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Out Front

Michael G. Negrete, President

April is Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness month. Last month I wrote about the Chapter's endeavors on Capitol Hill to make our Legislators aware of and advocate for the benefits and right of our members and the disabled community at large.

This month I want us to focus on bringing local awareness of Paralyzed Veterans and more specifically our local Chapter throughout New England. Each and every day we all have opportunities to share our stories of military service and living with a spinal cord injury or disease. In do so, we help bring awareness within our communities about Paralyzed Veterans and foster relationships of support for our cause.

Without your voices nobody will ever know what New England PVA does to support its members and the disabled community at large. Let them know that although you use a wheelchair, that doesn't mean you don't live a very fulfilling and rewarding life. Let them know how Paralyzed Veterans helps through therapeutic sports programs like adaptive skiing, hand cycling, sailing and kayaking to name a few. Let them we are continually advocating for improved community access for all with disabilities. Share with them the quality and value of the VA healthcare system. Without them knowing, even a little bit our Paralyzed Veterans, how can we expect them to support us?

Finally, as I've always said, each of you have the individual capacity to make a positive impact in someone's life. It doesn't have to be something huge or time consuming. It could be a simple "Hello, how are you doing" as you pass by someone, a small \$10 donation or sharing a few minutes of your time with someone. Theodore Roosevelt said it best, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Michael G. Negrete
President and Paralyzed Veteran

From the Director's Desk

Debra A. Freed, Executive Director



We seem to be steam rolling ahead into Spring. However, as I write this, I think Mother Nature lost track of April Fool's Day and delayed the snow showers we experienced in early April.

While March is a big month Advocacy wise and Legislative wise, we cannot let the warmer weather dull our sense of urgency. There remains a great deal of work to do. I continue to ask all of you to do what you can to contact your Representatives and Senators at the national level. We will continue to follow H 5004/S1318 and S2193 to mention a couple. While there are many stories of failures within the VA, there are many more of successes. My article will reflect some of those successes by the authors themselves.

Finally, a quick shout-out to all who will be participating in the upcoming 122nd Boston Marathon. These folks have all trained hard. They worked hard to raise money for their selected charities. Please come out and support them on April 16th!!! Go Mike S! Go Kirby! Go Stephanie G and a friend from OH, go Holly K.

Debra A. Freed
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PVA Awareness Month Recognizes Veterans Living With Spinal Cord Injury and Disease

By Lani Poblete - PVA, Associate Director of Media and Public Relation



**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

Awareness Month

WASHINGTON, DC 4/6/18—This April, during PVA Awareness Month, Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) will celebrate the strength and perseverance of veterans living with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) by sharing their inspirational stories. The organization will also highlight its

efforts to ensure that veterans with spinal cord injury are able to live full and productive lives through adaptive sports, employment, research advances, health care and accessible design for people with disabilities.

“While Paralyzed Veterans of America celebrates the inspiring stories of our veteran members every day, April is a time for us to really share these stories with the public to help build our community of support for veterans living with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D),” said David Zurfluh, an Air Force veteran and quadriplegic who serves as national president of Paralyzed Veterans of America. “The great thing about PVA Awareness Month is that you have 30 days to do something—get involved

through one of our local Chapters, learn more about our members, and our programs and services—share these resources with veterans you know, work to make your community accessible for disabled veterans and all people with disabilities. Whatever it is, we encourage you to get involved and be part of our community of support.”

Paralyzed Veterans provides free programs for veterans including its year-round adaptive sports programs, and employment program—PAVE (Paving Access for Veterans Employment). The veterans organization also invests in research through its PVA Research Foundation, and funds new projects and research advances being made in spinal cord injury care, including at Yale’s Center for Neuroscience and Regeneration Research, and advances in technology that benefit wheelchair users that are being developed at the University of Pittsburgh’s Human Engineering Research Laboratories (HERL).

Paralyzed Veterans’ Chapters will also be holding events across the country all month long. To get involved, find a PVA Awareness Chapter event near you, or learn more about PVA Awareness Month, visit pva.org/pam.

Paralyzed Veterans of America Responds to Removal of VA Secretary Dr. Shulkin

By Lani Poblete - PVA, Associate Director of Media and Public Relation



WASHINGTON, DC 3/28/18 — Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) released the following statement today from its Executive Director, Carl Blake, in response to the removal of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Dr. David Shulkin:

“Paralyzed Veterans of America is deeply disappointed by the departure

of Dr. David Shulkin as Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Given the vacuum that already exists in the senior leadership positions at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), this decision will only exacerbate the challenges VA faces as it works to implement meaningful reforms.

