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New England Chapter

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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A MEMBER CHAPTER OF THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA  
CHARTERED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

The PVA New England Chapter is proud to present this Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023. The presentation of this report allows our members, donors, sponsors and others to review the Chapter's programs and progress. The programs operated by the Chapter provide services to our members, veterans, and folks with disabilities.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on FY23, which was my first year as President of the Chapter, we had many challenges and successes. One of the primary challenges was the turnover of my predecessor and other Board members, whereby we had to find our footing with new Chapter leadership. When I began my presidency, the Chapter was also without an Executive Director. However, we braved these challenges with joy and dignity, and I am happy to share that we have now steered our Chapter through the storms and in the right direction. While we did have several organizational challenges in FY23, I am pleased to highlight how over the past year our Chapter has grown and continues to make a positive impact for veterans and persons with disabilities throughout New England and beyond:



- With a minimal Board in previous years, and as we progressed along into 2023, we built a full Board who are all involved for the right reasons and are very much invested in the Chapter's critical work.
- In July 2022 I invited previous Chapter Executive Director Mark Murphy to consider returning in service to the Chapter, and he graciously accepted and came back in mid-August 2022. Mark hit the ground running in oversing the day-to-day management and operations of our Chapter and developing a strong strategic fundraising plan. The Board and I are delighted with Mark's energy, professionalism, and tireless service to the Chapter.
- Kristen McCone Gordon transitioned from part-time to full-time in July 2022, with her role expanding to Chapter Director of Government Relations and Community Affairs. Throughout FY23 Kristen continued to do great work in advocating for the needs of our members, forging strong relationships with several key stakeholders through out New England, and working to build our new flagship MS Outreach Program from the ground up, along with Board member Chuck Houle.
- A strong cadre of volunteers that continue to make our Chapter shine. Kathy Calson, Denise Pease, Denise Harvey, Holly Warshaw, and Jim Clark are among our most active volunteers, and our Chapter could not continue to be what it is without the selfless service and sacrifice of them.
- We continued to have a very successful sports program with the 2022/2023 Winter and Summer Sports Clinics, a Chapter sponsored basketball tournament in Connecticut in the Fall of 2022, Annual Bocchia Tournament in Fall 2022, disc golf events throughout the year, among others.
- Our 2022 Annual Chapter Golf Tournament at Marlboro Country Club was a success and helped raise significant funds for the Chapter. We had over 40 sponsors and the weather was beautiful. The Golf Tournament Committee is comprised of myself, Holly Warshaw, Mitch Fishman, Jim Clark, and Mark Murphy, and we all work year-round to make this seminal event a growing success.

On the Cover :  
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The NEPVA Bass  
Trail is our most  
popular recre-  
ational program.

Our members  
enjoyed golfing at  
our annual Golf  
Tournament.

Massachusetts  
Congressman Seth  
Moulton meets  
with NEPVA Trea-  
surer Chuck Houle  
and his wife Eileen  
on Capital Hill.

NEPVA Vice-Presi-  
dent Mark Sanders  
Curling.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

More  
information  
about the  
Chapter's  
programs and  
activities  
can be found  
at the  
Chapter's  
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Dear Friends,

Like any fiscal year for our Chapter, there have been several challenges and even more successes over the past year. One of our more significant challenges was that it took substantial time and effort with the change-over of our previous Chapter President for us to be in a place where we could focus entirely on our Chapter mission, which is to serve and advocate for paralyzed veterans throughout New England. With that welcome transition, I am happy to report that new Chapter President and PVA National Director Brad Carlson, our Board of Directors, Chapter staff members, and key volunteers rose to the occasion early in the fiscal year to help our Chapter navigate through some murky waters. I am happy to say that the state of our Chapter is now strong, which is a direct result of strong Chapter leadership and focused strategic planning.



Here are some highlights that gives evidence of the strength of our Chapter:

- An incredibly impactful sports and recreation program, which included a well-received disc golf event in September, a wheelchair basketball clinic in October, a Boccia tournament in November, a new curling event in Cape Cod in the Spring, adaptive, skiing, Bass Trail fishing, among others adaptive sports.
- A strong Government Relations program, where we continue to build relationships with members of Congress and their staffs in the aim of advocating for the well-being of our members. We were honored to attend that Annual Advocacy and Legislative Seminar in Washington D.C. in March, where we went to Capitol Hill for over a dozen meetings with congressional offices.
- Saying goodbye to Chapter bookkeeper Jerry Cole in March, who served the Chapter admirably for over 5 years.
- A very successful 2nd Annual Golf Tournament in September 2022 at the Marlborough Country Club in Marlborough, MA, where we had over 100 golfers and dozens of new corporate sponsors.
- Re-building our burgeoning Chapter fundraising program, we have grown our individual donor pipeline and re-engaged several grant funders. We were honored to be awarded a generous grant through The Pilot Company and grow our monthly recurring donor program.

