activity a central part of their lives," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "The National Veterans Golden Age Games is a VA rehabilitation event for our senior Veterans who have dedicated themselves to remaining active, healthy, and living the Games' motto – 'Fitness for Life.'"

Competitive events include the following: air pistol, air rifle, badminton, basketball, blind disc golf, boccia, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, nine-ball, pickle ball, power walking, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, and track and field.

The games encourage participants to continue in local senior events in their home communities, and every other year serve as a qualifying event for competition in the National Senior Games.

For more information, visit www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov; follow VA Adaptive Sports on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook at @Sports4Vets.

Connect With What Matters



Being there makes a difference

Recently the Ride-Away team joined forces with MobilityWorks so that we could provide our veterans with the largest selection of mobility solutions that best fit their physical capabilities and lifestyle. Veterans have unique needs so we treat each of them as individuals. First of all, we listen. Then, we work together find the best solution. Collectively, Ride-Away and MobilityWorks will continue to build on our mission to help veterans connect with who and what matters most.

MobilityWorks has more than 50 locations across the country with the largest selection of accessible vehicles and adaptive solutions:

- Minivans, full-size vans and trucks
- The latest in adaptive technology
- Complete maintenance and service
- Rental vans — veterans receive a 10% discount

MobilityWorks is committed to serving you. Contact us today so we can evaluate your needs and find a solution that best fits your lifestyle.



SUVs



Trucks



Lifts and stowage products



Electronic control systems

USA's largest accessible van dealer!

Gray

32 Lewiston Road, Unit 2B
Gray, ME 04039
207-747-2064

Londonderry

54 Wentworth Avenue
Londonderry, NH 03053
603-210-4610

Norwood

333 Boston Providence Turnpike
Norwood, MA 02062
781-222-3622

Essex Junction

5C David Drive
Essex Junction, VT 05452
802-222-0265

North Attleboro

57 George Leven Drive
North Attleboro MA 02760
508-859-0940

East Hartford

104 Pitkin Street
East Hartford, CT 06108
860-215-4100



www.mobilityworks.com

A Life Changing Program

Contributed by Eddie Dusick, New England Chapter Member



The New England Winter Sports Clinic (NEWSC) at Mt. Sunapee, N.H., this year was another great success. Those of us who have been blessed with being chosen to attend year after year are very grateful to MT Sunapee Lodge for

hosting us every year. The program is limited to 50 to 55 veterans whether they be wheelchair users, sight impaired, amputee, or have other issues. Veterans from all over New England and beyond apply and there is almost always a wait list. They will learn to ski, snowboard, and depending on the amount of snow and weather conditions can learn snow shoeing or possibly cross country.

I am happy to say the program has maintained the wishes of the late Tony Santilli, a Marine who lost a leg in Vietnam. Tony, who started this event with Ralph Marche, former Voluntary Services Chief of Boston VA Healthcare system back in 1997 came to the New England Chapter for support. Since then, the program has grown in attendees, sponsors, and volunteers. New England Healing Sports Association (NEHSA) (formerly New England Handicapped Sports Association) is a huge sponsor of this event providing numerous volunteers who are also certified instructors along with VA Recreational Therapy, Occupational Therapists, and

Physical Therapists all on hand to assist in teaching anyone and everyone how to ski.

I was one of the first 11 Veteran participants and in those days it was strictly a skiing event. In the 22 years of existence, a number of programs and events have been added, wheelchair basketball against the local fire/police department, ice hockey, kayaking, air rifles and a poker game for prizes, which are donated by the Veterans Canteen Service have been added. Of the 55 or so athlete attendees, at least 20% or more were New England PVA members.

People always ask why do I keep going back? The reason is simple, I enjoy all the events and meeting new Veterans and volunteers who make the event so successful. I love doing demonstrations for newly injured Veterans to demonstrate how to ski the mono-ski. There is a closing ceremony that includes a variety of awards for sponsors and for skiers. 2 that I can think of are one created by the athletes and one sponsored by the New England Chapter, the Ken Medeiros Phoenix Award. This year, it went to a novice skier. To my New England Chapter PVA members who have never attended, mark your calendar for January 2020 for a life changing program.

