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"Thanks to Senator Duckworth's outstanding leadership, harmful changes to the ADA were stopped in 2018. She also supported improvements to air travel for people with disabilities through her sponsorship of the Air Carrier Access Amendments Act (S. 669) and the requirement under the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 to ensure wheelchair damage reporting from airlines," said David Zurfluh, national president of Paralyzed

Veterans of America. "We're proud to honor Senator Duckworth with the Gordon H. Mansfield Congressional Leadership Award during our 2019 PVA Gala. The PVA Gala is our night to celebrate victories that have improved quality of life for all veterans and people living with disabilities – and the extraordinary leaders who made it happen. Senator Duckworth represents everything this event is about."

Established in 2015, PVA's Gordon H. Mansfield Congressional Leadership Award was first presented to former U.S. Senator Bob Dole to recognize strong leadership and support for veterans' health care, benefits or disability civil rights. The award is named after the Honorable Gordon Mansfield, a combat-injured Vietnam War veteran who was bestowed the Distinguished Service Cross, and served as a former acting secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and executive director of Paralyzed Veterans of America.

"I'm so grateful to be receiving this honor as we celebrate the strength of the disability community and how far we've come," Duckworth said. "I'll never take for granted the basic rights guaranteed to me in part due to the efforts of PVA's founders in the wake of WWII. Whether it's leading the effort to stop H.R. 620 or making air travel more accessible, I'll continue working to protect and expand these hard-earned rights so that our nation is fully accessible to all Americans."

Senator Duckworth will receive the award at the Annual PVA Gala on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the MGM National Harbor, just outside of Washington, D.C. Learn more at www.pva.org/gala.

PVA Issues Statement on Senate Passage of TSA Precheck Bill for Veterans with Disabilities

PVA Website - Liz Deakin, Director of Communications



Washington, D.C. (Sept. 16, 2019) — Paralyzed Veterans of America Deputy Executive Director Shaun Castle issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Senate passage of the Veterans Expedited TSA Screening (VETS) Safe Travel Act (S. 1881), which would waive the TSA Precheck fee for certain eligible veterans:

"Paralyzed Veterans of America worked with Sen. Todd Young (R-IN) and Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) to ensure the VETS Act would help alleviate the intrusive searches that air travelers with disabilities who use assistive devices must endure when they have to go through normal security lanes simply because they are unable to walk. With this legislation, veterans with these types of disabilities will be able to receive TSA Precheck without cost which is a much more dignified experience for wheelchair users. We thank the senators for introducing this bipartisan legislation for veterans with disabilities. We now urge the U.S. House to act quickly to ensure final passage of the VETS Safe Travel Act."

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Originally published by the Providence VAMC Veterans Update



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Lilly started by noting that many Veterans have expressed concerns to him about MISSION Act meaning the privatization of VA Health Care, but said that VA leadership from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie down have emphasized that is not their intent; the intent is to provide Veterans with improved access to care.

“One thing we can control at our level,” Lilly said, “is the access to timely care at VA New England facilities, so that has been, and continues to be, our focus.” He added that comparing timeliness of care and quality with the private sector, VA facilities perform as good or better in most cases.

Veterans wishing to compare VA facilities’ performance with the private sector can do so for themselves at the VA access and quality website by visiting <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/>

While cautioning that it is still early to draw definitive conclusions, Lilly said that preliminary analysis of community care use since the MISSION Act launch June 6 shows more New England Veterans have been receiving care in the community — which should be expected, since more of them are now eligible — but that Veterans are also making greater use of services provided by VA.

“Our experience under the Choice Act showed that roughly half of the time, Veterans had to wait longer for an appointment in the community,” Lilly added. “So I want you to know that you can still choose to get your care at VA if you find the wait is longer in the community.”

Lilly then highlighted MISSION Act’s new urgent care benefit, which he said helps fill a gap in care, providing a care in the community option for injuries or illnesses that shouldn’t wait, but which are not life-threatening, supplementing the scheduled care and emergency services Veterans can get at VA medical facilities.