As we continue to develop our programs, communications, and fundraising efforts, we do this all as a team. Our staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, members, and donors all contribute to our Chapter in innumerable ways, and we could not be such a strong Chapter without their support. By continuing to work as a team we will be positioned to continue serving paralyzed and disabled veterans and their families throughout New England for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Mark Murphy  
Executive Director

President's Letter

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- Throughout FY23 we continued building solid relationships with VA administrators, doctors, nurses, and staff throughout New England VA facilities. These crucial partnerships have helped our members in innumerable ways.
- With Jerry Cole leaving his position in March 2023, we missed him sorely due to his years of service and having taken on so many additional responsibilities throughout his tenure. With him leaving we worked to find the right fit in using a bookkeeping service to manage our Chapter books moving forward.

Because of all these triumphs and successes, we are encouraged as we both look back on FY23 while charging ahead into FY24. We could not do our critical work without our staff and Board, and I am hopeful for an even stronger future for the Chapter. I am confident that with the ongoing support of our members, invested Board of Directors, dedicated staff, and incredible volunteers that the sky is the limit in terms of what we can accomplish together. I look forward to embracing the challenges ahead and forging new memories as we continue to work tirelessly to make the lives of every New England PVA member better each day.

Sincerely,

Brad Carlson  
Chapter President and National Director

Benefit Services

Connecting our members to benefit services is perhaps the most important thing that the New England Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America (New England PVA) does. We routinely work with other community civic groups and agencies in making sure that our members have their earned benefits made known and available to them. Over the past year we are proud of the many ways in which we have assisted in identifying and securing veterans' benefits for spinal cord injured and diseased veterans. We have three Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) National Service Officers (NSO's) in our Chapter who help ensure that all benefit services to our members are made available, and we are fortunate to have a good working relationship with each of them. We are fortunate to have these NSO's at the West Roxbury & Brockton VA Medical Centers in Massachusetts and at the Togus VA Medical Center in Maine. These NSO's are a dedicated and knowledgeable group of individuals available to assist our members, veterans, and their families throughout the New England region. Since PVA had previously and temporarily halted our hospital liaison program, we have been seeking to re-imagine this program to develop a better cooperative program between our Chapter and the SCI centers we are proud to serve. Because of COVID, even in 2022-2023 we did not enjoy having unfettered access to the West Roxbury VA or the long-term care facility at the Brockton VA. Access levels varied considerably throughout VA facilities in FY23.

Chapter Administration

The Chapter Office is located at 1208 VFW Parkway, Suite 301, West Roxbury, MA 02132. The Chapter is staffed by a full-time Executive Director, a full-time Director of Government Relations and Community Affairs, a part-time bookkeeper, and several active volunteers. The day-to-day work of the staff is informed by the Chapter President Board of Directors, as the staff implements the direction and vision of the collective Board. The staff and Board of Directors work tirelessly to serve every member of the Chapter with care, concern, appreciation, and dignity. Board of Director meetings are held virtually and at the Chapter office typically on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, beginning at 10:30am EST.



SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

New England PVA’s Sports and Recreation Programs provide our members and other persons with disabilities the opportunity to participate in quality programs with a variety of activities. We are proud to offer many opportunities for adaptive sports. Participation in adaptive sports and recreational activities provides immeasurable benefits to everyone involved as it can help improve self-esteem, encourage good health and hygiene practices, and promote friendship among our members. One of our most sought-after sports programs are the highly successful Winter and Summer Sports Clinics. These Clinics are conducted through the VA Boston Healthcare System in partnership with other VAMC’s who host them at different locations throughout New England. Each year the VA New England Healthcare System invites veterans with spinal cord injuries, orthopedic amputation, visual impairments, certain neurological problems, and other disabilities to participate in these clinics. The Winter Sports Clinic promotes rehabilitation by instructing physically challenged veterans in adaptive Alpine skiing and introduces other adaptive activities and sports as well, such as downhill skiing, air rifle shooting, seated yoga, massages, and sled hockey with the Ice Vets Team.

