

Our Members Soared at the NEHSA Winter Sports Clinic

By Mike Guilbault

On January 12 to 16th the VA Adaptive Sports Program held the Annual Winter Sports Clinic for Disabled Veterans at Mount Sunapee, NH. Everyone arrived on Monday, registered and were fitted for the equipment needed on the slopes. It was great to see old friends and volunteers who return year after year. We then loaded up on the bus and headed to the ice rink for a little fun playing sled hockey.

After returning from sled hockey, everyone got cleaned up and attended the Opening Ceremonies Banquet. It's always great to dine with old friends and meet some new participants and volunteers. The participants were broken up into different teams and introduced to their team leaders and given their skiing schedule for the week. Once we all had our slope time scheduled we were able to schedule our alter-

nate activities when not on the slopes.

The big fun started on Tuesday when everybody had their chance to get out and ski or do their choice of alternate activities. Some of the VA VIPs joined us and ob-

erved what the volunteers do, the different types of equipment used for each disability, and how they load us into the equipment to get us prepared to ski. Besides the skiing, the highlight was a pair of eagles who flew over and circled around for 15 minutes or so, observing us as we loaded and started heading to the chair lift. It was like mother nature treated The Winter Sports Clinic to a flyover.

In addition to our time on the slopes, we had great alternate indoor activities, including cardio drumming, pickleball, stretching/yoga and rock climbing at the Notch. Evening activities included creative arts and various games which were also played. I'd like to thank the NEPVA for their continued financial support of our members enabling us to attend the clinic and their generous support of the the overall program throughout the years.

After skiing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning I decided to try rock climbing Thursday afternoon. They have a great setup for adaptive climbers along with various climbing walls with different degrees of difficulty for the walking participants at The Notch. Everyone that tried the rock climbing got a great workout I'm sure, I know I did.

Thursday evening we all gathered for a good meal and the Closing Ceremonies with Chief Matt Edwards as the emcee. I understand Matt

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The New England Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America (New England PVA) is a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1947 that has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members – veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.



The New England PVA uses that expertise to be the leading advocate for:

- **Quality health care for our members**
- **Research and education addressing spinal cord injury and dysfunction**
- **Benefits available because of our members’ military service**
- **Civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of our members**

To enable paralyzed veterans to continue to honor this commitment, we recruit and retain members who have the experience, energy, dedication, and passion necessary to manage the organization and ensure adequate resources to sustain the programs essential for the Chapter to achieve its mission.

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Executive Director’s Report

By Mark Murphy

Executive Director NEPVA

Dear Friends,

Last month, I had the privilege of attending the Winter Sports Clinic, hosted by the New England Healing Sports Association (NEHSA) in partnership with the Boston VA Healthcare System. It was an incredible week that truly demonstrated the power of adaptive sports, community, and the resilience of our veterans. Brad Carlson and I were honored to present a check at the closing awards dinner to the VA in support of the outstanding work and resources invested into this clinic. The program continues to grow because of the deep commitment of the VA staff, NEHSA team, and countless volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making it such a meaningful experience. Most importantly, our Chapter members - along with veterans from across the region - had a fantastic clinic. The smiles, determination, and sense of accomplishment were evident throughout the week. Adaptive sports are about more than recreation; they are about independence, confidence, and connection. A special thank you to Chapter Vice-President Mike Moran, who was on site the entire week supporting our members. His steady presence and encouragement reflect the very best of our Chapter’s leadership and commitment.

As we celebrate the success of the Winter Sports Clinic, we are also turning our attention to a busy and exciting stretch ahead. Planning is already underway for several signature events that define our Chapter’s mission and impact:

- **PVA Annual Convention in Las Vegas (May)**
- **Advocacy and Legislation Seminar in Washington, DC (June)**
- **National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Detroit (July)**
- **Our Annual Golf Tournament and Chapter Clambake (August)**

Each of these events requires months of preparation, coordination, and dedication from our staff, Board members, and volunteers. The work begins now to ensure that our

members have meaningful opportunities to connect, compete, advocate, and celebrate together. These events represent the very best of who we are as a Chapter. They reflect our commitment to serving paralyzed veterans and ensuring that every member is consistently supported in living a strong, engaged, and high-quality life.