We look forward to understanding more about the qualifications of Admiral Ronny L. Jackson, MD to helm the VA during this critical time. The VA has a broad mission and the Secretary must be someone who is eminently qualified to lead the nation’s second largest cabinet agency. In particular, reforming VA’s health care system to better serve the needs of veterans and their families is of great importance. We encourage the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to take these concerns very seriously as it considers Admiral Jackson’s nomination.

We thank Dr. Shulkin for his leadership to advance the VA’s mission. Under his leadership at VA we have seen reform in VA health care, sorely needed improvements in the benefits and claims appeals process, and real accountability of the workforce. Veterans owe Dr. Shulkin a debt of gratitude for his service to this country while leading the VA.”

2018 Paralympic Games in PyeongChang - Chapter Member Steve Emt, Curling

By Steve Emt - New England Chapter Member



The 2018 Paralympic Games in PyeongChang South Korea was an experience I will never forget. In the weeks leading up to the games, I was trying to prepare myself for the greatest athletic experience I could ever imagine. It turned out to be so much more.

From the moment we arrived in South Korea we were treated like royalty. United States Olympic

Committee Staff and volunteers were everywhere, helping with any assistance we needed. On the first day of our stay we went through in-processing. After some important meetings, we were ushered into two rooms to receive our Paralympic Attire. We received opening and closing ceremony gear from Ralph Lauren as well as podium attire and everyday clothing from Nike. Everything we needed to wear for the next 18 days was on hangers and in bags for us to try on. Tailors were there to make sure everything fit correctly and then all the apparel was bussed off to the Paralympic Village where it would be waiting for us when we arrived at our rooms.

The next three days were spent in Sapporo, Japan training. We also had some time to tour this beautiful island of Japan. When our training was complete we boarded a plane and flew back to South Korea. We were met in the airport by more USOC staff and volunteers. We then jumped on the train and took the cross-country ride to the Paralympic Village. We settled into our rooms and started to get acquainted with our new home for the next 18 days. The Athlete Village was an amazing experience. Everything you could think of to make us feel at home was made available to us in the village. A players' lounge with video games, billiards, and massage chairs, full laundry services, medical and therapeutic services, fitness gyms and an athlete resource center were available for our use. This was indeed our home away from home. The dining hall had many different menus

available and was the place where most of the athletes met up before, during or after their competitions.

The opening ceremony was a time that I will never forget. I was fortunate to roll into the ceremony directly behind our flag bearer. I cannot put into words the amount of pride I felt for this wonderful country we live in. For all the hard work and sacrifice I put in for the previous five years, for all the time away from my family, for all the practice and training hours... and there I was entering the stadium in front of 35,000 people, my last name and USA on my jerseys, with the American Flag waving in front of me, the amount of pride was enormous.

The day following the opening ceremonies, and the 6 days that followed, we competed against the best wheelchair curling teams in the world. We found ourselves to be one of the least experienced teams in the field and that lack of experience was evident throughout the week. Although our final record was not indicative of how good a team we are, we battled every game. There were multiple games throughout the competition that the momentum of the games turned on one or two stones and we ended up on the losing end of the game. I am very proud of my teammates as we stayed together throughout the week, stayed positive, and gave ourselves an opportunity to win every time we went on the ice. In sports, there is winning and learning, there is no losing. The lessons we learned were ones that we will carry with us going forward and learn from them for the next four years leading up to the 2022 China Paralympic Games.

The Paralympics ended with the same grandeur as they started with the closing ceremonies. Athletes from all over the world joined together on the floor of the arena to celebrate a week of inspiration, hard work, and sportsmanship.

For me, this experience is one that I will never forget. I never thought I could learn so much and everything I learned I will keep with me for the next four years as I set my sights on the 2022 Paralympic Games to be held in Beijing China.

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.

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Applications Now Open for 2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games

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VA is now accepting applications from Veterans interested in competing in the 2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Aug. 3-8.

Veterans ages 55 and older who are eligible for VA health care benefits may complete applications online through May 2 at www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov.

"The Golden Age Games empower our nation's senior Veterans to lead active, healthy lives," said VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin. "After more than a week of competition, many participants have boasted of an overall

improvement to their quality of life and a rejuvenation to stay active and fit."

Nearly 800 athletes are expected to compete in the national multi-sport competition for senior Veterans. The event encourages participants to make physical activity a central part of their lives, and supports VA's comprehensive recreation and rehabilitation therapy programs.