The New England PVA Bass Trail Program is run by members of the American Eagle Bass Anglers with the support of Local and Federation members. Anglers with disabilities are paired with boaters for days of competitive fishing. The partners compete as a team and the team with the largest weight for their limit takes home the first-place trophies.



The anglers can compete in as many events as possible, and lunger prizes are also awarded for the largest bass taken at each tournament. This tournament trail is completely free for Chapter members. Bass Trail program locations include Charles River, the Newton Yacht Club, Lake Winnepesaukee, Camp Robindel, Moultonborough, NH, and Camp Wavus, Maine. The New England PVA Air Rifle Program is also open to participants of all skill levels, from introductory to advanced. Trained coaches and top instructors from around the country donate their time to assist veterans learn what it takes to compete in air guns and help seasoned competitors hone their skills.



Bowling is also a great recreational and competitive sport that several New England PVA members enjoy playing. It is easily adaptive, which allows people with almost any physical disability to participate in a wheelchair. Wheelchair bowlers use the same scoring system and lanes as bowlers who stand. Adaptive devices such as ramps, push sticks, and “handle balls” can be utilized to assist bowlers with less function. The team bowls every Tuesday afternoon at the Westgate Lanes in Brockton, MA starting at 12:00pm, with all Chapter members encouraged to participate when they are able. The league begins the day after Labor Day and runs for 35 weeks. Bowlers may pay every week or in advance.

Curling has also been of growing interest to our members. On April 2, 2023 we partnered with Home Base on an exciting event to kick off our new Veterans with MS program. This event was open to all veterans, but those with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) were especially encouraged to attend. We called it “The Home Base Adventure Series: Curling with the New England Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America” and it was hugely success. Veterans joined Home Base and our Chapter for “learn-to-curl” lessons at the Cape Cod Curling Club. This built camaraderie and confidence on the



ice with an hour-long lesson and gave members the chance to learn what services Home Base and the New England PVA can offer members. The club was fully wheelchair-accessible, and parking was free.

Our Chapter has funded one of the adaptive sailboats fondly named “Speedy” as a nod to PVA’s original logo mascot at the Annual “Sail to Prevail” event that we sponsor in Newport, RI each year. The “PVA Weekend” is held annually and it gets members and their families out on the water for a few days. We also offered several other sports and recreation programs throughout the year as well, such as golf, disc golf, snow skiing, basketball, bocchia, and virtual activities as well.





CHAPTER ADVOCACY & LEGISLATIVE WORK

As the Chapter’s Director of Government and Community Affairs, staff member Kristen McCone Gordon ensured that our Chapter once again had a very productive and successful year – full of Chapter events, briefings with legislators, and new partnerships that have enhanced our Chapter’s impact. Kristen has continued to manage and grow our Chapter’s nationally recognized advocacy program while also working towards establishing a stronger community presence for the Chapter throughout New England following the pandemic. In FY23 we were pleased to also announce the creation of our new Chapter Program “NEPVA Veterans with MS” in service to a growing population of veterans in New England. Kristen is eager to continue to advance the mission of the Chapter alongside our Chapter President, Board of Directors, Executive Director, and dedicated volunteers. Our Chapter remains fully committed to offering quality programming, advocacy, and information to our members throughout New England.

For our Chapter advocacy and legislation efforts, FY23 marked the end of a two-year congressional session and the beginning of another, so we placed a very strong emphasis on our federal advocacy efforts to best advance PVA legislative priorities. Throughout the fall and early winter of 2022, we did a heavy advocacy push to encourage our congressional delegation to formally support our legislative priorities. Our Chapter finished the calendar year with our highest number of cosponsors in a congressional session. The Air Carrier Access Amendments Act had fifteen cosponsors from New England, with the New England congressional delegation making up half of all cosponsors in the Senate. The Veteran Families Health Services Act, another priority of our Chapter, had nineteen cosponsors from New England. The originally filed AUTO for Veterans Act also had seventeen cosponsors from the New England congressional delegation.