Meanwhile, our well-received Chapter initiative, Project 72,000 Square Miles, continues to build momentum. With many more visits, outreach efforts, and events planned in the coming months, we remain committed to meeting members where they are - across all 6 New England states - and strengthening the relationships that make our Chapter strong.

This past month also brought a more solemn moment for our Chapter family. I had the honor of attending the funeral service for longtime member Richard “Dickie” Spizzirri in Rhode Island to offer my respects on behalf of the Chapter. Dickie was a valued member of our community, and it was meaningful to stand with his family during that time of remembrance. Several members of our Chapter community were also in attendance, reflecting the deep bonds of fellowship that define who we are. We extend our continued prayers and heartfelt condolences to Dick’s loved ones, and we honor his life and service with gratitude. See the separate article in this edition from Brad Carlson and I on the great gift of Dickie’s life and legacy. As always, thank you for your continued support, engagement, and trust. We look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events and sharing more exciting updates soon.

Sincerely,

Mark Murphy
 Executive Director

In Loving Memory of Richard “Dickie” Spizzirri A Tribute from the New England Chapter

By: Brad Carlson & Mark Murphy

It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt remembrance that we honor the life of our friend and fellow Chapter member, Richard “Dickie” Spizzirri.

Dickie lived a life defined by service - to his country, to his family, and to his fellow veterans. His passing leaves a space in our Chapter that will be felt by many, but his legacy of strength and generosity will continue to inspire us.

In recent years, Dickie made his home at the Brockton VA Building 8 Long-Term Care Facility, where he was a valued and respected member of that community. He impacted and was impacted by the veterans around him, as well as the VA staff and volunteers who had the privilege of knowing him. The bonds formed there reflected what we see so often in our Chapter - veterans supporting veterans, sharing stories, laughter, and understanding that only comes from shared experience.

Dickie was an active and generous member of our Chapter. He attended many Chapter events over the years and previously served for many years as our Chapter Treasurer, offering his time, care, and leadership to strengthen our organization. His commitment to the Chapter reflected his belief in the importance of community and connection among paralyzed veterans. Many of us also remember Dickie’s competitive spirit at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. He competed strongly and proudly, embodying the resilience and determination that define so many of our members. The Games were not just about sport for Dickie - they were about fellowship, perseverance, and proving that disability does not define one’s limits.

VA and Chapter volunteer Holly Warshaw shared the following with us: “Dickie had this incredible way of making everyone around him feel seen and valued. Whether he was encouraging fellow veterans at an event, sharing a laugh with staff, or talking about his service and stories from his life, he brought warmth and genuine friendship to every

room. He wasn’t just a participant - he was family. We will all miss his strength, his spirit, and his generous heart.”

Beyond his service and leadership, Dickie was known locally as a “friend of Elvis,” having served overseas at the same time as the legendary performer. It was a story he carried with pride and one that added to the colorful and fascinating life he lived. His experiences - both in uniform and beyond - made him a man of depth, character, and enduring patriotism.

We are grateful to have been part of Dickie’s journey, just as he was part of ours. His life reminds us why the New England Chapter exists: to support one another, to build community, and to honor the service and sacrifice of paralyzed veterans. We extend our deepest condolences to Dickie’s family and loved ones. His memory will remain part of our Chapter story, and we will carry forward the spirit of generosity and resilience that he exemplified.



Dickie with Elvis in 1958.



From the President’s Desk

by Brad Carlson
NEPVA President

Dear Friends,

Now that winter is in full swing, I’ve already turned my attention toward spring and summer activities - and it’s shaping up to be a very busy and exciting season for our Chapter.

In February, I had the honor of attending the funeral of our former Treasurer and valued member, Richard “Dickie” Spizzarri. It was a meaningful service with a strong showing of PVA staff and friends in attendance. A color guard was present to salute his life and service, which was a powerful tribute. Dickie gave much to our Chapter over the years, and he will be deeply missed. Please see the attached article in this issue for more details as we remember and honor him.