More urgent care providers in the community are being added every day, so for the most recent information on providers in their communities, Veterans can visit the VA website at [https://](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/Urgent_Care.asp)

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The VA New England director concluded his remarks by noting that VA Health Care nationwide goes smoke-free for patients, visitors and contractors Oct. 1, and VA employees soon after.

2019 Caregiver Resource Directory Released

Originally published on Vantage Point by Steven Clipp



The Department of Defense has released the 2019 Caregiver Resource Directory (CRD), and it is ready for download! The annual update includes 114 pages of information on resources and programs, including those that assist caregivers of wounded, ill and injured Veterans and service members.

The CRD is an enriched source of information. It from childcare, education and training, healthcare needs, legal assistance, rest and relaxation, to peer support, mentoring, and so much more. The Directory is essentially a one stop shop for questions and concerns for those who are new to being caregivers.

The resources provided in the CRD have gone through a rigorous review and vetting process so that Veterans, service members and caregivers receive accurate, timely, and pertinent information. The simple guide is available 24/7, and is available in Spanish. The guide uses icons to assist with quickly accessing VA and DoD programs and non-profit organizations. The CRD is also a good source for info on self-care programs and for respite assistance.

“With many organizations offering support and services, it can be difficult to sort out the specific type of resource or program best suited for your needs. Therefore, this directory is compiled for you — the caregiver — as its primary focus.” – DOD Military Caregiver Support

To download a digital copy of the CRD or to request a hard copy, please go to: <https://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/caregiver-resources/>.

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Important Changes to Bowel & Bladder Care Program

Contributed by Mike Sheets, National Service Officer

Veterans with a Spinal Cord Injury/Disease (SCI/D) may have a medical need for bowel & bladder care, without which, would result in the need for hospitalization. Because of this need, VA may authorize care under the fee-basis program to enrolled Veterans with SCI/D who are dependent upon others for bowel and bladder care while residing in the community.

Caregivers providing bowel & bladder care must obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) by September 30, 2019. This is required to ensure continued payment for services provided; if individual caregivers do not obtain a NPI by September 30, 2019, they will not receive payment for services they provide.

For more information on eligibility for Bowel & Bladder care through the Fee Basis services, assistance obtaining a NPI, or to sign a Veterans Care Agreement, please contact:

Boston VA Healthcare System - Nancy Brook, SCI Outpatient Case Mgr. at 857-203-3024 or nancy.brooks2@va.gov

Outside the Boston VA, please contact your local VA SCI Outpatient Social Worker.

VA MISSION Act: Top Questions Answered

Originally published on Vantage Point



Last week, VA implemented changes to community care under the VA MISSION Act. The changes included expanded eligibility for community care and a new urgent care benefit.

As part of our outreach and engagement efforts, we collected the top questions received from Veterans and provided answers to each one below. Our goal is to make it easier to access the care you have earned.

General health care

When can I receive community care? Eligibility for community care depends on your individual health care needs or circumstances. You should discuss community care eligibility with your VA care team to determine if you are eligible. This video provides a quick overview of Veteran community care.

Can I get dental care through the MISSION Act? Eligibility for dental services has not changed under the MISSION Act. You should talk to your VA care team about eligibility for dental services. Click here for more information about dental care.

How does a community provider know I am eligible to receive community care? If your VA care team has determined that you are eligible for community care and you chose a community provider, VA will send the provider a referral and authorization prior to you receiving care. You must receive approval from VA prior to obtaining care from a community provider in most circumstances.

I was authorized for community care under the Choice program. What happens now? The Choice program expired on June 6, 2019, and specific Choice eligibility for community care is no longer being used. If you were eligible for community care under Choice, you should speak with your VA care team or a VA staff member at your local VA medical facility about updated eligibility for community care. This video also provides a quick primer regarding community care eligibility under the new Veteran

community care program.