Changing Times = Positive Outcomes?

By Debra A. Freed, Chapter Executive Director

It seems forever since my last article for the newsletter. We are getting ready for two big events in the next couple of months. We are getting ready for PVA's Annual Advocacy & Legislative Seminar. PVA tried something new and just did a webinar about what to expect for this year. They too are adapting to changing times and increasing use of technology.

Speaking of changing times, some of the issues that we will be addressing are or seem to be repeats, but it is truly, truly necessary to continue to fight for things we may have fought for last year, and the year before because if we don't, we will lose out.

These are the primary topics we will be discussing at the Seminar:

- The Air Carrier Access Act
- Caregiver Expansion
- Long Term Services & Support
- Provisions of IVF (Invitro Fertilization)
- Specially Adapted Housing Program
- Rehabilitation & Prosthetic Services
- READI for Disasters Act

A new session will be a discussion from a member of the Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus. I never knew there was a Bipartisan Disabilities

Caucus. This caucus was formed in the 107th Congress (2001-2002). The Co-Chairs are Representative Jim Langevin from Rhode Island and Representative Gregg Harper from Mississippi. Jim Langevin is not a veteran because he was injured at the young age of 16. He was a police cadet when an accident occurred causing him to be a quadriplegic. He could have chosen to remain out of public life. But he decided to embrace public service. We will learn more about this program as well.

Another big thing coming up is the Airgun and Boccia Tournament at the end of April. We are working hard to make it just as good as it was two years ago. Hey, we even have some folks coming up from Delaware to compete so I sincerely hope that we can make them welcome and show them we are ready to compete. The events will be held starting Friday, April 26 with Airguns for about a day and a half and then move over to Boccia. Again the Chapter will provide continental breakfasts and lunches all three days. Please, keep an eye out for the flyer to come out soon as it will have registration information. The Chapter is not working with any local hotels and we apologize that we cannot assist in that area but we do have a couple close by that we are recommending. These too will be listed on the flyer or you can contact the Chapter.

Anniversary of the Flag Raising at Iwo Jima

By Albinko Hasic via VantagePoint



On Feb. 23, 1945, American forces raised the United States flag on Mount Suribachi on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima. It became one of the iconic photos of World War II.

Iwo Jima was a porous, barren, sulfur-scented island, hundreds of miles away from Tokyo, Japan. Yet, for the Marines and sailors who ultimately defeated the entrenched Japanese imperial forces there, it was salvation. The Americans desperately needed the island to gain access to permanent air bases, crucial for bombing campaigns on the Japanese mainland, and critical for an Allied victory in the Pacific theater of World War II.

Indeed, the cost of this campaign was great – 6,800 American service members perished as a result of the fighting. The Japanese forces were prepared for the onslaught, creating extensive networks of caves and tunnels and setting traps for the invading American forces. Despite the fierce resistance, the American troops prevailed, and 21,000 Japanese forces, virtually the entire garrison on Iwo Jima, paid the ultimate price.

THE PHOTOGRAPH

There are only a handful of photographs in American history that are so iconic and instantly recognizable. The flag raising at Iwo Jima is perhaps one of the most emblematic and certainly embodied the United States fighting spirit in World War II. On the fifth day of the battle, Marines captured one of the most strategically important areas on the island – Mount Suribachi. A small flag was quickly raised, but it became apparent that a larger flag was needed to send a message to the enemy – the United States will not be defeated.

On Feb. 23, 1945, Associated Press photojournalist Joe Rosenthal quickly

grabbed his camera and followed the five Marines and a Navy Corpsman up to the site. On a cloudy, windy day, in an attempt to position himself for a better photograph, he almost missed the famous shot but ultimately snapped it in the nick of time. The three Marines in the photograph, Sgt. Michael Strank, Cpl. Harlon Block and Pfc. Franklin Sousley, were killed in action over the next few days. The other three surviving flag-raisers in the photograph were Cpls. (then Pfc.) Rene Gagnon, Ira Hayes and Harold Schultz. It should be noted that the surviving veterans took pride in their participation in the flag raising but never chased individual fame or glory. In addition to their valiant service, for that, they further deserve our respect and honor.