Competitive events include air rifle, badminton, basketball, bocchia, bowling, cycling, blind disc golf, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, pickleball, powerwalk, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis and track and field. Exhibition events include air pistol, archery and floorball.

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. The New Mexico VA Health Care System, which provides care for more than 59,000 Veterans throughout New Mexico and Southern Colorado, will host this year's games.

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



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New England Chapter Members Share The

By Debra A. Freed Executive Director and Michael G. Negrete, Chapter President

One of the things we're always looking for are statements, articles, or anything from our members that demonstrate the value and quality of our VA Healthcare System. We're especially interested to hear when it involves Specialized Services, which Veterans with catastrophic injuries heavily rely upon. In this area the VA is able to provide, coordinate and follow each of the required medical disciplines needed to treat and manage a veteran's care with a spinal cord injury or disease. The VA's continuum of care in this area from acute inpatient care all the way to outpatient care is unmatched in the private healthcare market.

Below are some stories we had hoped to present during our Congressional meetings on Capitol Hill. However, they are just as important now that these meetings are soon becoming distance memories. The ability to access the VA when needed must never become obsolete.

Ellen Corindia



I have received absolutely outstanding care from the SCI/D clinic at the White River Junction VA Medical Center. I have lived well with ALS since 2002, in large part, due to the coordination of care by my team at the VA. This specialized clinic excels in meeting my complex needs. The team communicates with each other, anticipates my future needs, advocates on my behalf, and tackles my detailed issues. This is not the case for my civilian friends with ALS. In fact, their care is so fragmented, I am very uncomfortable discussing with them my great care from the VA. I have ten times the resources to live with ALS than my civilian friends. I firmly believe that SCI/D clinics are working well to best meet the needs of complex Veterans like myself with ALS. Thank you.

Joe Guay

"I am a paralyzed veteran who relies on the Veterans Administration Health Care system for my specialized health care needs. I suffered a paralyzing spinal cord injury in 1980. As a result, from that point on I

rely on a wheelchair for mobility, and the VA for the specialized health care that a paralyzed person needs. Fortunately, I received the best rehabilitation possible at the time because I was a veteran. Over the years, I have received the best medical care possible from the VA. When my femur broke, that required surgery, which I got at West Roxbury VAMC, with excellent results.

In early 2017 I had to be admitted through the emergency room at West Roxbury VAMC because of Sepsis. I can honestly say I received the best possible medical care available and it literally saved my life. This is because they not only knew how to deal with someone with Sepsis, but they also were trained in the specialized healthcare needs of someone with paralysis. I believe the specialized medical care I received at VA cannot be duplicated elsewhere."

Samuel Jay Keyser



July 7, 2014 was my 79th birthday. I spent the morning in an ambulance. As ominous as that might sound, it was a blessing. I was being transferred from a not-for-profit private rehabilitation hospital to the Veterans Administration (VA) hospital in West Roxbury, Massachusetts where, over the course of the next year and a half, as an inpatient and outpatient, I would receive the best possible care a spinal cord injured person could

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Two months, two weeks and two days earlier I had suffered a fall. In a nanosecond, I was transported from the bipedal world into the world of tetraplegia. My arms and legs were paralyzed. I had no control over my bowels. I was, for all intents and purposes, an infant. A doctor at Massachusetts General told me I would never walk again.

Why was I in an ambulance on my birthday speeding toward a VA hospital? After a month at MGH, I had been transferred to a private rehabilitation hospital. It was one of the best in the country. Unfortunately, they had to discharge me because of the “length of stay” problem. My Medicare insurance was running out. The hospital planned to send me to an assisted living complex with little or no rehabilitation capability. Why? I couldn’t afford to pay \$3,170.75 a day to stay.

Obviously, I am an incredibly lucky guy. At the last minute a caseworker at the private-sector rehab hospital realized that I had served in the US Air Force. It occurred to her—as it had not to me—that, because my injury was catastrophic, I might be eligible for admission to a health care system that would provide me with free medical care for the rest of my life.

When the ambulance drivers rolled my gurney inside the West Roxbury VA, it was close to noon on my birthday. The first person I spoke to was the admissions clerk. I sensed immediately that something was very different. It took me a month to get it. One day I wheeled myself into an elevator. Hospital workers I didn’t know were already there. As I was about to exit at my floor, they said, “Thank you for your service.” Shortly after that, Eddie, a painter in the hospital, invited me to listen to the jazz he was playing while he worked in the corridor outside the gym. A week later a CD player and a stack of jazz CDs showed up in my room next to my bed. Eddie had put them there.

