

NEPVA – A Voice for New England Veterans in Washington

Our Chapter delegation that attended the Annual PVA Advocacy and Legislation Seminar in Washington DC from February 26th – March 3rd had a very impactful trip. The first 2 days of the week included training on the relevant legislative issues that PVA has identified in this new Congressional cycle, and for the rest of the week we were on Capitol Hill to meet with members of Congress and their staff from throughout the New England region. Some of the focus areas this year were improving access to air travel through the Air Carrier Access Act, improving access to social security benefits for veterans with disabilities, and home and community-based services and caregiver supports through the Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act. There were many other issues that we talked about as well, but these were some of the main ones.

In our 2 days on Capitol Hill, we had over 15 meetings with Congressional offices. Several of these meetings were in-person with members of Congress, including with Sen. Bernie Sanders from Vermont, Rep. Chris Pappas from New Hampshire, Rep. Jim McGovern

from Massachusetts, Rep. Annie Kuster from New Hampshire, and Rep. Seth Moulton from Massachusetts. As we advocated for several of the legislative issues that impact our members, I could see the members of Congress and their staff were visibly affected by our advocacy. Most of the members we met with signed on to the legislative priorities that we identified and spoke about, which was the overarching goal of our meetings. So, the week was a smashing success, and we are grateful to our Director of Government Relations and Community Affairs Kristen McCone Gordon for setting up these meetings and guiding our teams to be informed and ready to speak confidently about the issues. I look forward to our trip again next year!

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Members of the NEPVA team on Capitol Hill and with Congressman McGovern of Massachusetts.



**THANKS TO ALL
THOSE WHO MADE
VOLUNTEER
CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THIS ISSUE**

**John Melvin & Debra Freed,
Bowling story**

WOMEN VETERANS ROUNDTABLE

Barsamian Auditorium | West Roxbury VA Campus
1400 VFW Parkway | West Roxbury, MA 02132
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 | 6 p.m.

Celebrating the Women Who Tell Our
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Executive Director's Report

By Mark Murphy

Executive Director NEPVA

National Director and Chapter President Brad Carlson and I have been working on implementing our strategic fundraising plan, which includes some ambitious goals. This includes my applying for several grants this Spring for which we believe we are highly competitive. We also will be conducting a direct mail fundraising campaign to targeted areas in New England. Our hope is that this development work will grow our fundraising program to help support and sustain our members and the long-term financial viability of our Chapter. All gifts to our Chapter help paralyzed veterans receive life-changing care, earned benefits, employment services, access to recreational activities and benefit from groundbreaking research, all free of charge. If you or someone you know would like to support our crucial work, please visit our donation link: [Make a Donation - New England PVA \(pvanewengland.org\)](https://pvanewengland.org)

In closing, on our last full day in Washington D.C. myself, Brad, and Kathy Carlson were passing by the back of the Capitol building as we came back from lunch and were heading to our final meeting of the day, and we saw hundreds of people who were gathering. We asked a couple people what was happening, and they said that any moment the President of the United States would emerge as he was just concluding a meeting in the Capitol with members of the Senate. Sure enough, a few moments later the Presidential motorcade passed by with President Biden waving. It was quite the experience as most of us had never seen a US President before. I guess you never know what you will see in Washington D.C.!

Sincerely,

Mark Murphy
Executive Director



All gifts to our Chapter help paralyzed veterans receive life-changing care, earned benefits, employment services, access to recreational activities and benefit from groundbreaking research, all free of charge.



Congresswoman Kuster meets with members of the NEPVA team.

From the President's Desk

by Brad Carlson
NEPVA President

Dear Friends,

Let me begin by saying that we had an amazing trip to Washington D.C. earlier this month for the Annual PVA Advocacy and Legislation Seminar. The highlight of the week were our meetings on Capitol Hill with members of Congress and their offices. Speaking about issues that impact our members and current things happening in our Chapter was incredibly rewarding. I am very grateful to our Director of Government Relations and Community Affairs Kristen McCone Gordon's coordination of the entire week, and the participation of Executive Director Mark Murphy, Board member Chuck Houle and his wife Eileen, and my wife Kathy. Everyone on our team made valuable contributions throughout the week, and I could not be prouder. We had 17 meetings with Congressional offices, which I believe is the most (if not almost the most) meetings on Capitol Hill of all PVA Chapters in the nation, which is quite the distinction.