Now, let’s talk about one of the highlights of our year - the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. The Games are the premier sporting event for our Chapter and truly one of the best experiences of the year. For those who have never attended, this is an incredible opportunity. There are more than 20 sports to choose from, along with outstanding competition, and fun. It’s not just about athletics - it’s about connection, challenge, and representing our Chapter with pride.

This year’s Games will be held in Detroit, Michigan from July 9-14, with travel days on July 8 (arrival) and July 15 (departure). This is a Chapter-sponsored event, and we are proud to support our athletes.

Here’s what the Chapter will cover:

- **Hotel and lodging**
- **Transportation of equipment to and from the Games via a Chapter-rented truck**
- **Airfare reimbursement up to \$350 per ticket (with receipt)**

Registration is now open on the PVA website. I strongly encourage everyone interested to register early, as there is a cap on the number of athletes who can attend. We will

continue to share updates as we get closer to the Games. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

In addition to the Summer Games, the Golden Age Games will be taking place in Tampa in late June. These Games are open to Veterans age 55 and older and offer a similar spirit of competition and camaraderie. Registration opens February 18th. While the Chapter does not sponsor this event in the same way we do the Summer Games, we are happy to provide guidance and information to anyone interested in participating. I will be attending this year along with my wife Kathy and Executive Director Mark Murphy.

We are also working on several additional events for the months ahead. As details are finalized, you’ll find them here in the newsletter and on our website.

That’s a lot for this month - but there’s plenty more to come next month. In the meantime, stay active, stay connected, and most importantly, get out there and have some fun.

Sincerely,

Brad Carlson
Chapter President & National Director



NEPVA Board Member Dustin Soroka receives the best instructor award at the Winter Sports Clinic. Congrats Dustin!!!

Just like the Eagles—at the Winter Sports Clinic



Winter Sports

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finally got his chance to ride in a sit-ski Thursday afternoon which he enjoyed and now knows the thrill us wheelers get. The award winners were announced and the Teams returned their Guide Ons to be used again next year.

Many thanks to the NEHSA staff and all the volunteers that make this week possible for us to enjoy some great winter recreation. If you have never attended it is worth spending the week and learning about all the opportunities available to stay active and healthy through our New England winters. Over the years we have had quite a variety of different activities. The first clinic was held January 1998, since then many different alternate activities have been added besides the skiing.

Many thanks to the photographers

- Kelly Costa
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This years Award Winners:

Tony Santilli Founders Award: Dr. Orlando

Frank Weldon Award: Betsy Luscinski

Unsung Hero Award: Ray Luscinski

Veterans Choice Award: Ellen Mitchell

Blood Sweat and Tears Award: Ryan Sandlin

Most Dangerous Award: Thomas Ferland

Human Snowplow Award: Ed Dusick

Rookie of the Year Award: Ernest

Ken Medeiros Phoenix Award: Carlos Lopes

Dan Cantlin Best Instructor Award: Dustin Soroka

Jim Koss Award: Everett

Top Gun Award: Brian

Most Improved Award: Claudia





EVENT SCHEDULE

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February 2026		
PVA Bocchia Tournament Series: Bayou Gulf States	February 7-8, 2026	Gulfport, MS
PVA Airgun Tournament Series: Central Florida	February 14-15, 2026	Orlando, FL
PVA Bowling Tournament Series: Florida Gulf Coast	February 25-27, 2026	Tampa, FL
PVA Outdoor Experience: Maine Winter Sports	February 25- March 1, 2026	Carrabassett Valley, ME
March 2026		
PVA Bowling Tournament Series: Tri-State Tournament	March 13-15, 2026	Beaverton, OR
PVA Billiards Tournament Series: Mid-Atlantic	March 14-15, 2026	Midlothian, VA
PVA Bass Tournament Series: Southeastern Challenge	March 27-29, 2026	Appling, GA
April 2026		
PVA Bass Tournament Series: Bluegrass Bass Bash	April 10-12, 2026	Kuttawa, KY
PVA Off-Road Paracycling Camp: Pocahontas State Park	April 16-18, 2026	Chesterfield, VA
PVA Bass Tournament Series: Citrus Slam	April 17-19, 2026	Kissimmee, FL
PVA Bowling Tournament Series: Texas	April 22-24, 2026	San Antonio, TX
PVA Billiards Tournament Series: Mid-America	April 23-25, 2026	Oklahoma City, OK
PVA Wheelchair Pickleball Invitational	April 25-26, 2026	Franklin, WI
May 2026		
PVA Bass Tournament Series: Land of Lincoln	May 1-3, 2026	Sesser, IL
PVA Bocchia Tournament Series: Puerto Rico (Year-End)	May 2-3, 2026	San Juan, PR
Intro to Paracycling Series: Salt Lake City	May 4-5, 2026	Salt Lake City, UT
Intro to Paracycling Series: Milwaukee	May 20-21, 2026	Milwaukee, WI
PVA Trapshooting Tournament Series: Vaughan	May 22-24, 2026	Whittington, IL
PVA Bass Tournament Series: Buckeye Bash	May 29-31, 2026	Cortland, OH
PVA Airgun Tournament Series: Texas	May 30-31, 2026	San Antonio, TX
June 2026		
PVA Bass Tournament Series: Capital Clash	June 5-7, 2026	Marbury, MD
PVA Wheelchair Basketball Camp	June 8-14, 2026	Arlington, TX
PVA Trapshooting Tournament Series: Wisconsin	June 12-14, 2026	Green Bay, WI
PVA Outdoor Experience: Teton	June 22-26, 2026	Jackson Hole, WY

Enjoy the Winter with Northeast Passage

NorthEast Passage strives to create an open and welcoming environment for Veterans in all of our programs. Veterans and Active Duty Service Members from all eras and of all ability levels are encouraged to participate in this program. Most options are provided at no cost to Veterans & Members of the Armed Forces through funding from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, a partnership with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Operation Hat Trick and local organizations.

Join Northeast Passage for any of our regularly scheduled Adaptive Sports & Recreation events or check out one of our competitive teams in sled hockey, wheelchair rugby, wheelchair lacrosse or power soccer.

NorthEast Passage has a consistent offering of Veteran specific recreation events throughout the year. Join us, and other local Veterans, for group outings that shift with the seasons.

This is a sampling of the programs they offer:

- Cycling**
- Saltwater and freshwater fishing**
- Fly Fishing/Tying**
- Indoor rock climbing**
- Wood carving and art**
- Water skiing**
- Kayaking & Paddleboarding**
- Archery**
- Bowling**
- Air Riflery**

NEP frequently collaborates with organizations in New England including: Manchester VAMC, White River Junction VA, Boston VA, Burlington Vet Center, Rutland CBOC, Patriot Resilient Leader Institute, Pineland Farms, Semper Fi Fund, Lakeside Lanes, Coyote Creek Archery, New Hampshire Fish & Game, and more.

Join PVA Online Fitness Classes

PVA Members: Become Warrior Strong!

PVA is proud to launch PVA Online Fitness + Wellness, a free program powered by Warrior Strong and designed exclusively for Veterans facing mobility challenges. This dynamic new program, which is inclusive of all levels and abilities, offers expert-led fitness and wellness classes that are accessible from the comfort of your home. Whether you're looking to build strength, improve flexibility, reduce stress, or simply increase your activity level, this program has something for you.

Beyond physical fitness, our classes support whole-body wellness through mindfulness practices, including meditation and breathwork. Benefits include improved cardiovascular health, cognitive improvements (including better reflexes, memory, and hand-eye coordination), increased strength and endurance, improved stress management, and mental health relief.



Check out our class schedule using the QR and join us on your fitness journey.

Service Officers Report

Greetings to chapter members. Although in the depths of winter (a very frosty winter!), the promise of spring is almost around the corner (we all hope). This month's article discusses proposed VA disability rating schedule changes to the areas of sleep apnea and tinnitus. These changes were originally proposed in February of 2022. **Please note that at this time these proposed changes have not been finalized.** Finalization of these changes is likely to occur mid to late 2026. Changes are also proposed to mental health condition evaluations; as those changes are more complicated, they will be addressed separately in a future article.