That I am able to walk now and to live a relatively normal life is evidence that the staff at the West Roxbury VA are superb at what they do, from my primary care provider, to the nurses in my ward, to the extraordinary physical and occupational therapists who showed me how to use my body again. But on top of this expertise they bring something else. Helping me was their way of thanking the thousands of veterans who had sacrificed so much on behalf of our country. The VA hospital people have a unique perspective. They see what they do as a way of giving back. No wonder they are so good at it.

Michael Berschwinger

The VA Saved My Life: “After four months in my local Medical Center my insurance had been maxed out and I was sent home, with still a very new C6-C7 Spinal Cord Injury. There was no real plan, bowel or bladder care or regime. My family and I were on our own. Enter the VA. My eligibility finally

known, I entered the Boston VA Medical System, the West Roxbury SCI Unit. While the individuals providing care at both facilities were dedicated and caring, the differences in knowledge, skills, and treatment methods were stark. A few months later, I was back home, but now with that plan, bowel and bladder regimes, and a chance. Without the VA and their highly skilled, specialized care, surely I would have met a different fate. I am fully convinced that fate would have been my death, whether from SCI related health issues, or by my own hand, unable to put my family through the ordeal.

Instead, 21 years later, I’m still here and doing well. My wife returned to school, earning her Masters, our two daughters have both earned degrees, and all three are giving back, making a positive difference as educators of our youth. None of this would have happened without the VA’s exceptional care. Please do not take any steps that might in any way diminish their ability to save another veteran. Thank you.”

John Melvin



As an Air Force Veteran he applied for Chapter membership after learning he could be a New England member. John was barely out of the hospital when the Chapter hosted its 70th Annual Membership Banquet. He too is grateful for everything the VA has provided him and his family.

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Paralyzed Veterans of America Weekend Newport Sailing Clinic

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All items located in Waltham, MA and must be picked up. Interested people can call my home phone 781-894-7620 or email me at patcam63@gmail.com. We would like the items to be picked up by whoever buys them.

QUANTUM Electric Wheelchair \$2,000

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PULSE Pressure Ulcer Air Mattress \$300,

If interested please contact Linda at 978-804-4406. Tewsbury, MA

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Bob Hall Custom Hand Cycle

This hand built by the famous Bob Hall in Boston, MA. Bob made custom wheelchairs, Monster Mono Ski and Hand cycles. This 27 speed custom hand cycle was built with on and off road in mind and is perfectly suited to bike trails or street. 24 of the 27 speeds are available the other three new also but derailleur will not extend that far. This is an incredible deal as I paid nearly \$4,000.00 for this hand cycle. It has top of the line Shimano derailleurs, velocity wheels and can run the on/off road tires or the thin high pressure tires with Presta valve tubes so it is very versatile. This bike has lived in a heated basement since new and it deserves to be ridden by someone who will use it. Has over size grips that work for both Para and for a Quad with slight modification. If interested please email piscataquis1156@gmail.com.



WHEELCHAIR ACCESSORIES

Max Mobility SmartDrive MX2

Excellent like new condition, \$1500 or best offer (Retail for \$5989.00). Located in Milford, NH. If interested please call 603-673-0590.

MISC. EQUIPMENT

Trifold Ramp 6ft \$250

Suitcase Ramp 2ft \$100

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COMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 22: REQ New Hampshire Wheelchair Skills & Set-Up for Function Course. More info on Chapter Facebook page.

Apr 28: Brockton Gym Bldg. 23, Air Gun Tournament – Spaulding Rehab/VA Rec Therapy

May 23: Brockton SCI Pizza Party

Jun 2: NEPVA Bass Fishing - Newton Yacht Club, MA

Jun 23: Sail to Prevail - Paralyzed Veterans of America Weekend, Newport Sailing Clinic, Newport, RI

Jul 16-20: New England Summer Sports Clinic

Jun 20: West Roxbury SCI Pizza Party

Jul 25: Brockton SCI Pizza Party

Jul 29-Aug 5: National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Orlando, FL

Aug 15: West Roxbury Annual Ice Cream Social

Sep 7-9: NEPVA Bass Trail Fishing - Lake Winnepesaukee, NH

Sep 26: Brockton SCI Pizza Party

Oct 6-8: Maine Bass Trail event at Pine Tree Camp

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

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