



Paralyzed Veterans
of America

Wisconsin Chapter

Roll With Us

OUR LOST HERO

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Gus Sorenson's passing on August 5, 2019.

Gus was a true America Hero! While serving in the U.S. Army in South Vietnam, his troop was called into action to assist another unit engaged in combat. Gus assisted his brothers in combat and was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his bravery and valor during this skirmish.

Gus was a tireless advocate for the rights of the people with disabilities. He held several positions within the PVA WI Chapter throughout the last 35 years, devoting his life to improve the lives of disabled veterans.

Gus enjoyed the National Veterans Wheelchair Games throughout the years, winning many gold medals, while encouraging others to do the same. Although a Cubs fan, he organized a Brewer tailgate/game for many years for the chapter.

Gus will always be remembered for his kindness, positive attitude, and the gift of being able to talk to anyone. He will be forever in our hearts, and those who he touched during his life.

Gus's legacy will live on through the "Gus Sorenson Adaptive Sports Endowment Fund" to assist NVWG athletes.



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PHEASANT HUNT



Smith's Pheasant Crest Hunt Club, Oxford, WI

<http://www.smiths-pheasant-crest.com/>

The disabled hunt is a one day event held at Smith's Pheasant Crest and is held throughout the whole farm. They supply Guns (if need), shells and birds. Everyone gets 4 birds per hunter and they also supply a delicious lunch. This will be on Saturday, 2 November. 608-566-9585.

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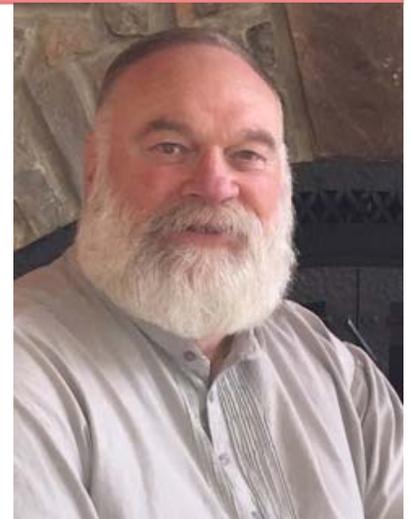
An advertisement for 'Wheels Helping Warriors'. It features a photograph of a person in a wheelchair next to a silver car. The text 'GIFT YOUR OLD WHEELS FOR GOOD.' is overlaid on the image. To the right is the logo for Paralyzed Veterans of America, which includes a silhouette of a person in a wheelchair and the text 'Paralyzed Veterans of America' and 'WHEELS HELPING WARRIORS'. Below the logo are four small icons representing different types of vehicles: a wheelchair, a motorcycle, a car, and a truck.

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PRESIDENTS NOTE

Welcome to my favorite time of the year fall! There is just something about this time of the year that lifts my heart, maybe that's why I always enjoyed the up coming holidays so much. I hope that this fall season has the same effect on you all as well. Please read through our newsletter and mark you calendars with events you may like to be apart of or come and celebrate with us.

Speaking of joining us at an event, I want to take this time and get you all fired up and motivated and thinking about joining me at the 34th National Veterans Golden Age games. (NVGAG) every committee meeting I'm at or veterans group I'm visiting with is talking about the golden games. I have never attended one but with all the excitement going on around me I think this will be my year to go. Plus it's just down the road from me.



This year they will be held at the Alliant Center here in Madison, Wisconsin, from June 22-27th 2020. I know this is the first week of summer, but for something like this you need time to practice and prepare yourself to compete in one or more of the 18 medaled events offered. Check out your Rec therapist calendar near you for practice times. Maybe you would like to try your hand at, air rifle, air pistol, badminton, basketball, blind disc golf, bocce, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, powerwalk, shuffleboard, swimming, pickleball, table tennis, and track and field.

The NVGAG have been around for a while now with the first games held in 1985 at Albany, Georgia, with less than 120 participants more recently 2018 they were held in Albuquerque NM, with over 1000 participants from all around the country. The NVGAG are open to all US Military ages 55 and older who are eligible for VA health care. The games place an importance on wellness and fitness for our aging veteran population. Their Motto is "Fitness for life".