We started the new congressional session focused on preparing to hit the ground running in Washington, D.C. After several years of being virtual for “Pushing Access Forward 2023: PVA’s Annual Advocacy Legislative Seminar” which was held in-person in early March 2023. We had an opportunity to hear directly from the national staff and various government officials on PVA’s legislative priorities. We were also thrilled to get back into the Capital building and meet with members

of the New England congressional delegation and their staff. While Zoom is efficient and helpful to reduce travel costs, it is always preferable to meet face to face with legislators to both enhance our relationships and leave an impression with our members’ stories. We did both during our time in D.C. We changed our strategy for our Hill visits to reflect our growing advocacy team and a new focus on priority legislation affecting caregivers. We brought a delegation of six people to D.C. and divided into teams to cover more ground. Our two NEPVA teams each included a staff member, veteran, and caregiver. This enabled us to meet with more legislative offices while also providing a more comprehensive account of the issues facing both veterans and our caregivers. Kristen was joined by Chapter President and National Director Brad Carlson and his wife Kathy, Board of Director Chuck Houle and his wife Eileen, and Executive Director Mark Murphy. Each team member contributed valu-



Board of Director Chuck Houle and his wife Eileen, with Kristen and Chapter President and National Director Brad Carlson and his wife Kathy, on Capital Hill.

ably to our advocacy efforts and their skills in articulating the significant challenges facing paralyzed veterans and their caregivers in New England were deeply impactful. In a two-day period, we met with the following 17 congressional offices: Congressman Pappas, Congressman Moulton, Congressman McGovern, Congressman Neal, Congresswoman Clark, Congresswoman Kuster, Congressman Lynch, Congresswoman Pressley, Congressman Larson, Congresswoman Hayes, Congressman Golden, Congressman Auchincloss, Congressman Neal, Congresswoman Pingree, Congresswoman DeLauro, Senator Sanders, and Senator Welch. This was a remarkable undertaking for our advocacy teams, but we were committed to making sure our congressional delegation understood how PVA legislative priorities impact the daily lives of paralyzed veterans in New England.

It is important to note that our Chapter’s advocacy efforts are not limited to the annual AD/LEG week. We lobby congressional offices throughout the entire year on behalf of the



Ex. Director, Mark Murphy, Kathy and Brad Carlson with Congressman McGovern. Kristen, Brad and Kathy Carlson traveled to

Chapter. We have developed strong partnerships with congressional offices, which is reflected by our ability to often meet directly with our members of congress in their district offices as well. The Chapter advocacy program also places great importance on focusing our efforts across all six New England states evenly, a goal we accomplished this fiscal year.

During the Spring and Summer of 2023, we continued our legislative briefings throughout New England. Kristen and Brad and Kathy Carlson traveled to Warick, RI to meet with Congressman Magaziner. They also met with Senator Reed in his Cranston, RI district office, and Senator Warren’s staff in Boston. Earlier in the fiscal year they zoomed with Congressman Keating of MA. However, a highlight of the fiscal year was Congressman Larson and Congresswoman Hayes inviting our Chapter to speak at their joint press conference in Farmington, CT on critical PVA Social Security legislation. Chapter President Brad Carlson represented the Chapter and spoke eloquently and urgently about the need to protect social security for our veterans. This event garnered significant local media attention.

We also continue to promote National PVA’s VoterVOICE platform, which is an essential tool in our advocacy efforts. We frequently advertise VoterVOICE opportunities on Facebook, in our newsletter, and at both Chapter and community events. As we enter a new fiscal year, our Chapter will continue to foster strong relationships with the New



Warick, RI to meet with Congressman Magaziner.

England congressional delegation to ensure they understand and remain responsive to the challenges facing our members. We will continue to monitor and engage on issues impacting our members at both the state and local levels as well.



MEMBERSHIP

The New England PVA has over 750 Chapter members. In terms of membership engagement and our community outreach work, we have rebuilt several programs that had been put on hold in previous years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and we are always seeking ways to connect with our members. A primary way of doing that is in partnership with the VA. For example, our Chapter is proud to participate in the Patient and Family Education Program at the Brockton and West Roxbury VAMC's. The program consists of educational workshops, demonstrations, and films about spinal cord injury. Chapter members also participate in other local organizations' awareness events and expos throughout New England. We are finding new ways to inform the public that our members are also available to participate in college research projects, speeches, interviews, and appearances for radio and television. Beyond engaging with our members through our historically strong sports and recreation programs and other more formal community outreach initiatives, we have also engaged our members in several other ways as well. We had a successful membership banquet in 2022, where over 100 of our members and their families gathered in fellowship and support of our Chapter. We also have periodic membership meetings that are held virtually throughout the year, where we address a particular topic of interest for our members. We typically use these meetings as a space where we can glean feedback directly from our members on what is going well at our Chapter and what can be improved.