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Left; Chuck Houle and his wife Eileen with Congressman Seth Moulton of Massachusetts. Right; Congresswoman Balint with Kristen, Chuck and Eileen.

There are several things happening both in the short term and long term that I would like to bring attention to:

- I am happy to report that Ms. Tamara Montgomery has been hired as our Staff Accountant, with her first day being on March 20th. Tamara brings with her a wealth of bookkeeping and accounting professional experience, most recently working at the Boston Design Center. We are very excited to welcome Tamara to our Chapter, and I hope you will give her a warm welcome. As I have said before, we remain grateful to Jerry Cole for his 5 years of service to our Chapter and wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.
- We are partnering with Home Base on an exciting event to kick off our new Veterans with MS program on Sunday, April 2nd at the Cape Cod Curling Club. This event is open to all veterans, but those with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) are especially encouraged to attend. Please check out this link for more information: NEPVA VETERANS WITH MS CURLING EVENT - New England PVA (pvanewengland.org)
- On August 6, 2023, will be hosting our Annual Banquet. It will be an informal event at the Italian American War Veterans Post in Marlboro. There will be a barbecue and live entertainment. I want to stress that this year's banquet will be an informal and fun event!

- Our Annual Chapter Golf Tournament has been booked for August 28, 2023, at Olde Scotland Links in Bridgewater, MA. More details will be forthcoming in the next couple of months, but if you would like to reserve your foursome now, please let me know as soon as possible as we expect the course to completely sell out for this tournament.
- As we finalize details for our new Chapter sports insurance, I would like to share with you that we will be bringing back wheelchair football to the Chapter. More details to come!
- We are currently planning for a pickleball sports event this October. Also more details coming soon!

As you can see, things have been very active in our Chapter, and we have several upcoming and important events on the horizon. It is my distinct honor to serve as your National Director and Chapter President, and I am looking forward to the great work we will accomplish both now and moving forward. As always, if I can ever be of assistant to you or your families, please reach out to me directly. We are here to serve you!

Sincerely,

Brad Carlson
National Director and Chapter President



Senator Welch, Chuck & Eileen Houle, Kristen McCone Gordon.



Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont with Chuck Houle and Eileen, Brad and Kathy Carlson and Kristen McCone Gordon.

Government Relations Report

*Kristen McCone Gordon
Director of Government and Community Affairs*

Dear Members,

I had the pleasure of joining Chapter President Brad Carlson, Director Chuck Houle, Executive Director Mark Murphy, and Chapter Volunteers Kathy Carlson & Eileen Houle at PVA’s annual Pushing Access Forward seminar in Washington, D.C. It was a highly effective week spent learning of the issues affecting members across the country and of PVA’s compelling legislative solutions to address them.

Our NEPVA delegation had an opportunity to meet with 16 of our New England Congressional offices over the course of two days, often times with the Member of Congress themselves. Largely due to Brad & Kathy and Chuck & Eileen’s willingness to share their personal experiences and take the time to serve our Chapter, we received very positive and promising feedback during our discussions. I’m so grateful for their very significant and effective advocacy on behalf of the Chapter.

I look forward to keeping you informed of the New England Delegation’s official pledges of support for these issues and continuing our conversations with staff in the district offices. While AD/Leg is an important kick-off of the legislative session, the bulk of our work in securing congressional support is just beginning.

As always, if you would like to join our growing advocacy team, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at kristen@pvanewengland.org.

Sincerely,

Kristen McCone Gordon
Director of Government and Community Affairs



Don’t forget to sign up for NEPVA’s inaugural Veterans with MS event! Details on page 8.

See you on the ice!

Please stay tuned for more offerings from NEPVA’s Veterans with MS program and be sure to follow our Chapter on Facebook.

HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS

All of the information you need to respond and take action on any of PVA’s legislative priorities, including those listed on page 7, is available here: <https://www.voterveice.net/PVA/home>.

Please take a moment to fill in your information so an automated email in support of these issues will be sent directly to your Representatives in Congress.



Congressman Pappas meets with the NEPVA team.

PVA's 2023 Legislative Priorities

I'm thrilled to announce Paralyzed Veterans of America's 2023 legislative priorities. While the complete list of our 2023 priorities can be found on our website, I'd like to share a few of the issues that we discussed in great detail with the New England Congressional Delegation.