No other photographs produced during the war in the Pacific, and arguably in the entire Second World War, were as iconic and this Pulitzer Prize winning photo. It proved to the world something which the Marines who so valiantly wrestled control of the island from Japan forces always believed in – defeat was never an option, and victory was always going to be the end result. The photograph made the rounds across the United States in various newspapers and provided a unifying message to the American population back home.



37mm gun fires against cave positions in north face of volcano in support of RCT 28. (Lt. Col. Whitman S. Bartley, Historical Branch, USMC).

About the Author: Albinko Hasic is an attorney, digital analyst, and history graduate student. He is originally from Connecticut.

NEW ENGLAND PVA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Volunteers do invaluable work that makes a real difference to Veterans, their communities and the Chapter. Volunteering can change your life, too! Your talents and time are always welcome.

We are looking for Volunteers to help out in the office, attend local awareness events, and assist with event planning. Everyone can help somehow and in some way, at any place and during any time. If you might be too busy or can't get out, think about a financial donation. Even if its only \$5 or \$10, every little bit helps. To learn more about Volunteer opportunities and how you can help please contact the Chapter office at 800-660-1181 or email info@newenglandpva.org.

Powering Veterans Forward



"I most enjoy using Indego in my neighborhood, walking around, going outside, talking to my neighbors"

- Jim Dahlin, US Army Veteran, first veteran to receive Indego through VA policy

- Injury Level T3 and below
- Lightweight (26 lbs) with modular design that breaks into 5 components for easy transportation
- Slim design can be worn in most wheelchairs
- Ability to transfer in/out of car while wearing Indego
- Rapid self set up (average 5 minutes)
- Extended battery life (4 hours continuous walking)
- Wireless control via iPod allowing for real time software adjustments
- Designed and assembled in the USA



Contact National Sales Manager, Brian Schultz, for more information or to try Indego at a screening day near you.

1.217.343.7506
brian.schultz@parker.com
www.indego.com



Indego® is a registered trademark of Parker Hannifin Corporation

KEMPF

Enjoy driving with both hands!

DARIOS

Digital accelerator ring
and main handbrake



DARIOS is VA accepted.
KEMPF features nationwide free at-home pick-up and delivery
All KEMPF products have a lifetime warranty.
Visit: www.kempf-usa.com or call: 1-888-4-KEMPF-US (453-6738)



VA to provide capability for Veterans to access their VA health data on Apple iPhones

By Debra Freed, Chapter Executive Director

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will release new capabilities this summer providing Veterans who receive care at VA with the ability to access their personal medical data using the Health Records on iPhone feature from Apple.

Veterans will see an aggregated view of their allergies, conditions, immunizations, lab results, medications, procedures and vitals in the Health app on their iPhone. Health Records on iPhone also brings together hospitals and clinics outside VA with the existing Apple Health app. Veterans can see their available medical data from multiple providers, including VA, whenever they choose.

This new capability has been made possible through the recently announced Veterans Health Application Programming Interface (Veterans Health API). This Veterans Health API allows Veterans to access their health records within innovative applications on their mobile devices or in their web browser.

“Our Health API represents the next stage in the evolution of VA’s patient data access capability,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “By building upon the Veterans Health API, we’re raising the bar in collaborating with private sector organizations to create and deploy innovative digital products for Veterans. Veterans should be able to access their health data at any time, and I’m proud of how far we’ve come to accomplishing this.”

Launched in 2010, VA Blue Button, a feature of My HealtheVet, opened the

door for Veterans to download a copy of their VA health records online. The new capability using VA’s Health API and Apple’s Health app furthers VA’s commitment to make it easy for Veterans to securely access their own health data.