COMMUNICATION

Staying in touch regularly with our members via email and phone, producing and distributing regular newsletter publications, and creating public awareness of issues of concern for members is of utmost importance to the Chapter. Our "CordWord" newsletter is published twelve times a year to provide current information about Chapter programs, activities, and other issues of importance to our members. Articles and information appearing in the newsletter contain reports from various program directors, Chapter officers, volunteers, legislative news (national and local) and other items of interest. The CordWord is distributed to our members, affiliate members, patients on the SCI units at the Brockton and West Roxbury VAMC's, as well as the three clinics and three primary care clinics in our spoke system. Distribution extends to volunteers, VAMC officials, PVA National officers and directors, all Congressional members representing the New England region, and all Chapters of PVA for a circulation of approximately 1,200, both in print and online. The Chapter primarily distributes the CordWord via email to its readership, but also distributes it in print to each VAMC and Congressional Legislator, as well as those members requesting copies. Current and archived copies are always available in the office and on the Chapter website. In addition to our Chapter website, which we constantly keep updated with fresh content and upcoming programs and events, we also email our members regularly to keep them up to date on what is happening throughout the Chapter. We conduct several direct mailings each year to stay connected with our members. Our Chapter Facebook page has been an increasingly effective way to disseminate important information to members, and overall engagement on social media has increased exponentially over the past year.



FUNDRAISING

We are fortunate to have an emerging Chapter fundraising program. The Chapter has three main approaches to its fundraising work: working with individual donors, applying for grant funding, and engaging with corporate sponsors. In each of these categories the Chapter is succeeding. Mark Murphy, the Chapter Executive Director, has taken the lead on all fundraising efforts since he came back to the Chapter in August of 2022. Because no intentional fundraising work had been done prior to Mark's return to the Chapter, part of his work over the year has been re-establishing relationships and cultivation of individual donors and connecting with grant funders and corporate sponsors. This work is slow and deliberate but has already shown positive results. The Chapter has more recurring monthly donors than we have ever had, and Mark has been working to develop and grow our major gift program and pipeline. Mark is developing a donor database for the Chapter where we can more easily track information on each of our donors.

Along with Chapter President Brad Carlson and several other high level Chapter volunteers, we have received more corporate sponsorships than ever before for our 2022 Annual Golf Tournament. The fundraising work of our Chapter is growing rapidly, and we have very lofty strategic fundraising goals that we are confident will be realized over the next couple of years. In addition to the Chapter's focus on individual giving, grants, and corporate sponsorships, we also have a robust planned giving program.

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- working with individual donors,
- applying for grant funding,
- engaging with corporate sponsors.



Installations Plus made a generous contribution to our annual golf tournament fundraiser.



We received a generous donation from the Italian American War Veterans, Post 45, Marlboro, MA.