Urgent care

How do I become eligible for the urgent care benefit? You must be enrolled in VA health care and have received care through VA from either a VA or community provider within the past 24 months to be eligible for the urgent care benefit.

How can I find an urgent care provider? To find an urgent care location in VA's contracted network, use the VA facility locator at <https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>. Select the link entitled "Find VA approved urgent care locations and pharmacies near you".

What is the difference between urgent care and emergency care? Urgent care consists of medical services provided for minor illnesses or injuries that are not life-threatening such as strep throat, pink eye, or influenza. Emergency care consists of inpatient or outpatient hospital services that are necessary to prevent death or serious impairment of health such as severe chest pain, seizures or loss of awareness, heavy uncontrollable bleeding, or moderate to severe burns.

Do I have to pay a copayment if I receive urgent care that relates to my service-connected condition? Copayments for urgent care are different from other VA medical copayments. Copayments for urgent care depend on your assigned priority group and the number of times you visit any urgent care provider in a calendar year. Visit the Urgent Care webpage for more information about copayments.

How do I get prescription medication related to an urgent care visit? VA will pay for or fill prescriptions for urgent care. For urgent care prescription medication longer than a 14-day supply, the prescription must be submitted to VA to be filled. For urgent prescriptions written by an urgent care provider, you can fill a 14-day supply of medication at a contracted pharmacy within the VA network, in VA, or at a noncontracted pharmacy. If a noncontracted pharmacy is used, you must pay for the prescription and then file a claim for reimbursement with your local VA medical facility.



Pre-registration is required for all events.

You can register online or please contact Northeast Passage at 603-862-0070 or northeast.passage@unh.edu and we will gladly take care of your registration.

Payment can be made to Northeast Passage by credit card over the phone (603-862-0070) or at the event. We accept check, cash and all major credit cards.

COURT SPORTS

Come join Northeast Passage at UNH's Hamel Recreation Center for a night of Court Sports! We will provide court wheelchairs, people to fill out teams, and all the equipment needed for the specific games. We usually play wheelchair Ultimate Frisbee, but the possibilities are endless. This program is appropriate for participants of all abilities, ages, and levels of experience. Sign up for one or all dates.

Wednesday evenings, 5-7:00PM

September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

These events are free.

CYCLING

Come join Northeast Passage for a weekday afternoon ride on a picturesque trail in Windham, NH. Bring your own cycle or use one of ours and ride along a 7 mile (round-trip) paved trail! NEP will provide cycles, helmets, and assistance with fitting you to your cycle. Whether you're looking to rack up the miles or just looking for a leisurely ride, this is the event for you!

Thursday, September 19 from 1:00-3:00PM

Tuesday, October 1 from 1:00-3:00PM

Fees: \$25.00, \$5.00 with your own cycle, \$0.00 for Veterans

Veteran registration fees for this program are waived due to a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

OFF ROAD CYCLING

Our summer Off Road rides were so popular, we've added two more! NEP will provide cycles, helmets, and assistance with fitting you to your Off Road cycle. Whether you're looking to rack up some miles or just looking for a leisurely ride, these events are for you.

Thursday, September 26, Auburn, NH, 4:00-6:00PM

Bring your own cycle or use one of ours and ride from Lake Massebesic to the wooded trail.

Tuesday, October 8, Stratham, NH 4:00-6:00PM

Bring your own cycle or use one of ours and ride along beautiful fields or wooded trails at Stratham Hill Park.

Fees: \$25, \$0.00 for Veterans

Veteran registration fees for this program are waived due to a grant from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

INDOOR ARCHERY

All skill levels are welcome! Instruction and equipment will be provided by NEP and range coaches who are all USA Archery certified instructors. If you have your own equipment you may bring it as long as it meets the range regulations--please contact us if you have questions. We hope to see you on the range!