Strengthen the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA)

We continued our advocacy for the Air Carrier Access Amendments Act (H.R. 1267/S. 545). This legislation would: 1) strengthen ACAA administrative enforcement and establish a private right to action; as well as, 2) ensure new airplanes are designed to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities by requiring airlines to meet defined accessibility standards. These standards will ensure safe and effective boarding and deplaning, visually accessible announcements, seating accommodations, restrooms, and better stowage options for assistive devices. They would also require the removal of access barriers on existing airplanes to the extent that it is readily achievable and may be done without much difficulty or expense.

We shared experiences of PVA members being injured while boarding planes, of wheelchairs being damaged while stored, and of airline staff not being properly trained to understand the difficulties that a wheelchair-bound person experiences while flying. The personal stories seemed to really resonate with congressional staff, and we hope that our conversations will translate into more members of our New England Congressional Delegation cosponsoring this important piece of legislation.

Make Critically Needed Improvements to Home and Community-Based Services

We also enthusiastically advocated for the passage of the Elizabeth Dole Home and Community-Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2023 (H.R.542/S. 141). This legislation would make critically needed improvements to home and community-based services, including raising the cap on non-institutional care, expanding the Veteran Directed Care (VDC) program, creating a pilot program

to address direct care worker shortages, improving family caregiver supports, and paying for caregivers serving hospitalized veterans in the VDC program.

We told congressional offices that many paralyzed veterans, particularly in New England, prefer to receive non-institutional care or home and community-based services (HCBS) but access needs to be expanded to these programs. Also, more must be done to address the nationwide direct care workers (caregivers) shortage. We also spoke at length about how important caregivers are to the daily functioning of our members, and how critical it is to also take care of the caregivers' wellbeing as well.

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Both Eileen Houle and Kathy Carlson passionately advocated on behalf of our membership, and the caregivers that support them, by sharing personal and very moving stories. I was really inspired by their comments, and I could see that the Members and staff were as well. I look forward to continuing these conversations in the district offices and securing support for this important piece of legislation.

Improve Access to Fertility Services Through VA

Once again, we urged the New England Congressional Delegation to repeal VA's ban on in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and make fertility services a regular part of the medical benefits package available to veterans by passing the Veterans Infertility Treatment Act of 2023 (H.R. 544). We are asking Congress to specifically pass legislation to authorize the VA to provide assisted reproductive technology, including IVF and gamete donation at the VA for any veterans enrolled in VA health care who are living with infertility, including the authorization of service provision to non-veteran partners.

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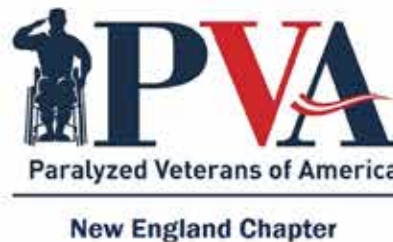
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ICE WITH A LEARN-TO-CURL LESSON!

*This is a veterans-only event; those with Multiple
Sclerosis (MS) are especially encouraged to attend.*



Summer Fun in the Middle of Winter

Florida Gulf Coast PVA's Annual Bowling Tournament

By John Melvin & Debra A. Freed

My wife, Becca and I spend our winters in South Florida. This would be our 2nd year traveling to Tampa to attend the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter's Annual Bowling tournament with Debra Freed who we help with transportation.

Prior to participating, I received a call from Tournament Director, Wayne Webber informing me that I would be moved up from B (Beginners with a high handicap) to Division A which means my average is 126 or better. Not bad for a fellow who only started bowling for real in 2021! Mind you, I still have a handicap of 74, which means doing my best to maintain that 126 every game could be challenging. I was up for the challenge!

Having participated in this tournament last year, Debra and I decided when registering we wanted to stay Doubles & Team partners. In discussing this, Deb said she would need a favor during the week, to keep an appointment she



John Melvin and Debra Freed NEPVA bowlers.

made with her air-pistol vendor who, as it happens is in Tampa, where we would be bowling. Would I be willing to help her! Not a problem, we just needed to work it out the tournament director and volunteers as they set the schedule and bowling lanes.

Debra and I started out with Doubles. We didn't do too badly but it was not in the cards for us to win any spot in the roll-off like we did last year. The same with Team. However, we had a lot of fun. Thank You Gabe De La Diaz for being a good sport in our Team event.