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

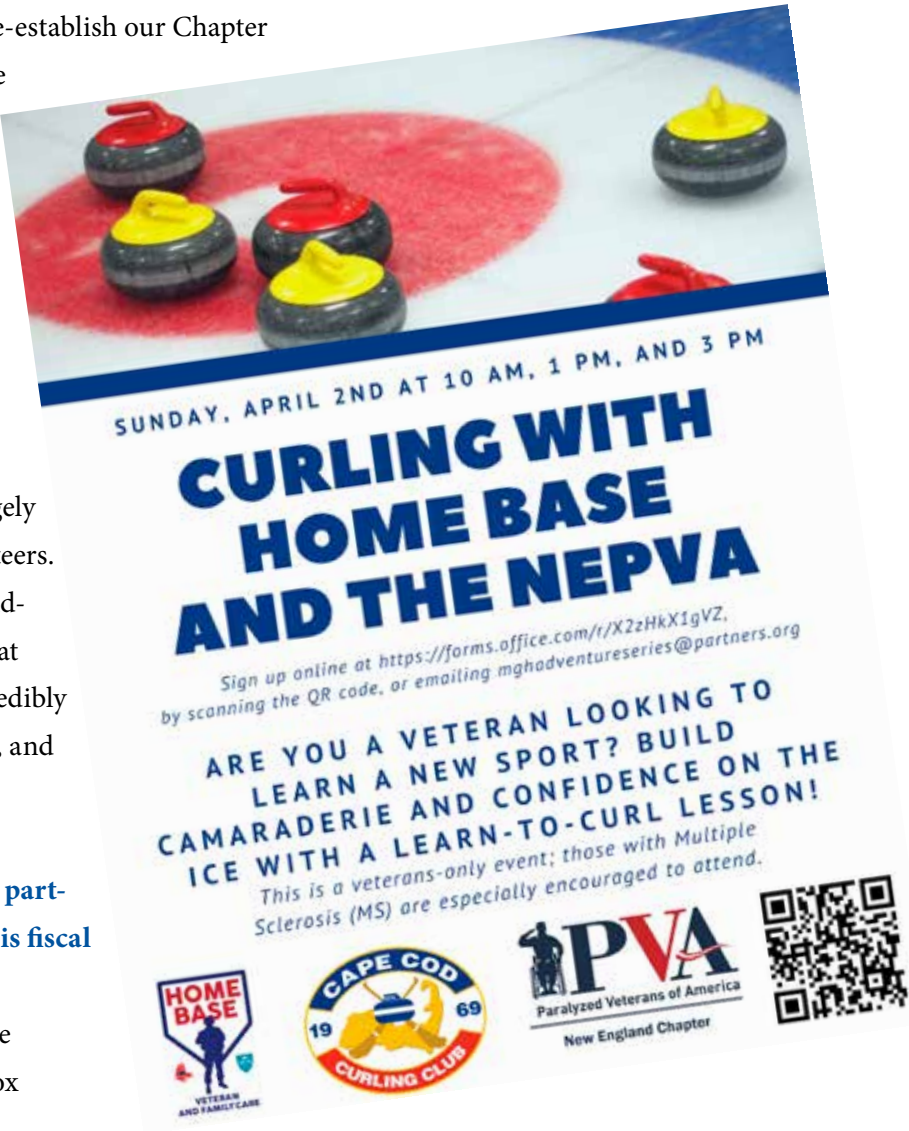
This fiscal year we have worked hard to re-establish our Chapter as a reputable and visible veteran service organization with engaged members throughout New England. We have accomplished this by building strong relationships and strengthening existing partnerships with community organizations throughout New England to increase collaboration and opportunities for NEPVA members.

Our community affairs efforts are successful largely because of the dedication and work of our volunteers. Denise Pease and Debra Freed have spent a considerable amount of time representing our Chapter at events throughout New England and we are incredibly grateful for their time, dedication to the Chapter, and willingness to support paralyzed veterans.

Below are just a few examples of the events and partnerships that NEPVA participated in during this fiscal year:

- Co-hosted a Learn to Curl event with Home Base, an organization funded by the Red Sox Foundation
- NEPVA was honored on the field of a Woo Sox game in Worcester, MA
- 15th Annual Massachusetts Women Veterans Conference in Quincy, MA
- Wollomonuppoag Indian Council’s Powwow in Attleboro, MA
- Vets Rock Conference 2022 at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT
- Veterans Music Festival, Benefits, and Career Expo in Quincy, MA

We look forward to continuing to spread awareness about the comprehensive services that our Chapter can provide paralyzed veterans in the region.