Previously, use of a CPAP for sleep apnea normally just resulted in a 50% rating for use of the CPAP-regardless of treatment outcome; the proposed rating changes are based on the effectiveness of treatment, and the remaining residuals of sleep apnea condition after treatment. The table below reflects how the proposed ratings for the sleep apnea condition would be determined.

100 percent

Treatment ineffective (as determined by sleep study) or unable to use treatment due to comorbid conditions; and with end-organ damage

50 percent

Treatment ineffective (as determined by sleep study) or unable to use treatment due to comorbid conditions; and without end-organ damage

10 percent

Incomplete relief (as determined by sleep study) with treatment

0 percent

Asymptomatic with or without treatment

Note that under the above criteria, veterans may likely receive ratings of 10 percent or higher for sleep apnea "only when treatment is either ineffective or the veteran is unable to use the prescribed treatment due to comorbid conditions."

by Michael Snape
Senior National Service Officer



With respect to tinnitus, the proposed changes will reflect tinnitus as a symptom considered alongside the underlying hearing loss condition. Under these rules, tinnitus will likely not warrant separate compensation if the veteran's hearing loss is already rated at 10% or higher. This means that the individual 10% rating for tinnitus would no longer be assigned.

For both of the above conditions, existing ratings for those issues are likely to be grandfathered in.

Important information for chapter members to consider /be aware of:

Once the changes to the above issues are finalized, any claim for increase would be considered under the new criteria (new rules). If chapter members are planning on filing for these issues, they would likely want to apply under the current, more favorable conditions. As always, when applying for any increase or service connection should be done in consultation with your local PVA service officer.

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SVAC Reviews VA's Plans to Restructure the Veterans Health Administration

On January 28, the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (SVAC) held a full committee hearing titled, "Building a 21st Century VA Health Care System: Assessing Efforts to Restructure the Veterans Health Administration [VHA]," to evaluate VA's plan to drastically change how the Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) are aligned and staffed. VA Secretary Doug Collins was joined by Under Secretary for Health John Bartrum; Assistant Secretary for HR & Administration Mark Engelbaum; and Acting Chief Operating Officer, VHA, Gregory Goins to answer the Senators' questions.

Referred to as the Restructure for Impact and Sustainability Effort (RISE) this reorganization is aimed at realigning resources and staffing to better differentiate between administrative oversight and operational support of medical centers. The number of VISNs is being reduced from 18 to 5, while staff and resources will be increased in areas experiencing veteran population growth. Areas with declining demand will be consolidated and staffing will be right sized through attrition. Secretary Collins emphasized that this is a modernizing effort to meet veterans' health care needs and provide higher quality care with increased access.

Currently, the effect of restructuring the VHA on the SCI/D system of care remains unclear. In a statement released after the Secretary's announcement in December, PVA CEO Carl Blake noted PVA's concern for administrative bloat that has hindered health care decision-making and made it difficult for VHA to hire the staff needed to deliver health care services more effectively. He offered our support for steps that will eliminate, or at least significantly reduce, unnecessary barriers. We will continue to closely monitor this effort.

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Survey for Project Focused on Improving the Airport Journey of Wheelchair Users

InterVISTAS is currently collaborating with Indiana University – Bloomington (IUB) to collect information on the air travel experiences of people with disabilities. Funded by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, this project strives to identify ways to enhance the air travel experiences of individuals using wheelchairs. PVA is a member of the panel overseeing this project.

How to Participate:

1. Register: Please first complete the screening survey. This will only take 5 minutes.
2. Survey: Once registered, eligible participants (those aged 18 or older, living with a disability that requires the use of a wheelchair, and currently residing in the U.S.) will receive a link to the full online survey.

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Have Questions? Please contact the research team at:

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The survey will close once researchers have reached the target number of completed responses.



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PVA Testifies on Pending Legislation at House Hearing

On January 21, PVA testified at a House Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity hearing to examine 10 veterans-related pieces of legislation. Most of the bills addressed transition, housing, or homeless veterans programs. PVA Associate Legislative Director Julie Howell testified at the hearing.