The first of 4 rounds of 3 games would start Thursday. Debra's average was listed as 101 with a 99 handicap. Her first round put her at 695. My first round would put me at 656. When the score sheet came out, she was surprised to see 2nd place. I would be even more surprised to see I made 1st.

Debra's appointment for her air-pistol would be Thursday afternoon. Huge shout outs to Wayne Webber, Sherry Hale-Johnson, and Belinda Formento for changing up the schedule so we could bowl the 2nd set of singles together, get done and keep her appointment. Because we had to leave prior to the score sheets coming out, we would have to wait until Friday morning to learn how we did.

Round 3 on Friday morning we learned that each of us had kept our positions of 2nd in B and 1st in A respectively. Debra and I were on different lanes so Becca would keep tabs on each of us. Debra would still hold 2nd place, and I would hold 1st. However, by Round 4 – well, let's say it was a bit tougher for Debra who dropped to 3rd. No matter, it meant she would still be in the roll-off as would I because I would stay in 1st.

Some folks don't like the roll-off believing that whatever level you finished at, you should stay at. The roll-off is a time-honored tradition usually capped at the top five in each division. It allows the person in the 5th spot to pos-

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We echoed the belief that our country has a moral obligation to restore what has been lost to our service men and women. We reminded congressional staff that our members served this nation well, many sustaining life-changing injuries while doing so, and they deserve the chance to start a family. Our Chapter strongly advocated for a similar bill last session, and was able to help secure 19 cosponsors from New England Congressional Delegation. Our Chapter recognizes how important it is for veterans to be able to have a chance of starting a family, and we will continue advocating for this issue until it passes.

If you have experienced infertility, as a result of your injury or not, and would be willing to discuss this issue with me either privately or in a meeting with your Representative, please contact me at kristen@pvanewengland.org.

Veteran Housing Search Group

HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS

WHO: *This group occurs weekly for Veterans looking for information on affordable housing search*

WHERE/WHEN:

VA Outpatient Clinic, 251 Causeway St 2nd floor, Boston AND VVC on Fridays 12PM-1PM Starting 10/14/22

Jamaica Plain VA Medical Center, 3D 122 Mondays 2:00PM-3PM

Brockton VA, Building 7- Room A103 Wednesdays from 1pm-2pm

Contact: Liam Connolly (617) 719-2464
 Tony Zelano (617) 435-7557
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have on disability
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the VA system.*

MEET YOUR NSO: Michael Snape, National Service Officer III

Michael joined Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) as a National Service Officer in 2019. Michael supervises the Augusta, Maine office and assists in training other PVA National Service Officers. Prior to PVA, Michael worked for the Veterans Benefits Administration as a Veteran Service Representative. Michael also served twenty-two years in the United States Marine Corps and obtained a Master's degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University. Michael has a passion in advocating for veterans and individuals with disabilities. Michael currently resides in Topsham, Maine with his spouse Debra.



The Augusta, ME office represents Veterans across Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, and supports Veterans and their dependents in both VA benefits and healthcare issues.

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2022-2023 ANNUAL CALENDAR



PVA BASS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-America Bass Tournament
September 16-18, 2022
Eufaula, OK

Vaughan Bass Tournament
October 7-9, 2022
Rend Lake, IL

Southeastern Bass Tournament
September 30-October 2, 2022
Evans, GA

**Florida Gulf Coast Bass
Tournament**
March 24-26, 2023
Kissimmee, FL

**Kentucky-Indiana Bass
Tournament**
April 21-23, 2023
Kuttawa, KY

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament
June 2-4, 2023
Hopewell, VA

Capital Clash Bass Tournament
June 9-11, 2023
Waldorf, MD

PVA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-South Billiards Tournament
October 28-29, 2022
Memphis, TN

**Mid-Atlantic Billiards
Tournament**
March 17-19, 2023
Richmond, VA

**Mid-America Billiards
Tournament**
June 16-18, 2023
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Buckeye Billiards Tournament
June 24-26, 2023
Columbus, OH