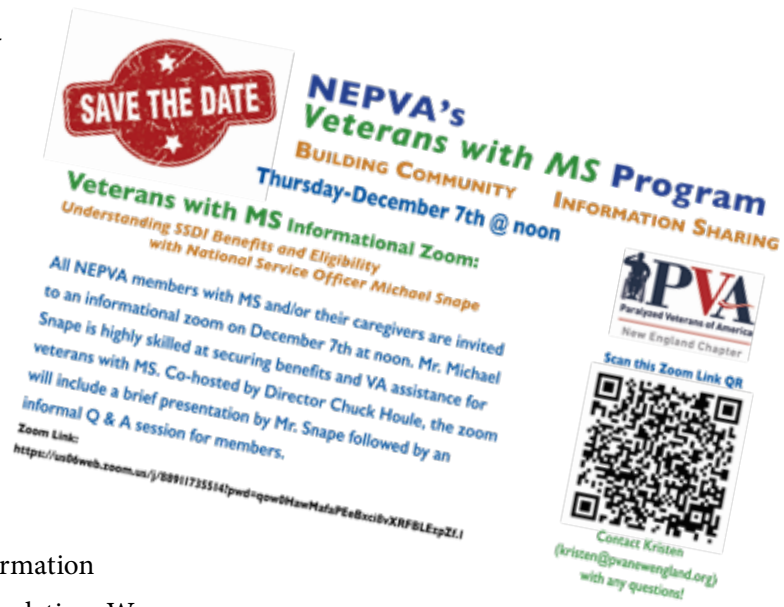
NEPVA’S VETERANS WITH MS PROGRAM

In 2022, PVA expanded its membership eligibility bylaws to welcome all veterans with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), which now accounts for one in four of all PVA members. The national organization is a resource to help veterans with MS navigate how to best live with the disease. PVA service officers are also well trained in securing unique MS benefits from the VA and ensuring quality care for our veterans.

At the Chapter level, we were thrilled to launch our own program in February 2023 specifically for veterans in New England living with MS. We seek to be a source of information at the local level, sharing information and advocating for the needs of this growing veteran population. We also want to build a strong community for our fellow veterans with MS in every New England state.

Highlights of our new program from FY23 are below:

- Co-hosted a “Learn to Curl” event in partnership with Home Base, an organization funded by the Red Sox Foundation that provides mental health services to veterans suffering from PTSD.
- Hosted an informational zoom with PVA’s senior national service officer Pete DeMarkis. Mr. DeMarkis gave a presentation on MS and service connection and led a Q&A session for NEPVA members.
- Established the *NEPVA Veterans with MS Committee*, a small committee composed of NEPVA members with MS to help advise the Chapter on what opportunities and information would be most beneficial to our members based on their individual experiences and challenges living with MS.
- Prioritized effective communication with members by creating two flyers (see attached), sending out a direct mailing, writing newsletter articles, and Facebook posts on program activities.



Chuck and Eileen Houle have volunteered many hours to the MS program this year.

We have received a lot of enthusiasm and positive feedback from our members for this program and we look forward to continuing to serve our members’ needs in this space.

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, INC.  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 48,365	\$ 228,293
Investments	933,650	884,854
Other current assets	2,408	11,563
Total current assets	984,423	1,124,710
Property and equipment		
Furniture and equipment	22,324	18,088
Less: accumulated depreciation	(19,242)	(18,088)
Net property and equipment	3,082	-
Total assets	987,505	1,124,710
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	1,643	18,184
Deferred Revenue	12,555	12,799
Accrued liabilities	17,135	12,749
Payroll taxes payable	10,434	1,905
Total current liabilities	41,767	45,637
<b>Net assets</b>		
Net assets without donor restrictions	945,738	1,079,073
Net assets with donor restrictions	-	-
Total net assets	945,738	1,079,073
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 987,505	\$ 1,124,710

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, INC.  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023			2022
	Net assets without donor restrictions	Net assets with donor restrictions	Total	Total
<b>Revenue and other support</b>				
Contributions	\$ 34,109	\$ -	\$ 34,109	\$ 113,816
Advertising	1,000	-	1,000	1,200
PVA chapter grant	159,434	-	159,434	145,010
Fundraising	16,684	-	16,684	-
Investment income:				
Interest and dividends	299	-	299	429
Unrealized / realized gains (losses)	107,168	-	107,168	(104,430)
Less: Investment expense	(3,530)	-	(3,530)	(3,901)
Sporting activities	26,679	-	26,679	9,155
Miscellaneous income	1,718	-	1,718	1,923
PPP loan forgiveness	-	-	-	27,706
Total public support	343,561	-	343,561	190,908
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Program services</b>				
Advocacy, liaison, and service	123,279	-	123,279	71,331
Membership	38,128	-	38,128	40,874
Communication	54,602	-	54,602	33,931
Sports and recreation	123,809	-	123,809	56,572
Total program services	339,818	-	339,818	202,708
<b>Supporting services</b>				
Management and general	103,466	-	103,466	65,576
Fundraising	33,612	-	33,612	21,239
Total supporting services	137,078	-	137,078	86,815
Total expenses	476,896	-	476,896	289,523
Change in net assets	(133,335)	-	(133,335)	(98,615)
Net assets, beginning of period	1,079,073	-	1,079,073	1,177,688
Net assets, end of period	\$ 945,738	\$ -	\$ 945,738	\$ 1,079,073



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New England Chapter

**OUR MEMBERS ENJOYED A VARIETY OF  
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN 2023**