Veterans with Apple iPhones will be able to access the app on their device. After a visit to a VA health care facility, the participating Veteran’s Apple device will automatically receive updated health record information within 24 hours from the visit using the built-in Health app from Apple on their iPhone.

Beyond the effort on the Apple iPhone, VA looks forward to partnering with others to bring similar capabilities to other mobile platforms.

Lighthouse, considered the “front door” to VA’s vast data stores, is the department’s API management platform. Since launching Lighthouse in March 2018, VA has delivered a developer portal, a Benefits Intake API, a Facilities API and a Veterans Health API. VA’s Veterans Health API is part of VA’s commitment to health IT modernization, and will contribute to VA’s expansive electronic health record modernization program.

For more information about the Veterans Health API, visit <https://developer.va.gov/explore/health>



**GIFT YOUR OLD
WHEELS FOR GOOD.**



**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

**WHEELS HELPING
WARRIORS**

Your donated vehicle can go far in helping severely injured veterans. Donations are sold at auction with proceeds going toward programs and services for veterans and their families. You may also receive a tax break, too!



WheelsHelpingWarriors.org / 866-204-4548
Paid for by the Jeffrey Carlton Charitable Foundation



The Power of Freedom

Our priority is safety and independence

With over 40 years as a family owned small business we can provide assurance that any individual will receive exceptional customer service when looking for a mobility vehicle or adaptive driving equipment.

We will work with each veteran to fulfill their freedom of returning to the community. Our goal is to provide a veteran with the necessary equipment needed to make independence possible. We take pride in New England and thank the veterans who proudly serve!



New England's largest indoor showroom!

We are a full service dealership providing quality repairs and installations. As well as minivans, cars, and full size vehicles we also provide installation and maintenance for products such as:

- Hand controls
- Automatic wheelchair securement
- Secondary controls
- Transfer seats
- Much more!!



Feel free to reach out to Jack, a mobility specialist on our sales team. Pictured above, Jack has overcome many obstacles after a spinal cord injury 5 years ago. He now advocates for those with disabilities looking for mobility vehicles and equipment.



www.newenglandmotorcar.com
(603) 888-1207



NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

July 11–16, 2019 • Louisville, KY



Paralyzed Veterans
of America



VA

U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

WheelchairGames.org

#NVWG

ReWalk®

Are you a Veteran with a service or non-service connected Spinal Cord Injury?

Did you know that the Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its national policy to expand access to ReWalk exoskeletons through a VA SCI Hub and Spoke or the VA Choice Program?



What is ReWalk?

ReWalk is a robotic exoskeleton that enables individuals with Spinal Cord Injuries to stand and walk, and is cleared by the FDA for home and community use.

How Do I Know If I Am a Candidate for a ReWalk?

**Contact ReWalk
for a Free Screening**

**www.rewalk.com/contact
or 508.251.1154 Option 2**



**"Using ReWalk, I have more energy and less pain."
Ret. Army Specialist Gene L.**

ReWalk Robotics
200 Donald Lynch Boulevard, Marlborough, MA 01752
www.rewalk.com



Member Individual Allotment Policy

Member Individual Allotment Program

The Individual Allotment (IA) Program's purpose is to improve the quality of life of New England PVA's members by assisting in the expansion of both the quality and quantity of opportunities in sports, recreation, events and entertainment, especially those activities which enhance lifetime health and fitness, both physical and mental.

IA Funding Availability

The Chapter annually budgets for IA requests based on its fiscal funds available. The amount budgeted may vary from year-to-year based on these funds and its availability is not guaranteed. The budgeted amount is drawn down against on a first-come-first-served basis by BOD approved Individual Funding Requests. Once these funds have been depleted, no more Individual Funding Requests will be accepted for the current Fiscal year.

IA Funding Amount(s)

The maximum total amount allowable per individual per fiscal year is \$500. This amount may be drawn against cumulatively, as separate funding requests submitted throughout the year, or entirely through a single funding request. An individual may not request funding above the maximum amount allowable for the fiscal year.