AIR RIFLE & PISTOL PROGRAM

National Postal Matches
November 2022 – March 2023

Wisconsin Air Gun
March 11-12, 2023
Milwaukee, WI

*Additional in-person events
coming soon!*

PVA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

**Great Plains Bowling
Tournament**
July 28-31, 2022
Council Bluffs, IA

**Mid-Atlantic Bowling
Tournament**
September 9-11, 2022
Richmond, VA

Nevada Bowling Tournament
December 2-5, 2022
Las Vegas, NV

**Florida Gulf Coast Bowling
Tournament**
February 23-25, 2023, Tampa,
FL

**Mid-America Bowling
Tournament**
March 31 – April 3, 2023
Oklahoma City, OK

PVA NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

North Central Trapshoot
September 9-11, 2022
Sioux Falls, SD

Oregon Trapshoot
September 23-25, 2022,
Oregon

Wisconsin Trapshoot, May
19-21, 2023, Green Bay, WI

Cal-Diego Trapshoot
March 17-19, 2023
Redlands, CA

Nevada Trapshoot
March 31-April 2, 2023
Las Vegas, NV

Vaughan Trapshoot
May 26-28, 2023
Elburn, IL

Iowa Shooting Trapshoot *
June 16-18, 2023
Cedar Rapids, IA
**Year-End Tournament*

BOCCIA

**New England Boccia
Tournament**
November 5-6, 2022
West Roxbury, MA

**West Virginia Boccia
Tournament**
December 3-4, 2022
Charleston, WV

Bayou Boccia Tournament
February 3-5, 2023
Gulfport, MS

Gateway Boccia Tournament
March 17-19, 2023
St. Louis, MO

HANDCYCLING

**Echelon Racing League Virtual
Paracycling Series (Online)**
November 2022 -February 2023

**PVA High Performance
Off-Road HC Camp**
August 13-18, 2022
Crested Butte, Colorado

**Off-Road Handcycling
Championships**
August 19-21, 2022
Crested Butte, Colorado

Pocahontas Off-Road Camp
September 29 – October 2, 2022
Chesterfield, VA

Tampa VA Handcycling Clinic
January 21, 2023
Tampa, FL

PVA High Performance Camp
January 30 – February 3, 2023
Brooksville, FL

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

**PVA – NWBA Lakeshore
Basketball Camp**
August 4-7, 2022
Birmingham, AL

Bay Area & Western Disc Golf
August 19-20, 2022
San Jose, CA

New England Disc Golf Clinic
September 10, 2022
Ft. Devens, MA

PVA Rugby Clinic
September 16-18, 2022
Phoenix, AZ

New England Basketball Camp
September 23-26, 2022
New Haven, CT

**PVA Wheelchair Rugby
Invitational**
February
New Haven, CT

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



July 4-9, 2023
Portland, Oregon

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT: PVA.ORG/ADAPTIVE-SPORTS

Schedule as of
3/1/2023

Jamaica Plain:

VA Boston
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Jamaica Plain,
MA 02130

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and
Thursdays
from 12-2pm**

3rd Floor D Wing
Room D3-122

Brockton:

VA Boston
940 Belmont
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Brockton, MA
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**Thursdays
1-3pm**

Building #7
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Room A-113

**Except Holidays*

HEALTH CARE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

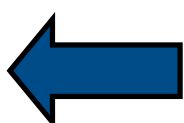
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sibly move up. In the roll off, number 5 bowls number 4, whoever wins that one, bowls number 3, that would be Debra. Jimmy May from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter would bowl Debra. Would she best Jimmy and keep 3rd? It was not meant to be. Jimmy bowled well. Debra was not disappointed though. Kudos to Jimmy May for never, ever giving up. He ended up winning the B division by beating Chris Murphy who was first the entire series.

As described earlier, the roll-off is a time-honored tradition giving folks an opportunity to move up and perhaps unseat the 1st place person. Being in first can be good or not so good. Why? Because being in first means I only have to bowl one game, unless there is a tie, versus whoever I may bowl against. Tom Jomisko would start the roll-off in 3rd position. The man was on a roll, both literally and figuratively. He bested the #4 to remain in 3rd and would best the #2 person. Would he be able to best me too? Our first frame, we each got a spare. As the game progressed, it

Myself and Debra want to give a super huge thanks to everyone who volunteered in making this year's Florida Gulf Coast Chapter's tournament a good one.

seemed like Tom found that magic spot and threw at least 5 strikes in a row. In the end Tom would best me by at least 30 pins. However, I am far from disappointed because I went from B Division to A Division in one year and bowled well. I look forward to more tournaments such as Chicago, Nebraska and perhaps Virginia this year!!

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