Thursday afternoons from 1:00-3:00PM in Hooksett, NH

October 10, October 24, November 7, November 21, December 5, December 19

Fees: \$15.00, \$0.00 for Veterans

Veteran registration fees for this program are waived due to a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

We hope to see you this fall!



VA Health Care Facilities to Go Smoke-Free

VA Public Affairs Office via www.va.gov



WASHINGTON — As part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) commitment to provide excellent health care for Veterans, the department will implement a new policy restricting smoking by patients, visitors, volunteers, contractors and vendors at its health care facilities by October.

Although VA has historically permitted smoking in designated areas, there is growing evidence that smoking and exposure to secondhand and thirdhand smoke creates significant medical risks, and risks to safety and direct patient care that are inconsistent with medical requirements and limitations. Accordingly, VA's Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has collaborated with key stakeholders to update and recertify the policy to be consistent with the department's commitment to Veterans and the community.

A recent VA survey revealed that approximately 85% of responding

facility leadership support smoke-free campuses, and this new policy for patients, visitors, volunteers, contractors and vendors allows VA to ensure the health and well-being of VA staff, patients and the public.

"We are not alone in recognizing the importance of creating a smoke-free campus," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "As of 2014, 4,000 health care facilities and four national health care systems in the U.S. have implemented smoke-free grounds. This policy change coincides with additional VHA efforts to help us become the provider of choice for Veterans and the reason why Veterans will ChooseVA."

VHA's new smoke-free policy applies to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, any other combustion of tobacco and non-Federal Drug Administration approved electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), including but not limited to electronic or e-cigarettes, vape pens or e-cigars.

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Item/Device/Equipment ordered:

Date Ordered: _____

Prescribing Clinician/Therapist: _____

VA Medical Center: _____

Veteran Integrated Service Network (1-23): _____

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Reasons given for decision:

Impact of delay/denial:

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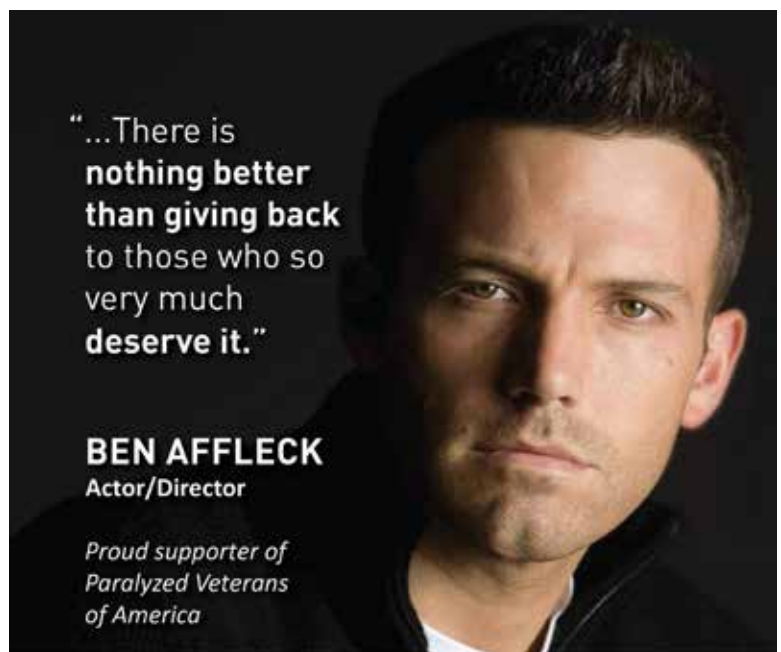


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ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM

Cal-Diego Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

January 27-28, 2020
San Diego Naval Base
San Diego, CA

Mid-Atlantic Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

March 4-5, 2020
Colonial Shooting Academy
Richmond, VA

Wisconsin Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

March 21-22, 2020
Milwaukee Area Tech College
Milwaukee, WI

Buckeye Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament*

April 16-18, 2020
Spire Institute
Geneva, OH

*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

PARALYZED VETERANS BOATING/FISHING TOUR

Mid-America Bass Tournament

September 20-22, 2019
Lake Eufaula
Eufaula, OK

Vaughan Bass Tournament

October 4-6, 2019
Rend Lake
Mount Vernon, IL

Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament

April 3-5, 2020
Lake Harris
Tavares, FL

Kentucky-Indiana Bass Tournament

April 24-26, 2020
Lake Barkley
Kuttawa, KY

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament

June 5-7, 2020
James River
Richmond, VA

Capital Clash Bass Tournament*

June 12-14, 2020
Potomac River
Marbury, MD

*Year-end Tournament

ANNUAL PVA/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-South Billiards Tournament

October 11-12, 2019
Clicks Billiards
Memphis, TN

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament Chuck Willis Mem

March 20-22, 2020
Diamond Billiards
Midlothian, VA

Mid-America Billiards Tournament

April 3-5, 2020
Slick Willies Pool Hall
Oklahoma City, OK

Buckeye Billiards Tournament

June 5-6, 2020
Wickliffe Lanes
Wickliffe, OH

Mountain States Billiards Tournament

June 20-21, 2020
Widefield Corner Pocket Billiards
Fountain, CO

ANNUAL PVA/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Great Plains Bowling Tournament

August 1-4, 2019
Thunderbowl
Council Bluffs, IA

Mid-Atlantic Bowling Tournament

September 13-15, 2019
Bowl America
Glen Allen, VA

Nevada Bowling Tournament

December 5-8, 2019
Sunset Station Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Mid-America Bowling Tournament

April 9-12, 2020
Firelake Bowling Center
Shawnee, OK

Vaughan Bowling Tournament

May 21-24, 2020
Bowlero
Romeoville, IL

PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

North Central Shooting Sports Tournament

September 6-8, 2019
Crooks Gun Club
Sioux Falls, SD

Mid-Atlantic Shooting Sports Tournament

October 25-27, 2019
Conservation Park of Virginia
Charles City, VA

Nevada Shooting Sports Tournament

March 13-15, 2020
Clark County Shooting Park
Las Vegas, NV

Cal-Diego Shooting Sports Tournament

Redlands Shooting Park
March 27-29, 2020
Redlands, CA

Lone Star Shooting Sports Tournament

Desoto Gun Club
Dates TBD
Waxahachie, TX

Vaughan Shooting Sports Tournament

June 5-7, 2020
St. Charles Sportsman Club
Elburn, IL

Iowa Shooting Sports Tournament

June 12-14, 2020
Otter Creek Sportsman Club
Cedar Rapids, IA

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Tournament*

June 26-28, 2020
Brown County Sportsman Club
Green Bay, WI

*Year-end Tournament

BOCCIA

PVA National Boccia Tournament

October 22-26, 2019
The Pavilion at Lamay
St. Louis, MO

Bayou Boccia Tournament

November 8-9, 2019
Harrison County Shelter
Gulfport, MS

Buckeye Boccia Tournament*

April 16-18, 2020
Spire Institute
Geneva, OH

Mid-Atlantic Boccia Tournament

May 6-8, 2020
Fort Monroe at
Community Center
Hampton, VA

Vaughan Boccia Tournament

June 26-28, 2020
Fountain View Recreation Center
Carol Stream, IL

*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

HANDCYCLING RACING

PVAR Hi Performance Off Road Camp

August 17-26, 2019
Crested Butte, CO

Off Road Handcycling Championships

August 23-25, 2019
Crested Butte, CO

Off-Road Fall Expo

October 4-6, 2019
Chesterfield, VA

Army Ten Miler

October 13, 2019
Washington, D.C.

CODE OF HONOR QUAD RUGBY INVITATIONAL

Dates TBD
Location TBD

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



For more information, visit:
pva.org/sports

Member Individual Allotment Policy

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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.

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COMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 4-6: Pine Tree Camp Maine Bass Trail

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

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