IA Program Minimum Eligibility Participation Requirements

1. Must be a New England Chapter member in Good Standing;
2. Must receive Annual SCI/D physical at the West Roxbury, MA, VAMC SCI Center in accordance with VHA Handbook 1176.01.
3. Must not have any outstanding receipts, funds, materials or equipment due to the Chapter at the time of request.

IA Request Submission Procedure

All (IA) requests shall be submitted in writing a minimum of 30 days prior to the event, function or trip requested for use. The Request should be as detailed as possible, with regard to the activity and intended use of the requested funds. Requests may be either a written letter of request mailed to the Chapter office at 1208 VFW Parkway, Suite 301, West Roxbury, MA 02132, Attention: Individual Allotment Request or email to info@newenglandpva.org, with "Individual Allotment Request" in the subject line.

IA requests received after the event, function or trip has occurred will not be accepted or considered for reimbursement.

IA Eligibility Review

Requests will be reviewed by Chapter administration to determine if the applicant is eligible for IA and what level of funding is available to the applicant at the time of request. Those applicants meeting the IA eligibility requirements, with funds available, will have their IA request forwarded to the BOD for review.

IA Funding Approval Process

All IA requests received by the BOD will be individually reviewed and discussed by the BOD for approval consideration. The BOD has sole discretion and authority to approve, deny or modify any IA request, in whole or in part, for any reason they determine to do so.

Receipt of IA Funding

IA Funding is based on the reimbursement of an individual's expenses as detailed in their IA Funding Request. Actual reimbursement(s) will only be provided for expenses submitted with a corresponding receipt. Reimbursement(s) will not exceed the amount initially requested in the Funding Request or the amount approved by the BOD, if the BOD approved an amount less than the initial amount requested.

Under no circumstance will any IA funds be distributed or release to an individual in advance of receiving the required expense receipts or required Newsletter article.

Required Newsletter Article

In addition to submitting the required receipts for reimbursement, the IA recipient is also required to compose and submit a minimum 500 word article, with pictures, about the event or activity the IA funding was use for. This article will be provided to the CordWord Editor for publishing consideration.

IA funding will not be approved for disbursement prior to receiving this required article.

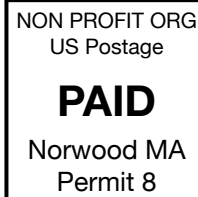
IA Program's usage for Sports Clinics - As long as funding is available, the Chapter will continue to cover the expense of one half the room rate for members participating in the New England Winter Sports Clinic, New England Summer Sports Clinic, and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Since the Chapter is covering the participant's portion of the room cost, participants may not request IA funding for the purpose of applying it to the other half of the room cost.

Paralyzed Veterans of America
New England Chapter
1208 VFW Parkway, Suite 301
West Roxbury, MA 02132

T 800-660-1181
F 857-203-9685

info@newenglandpva.org
www.newenglandpva.org

Office Hours
Mon-Fri, 9:00am - 4:30pm



COMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 3-8: Advocacy & Legislative Seminar Washington, D.C.

Mar 8-10: New Hampshire Outdoor Expo, Milford, NH

Mar 14: VA and NEHSA Skiing and Riding at Mt. Sunapee

APRIL IS PVA AWARENESS MONTH

Apr 3: Chapter Board and Membership Meeting, Chapter Office,
West Roxbury, MA

Apr 26-28: PVA/NEPVA/VA Boston/Spaulding Rehab Air Gun/Boccia
Clinic/Competition

May 1: Chapter Board and Membership Meeting

May 13-19: PVA 72nd Annual Convention – Aurora, CO

Jun 1: NEPVA/AEBA Bass Trail, Newton Yacht Club, Brighton, MA.

*For more information on upcoming sports events
please contact the Chapter office at (800) 660-1181.*

*Mike Guilbault - Sports Director
Mike Moran - Asst. Sports Director*



New England PVA's Official Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/NEPVA1947