In her oral statement, Ms. Howell focused on three bills that would have the greatest impact on our members. The first was H.R. 7083, the Cruise Act, which aims to improve the process for reimbursement payments for VA's Automobile Adaptive Equipment program. This legislation would centralize payments to ensure that dealerships that complete the necessary vehicle adaptations are paid in a timely manner. Industry professionals testifying at the hearing told lawmakers that currently there are more than \$10 million in outstanding reimbursements owed from the VA to businesses.

The second bill Ms. Howell addressed was H.R. 982, the Warriors to Workforce Act, which would increase the amount of housing payments made to veterans using their Post-9/11 GI Bill for apprenticeship programs. The Military Housing Allowance (MHA) offered to student veterans pursuing an apprenticeship is tiered: the first six months receives 100 percent of the MHA rate, the second six-months is paid at 80 percent, the third-six months is paid at 60 percent, and the last six months is paid at 40 percent. The Warriors to Workforce Act would authorize the second six-month window to be paid at 90 percent instead of 80 percent. PVA and others pointed out that this would create a financial hardship during the third six-month window where a veteran would go from receiving 90 percent of the MHA rate to 60 percent. Ms. Howell suggested amending the language of the bill to authorize the full MHA rate for any veteran deciding to use apprenticeship programs and other on the job training opportunities for the full two years of a program.

The third bill Ms. Howell discussed was H.R. 2878, the Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Labert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act. This legislation would authorize the VA to share more information around mental health services and suicide prevention programs through the VA Solid Start program. The VA is required to conduct outreach to newly transitioned veterans to improve their access to VA health care and benefits. PVA supports providing additional information around suicide prevention to new veterans.

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**VA Officials Warn of
New Scam Targeting Veterans**

VA recently sounded the alarm about a new scam targeting veterans, surviving spouses, and family members who receive VA benefits. The scammers pretend to be VA representatives collecting an overpayment of VA benefits. They are using official looking letters, emails, and texts that often include fake VA logos and letterhead, making it extremely difficult to distinguish from genuine VA communications. If you receive a letter or any communication about a VA benefits overpayment, log into your official VA.gov account immediately to verify if you truly owe money.

If you find you do owe money, VA's Debt Management Center offers many repayment options. Also, be aware that VA will not call you about potential overpayments unless you initiated the inquiry first. You can learn more about the scam and ways to protect yourself [here](#).



PVA Policy Priorities

As we embark on the second session of the 119th Congress, PVA's priorities for 2026 are once again focused on ensuring access to the care and benefits PVA members have earned and the civil rights protections they deserve.

PVA priorities for 2026:

- Strengthen the Foundations of VA's Specialized Health Care Services
- Maximize VA Long-Term Services and Supports for Veterans with SCI/D
- Fortify the Financial Security of Veterans with SCI/D, their Families, and Survivors
- Increase SCI/D Veterans' Access to Health Care Services
- Ensure Equal Opportunity and Full Participation for Catastrophically Disabled Veterans

PVA EFFORTS TO FIX BOWEL AND BLADDER PROGRAM LEAD TO NEW LEGISLATION

On January 15, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Jerry Moran (R-KS) introduced S. 3647, the Disabled Veterans Dignity Act. This legislation would make VA's Bowel and Bladder program a statutory requirement and standardize all processes, training, and procedures associated with it. The bill clarifies that participation in the program is a clinical decision as well as reimbursement rates and frequency. Before denying bowel and bladder care for any covered veteran under the program, VA must obtain the review of and concurrence of that denial from one of the department's 25 SCI/D centers.

VA's Bowel and Bladder program is administered by VA's SCI/D National Program office. Veterans with SCI/D who qualify for bowel and bladder care may receive that care

through a home health agency, a family member, or an individually employed caregiver. The department's current program is fraught with challenges for caregivers and is unevenly applied across the VA system. Timely reimbursement and the tax treatment of payments are the chief complaints of PVA members who must rely on bowel and bladder care to meet their needs.

PVA believes that codifying the program would allow Congress to resolve most of the existing concerns experienced by family members who perform bowel and bladder care under the program. Since PVA members are the principal users of the program, we urge Congress to pass this legislation as quickly as possible.

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