As you might expect over the years as our veterans have faced changes in their health and mobility so has the games. Example if a veteran now has eye issues the games offer visually I impaired events, same with mobility issues adaptive equipment now make it possible for these veterans to enjoy a little competitive therapy as well.

I'm excited to be promoting this event to you as this falls straight in line with our mission statement, supporting our veterans promoting good health, supporting our community. Many of these events we have been offering our veterans for many years. It's always been so rewarding seeing our Veteran Men and Women getting out and having fun, I encourage you to plan now to help get your veteran ready for this event a great time that you will never forget. Find out more for yourself at, www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov. I will close for now thanking all of you for your service to our great country and for the sacrifice's you have made to keep us safe. And, let me be the first to wish you a Happy Holiday Season. - Dale Nelson

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES 2019



NVWG ATHLETES COMMENTS

This year the National Veterans Wheelchair Games were held in Louisville, Kentucky. It was the 39th addition of the Games with around 640 wheelchair athletes taking part, 150 of them were first-time participants.

Louisville rolled out the red carpet for all the veterans and put a number of the events outside the convention center to provide more exposure to the community. Again this year athletes were issued a debit card to cover food during the week encouraging participants to use local establishments for their meals. That is an enjoyable addition to the Games.

The week was great fun, seeing long-time friends, catching up on news from other chapters, watching chapter members compete in their various events, and seeing novices working their way through the week doing their various competitions and observing all the activities that go on during the Games.

Many thanks to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, WI Chapter, for their financial and moral support. Attending would be very difficult without your assistance and the assistance of the VA.
Ken Matthews

I would like to thank PVA for this spectacular opportunity! This being my first games I was able to add a new dimension in my therapy/exercising/conditioning that you have to do with a condition such as SCI. I now have an additional driving force to do even better next year.

Thanks again for all you do!

Gary Stott

This year the wheelchair games were held in Louisville Kentucky. I had the pleasure joining the Wisconsin PVA. This was my first time in Kentucky and right away it felt at home, but I think that's because I was around all my fellow veterans. Reuniting with almost all the veterans from last year and some new veterans this year was amazing it lifted my spirits a little bit more every day. It seemed like 5 days wasn't enough. We talked we laughed we competed against each other. I always look forward to attending this event. By the end of the week my body was sore, but I enjoyed the games. I left Louisville Kentucky with 6 Gold Medals: Slalom, Power-lifting, Track in Field Events Discus, Shot Put, Javelin and 100m race.

LeToi Adams



2019 NVWG TEAM PHOTO

● PLAN TO ATTEND THE NVWG IN 2020

● **SAVE THE DATE**

● JULY 3-8, 2020

PORTLAND, OREGON



NATIONAL VETERANS
**WHEELCHAIR
GAMES**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 NVWG MEDALISTS

Name	Event	Medal
Adams	Basketball	Gold
	Field - Discus	Gold
	Field - Javelin	Gold
	Field - Shot Put	Gold
	Track: 100m	Gold
	Powerlifting	Gold
	Slalom (IA, IB, IC)	Gold
Name	Event	Medal
Currier	Nine Ball (IA, IB, IC)	Silver
Name	Event	Medal
Hull	Quad Rugby	Bronze
	Field - Discus	Gold
	Field - Javelin	Bronze
	Field - Shot Put	Silver
	Power Lifting (I/VI/III)	Bronze
	Slalom (IA, IB, IC)	Silver
Name	Event	Medal
Matthews	Table Tennis (IA, IB, IC)	Gold
	Bowling-StickPusher	Silver
	Slalom (IA,IB, IC)	Gold
Name	Event	Medal
Mittelstaedt	Power Soccer	Bronze
Name	Event	Medal
Riek	Archery	Silver
Name	Event	Medal
Riley	Air Rifles	Silver
	Motorized Slalom	Gold
	Bowling - Handball (II)	Gold
	Motor Rally	Gold
Name	Event	Medal
Rosenberg	Field - Club (IA)	Gold
	Field-Discus	Gold
	Trap Shooting	Gold
	Table Tennis (IA, IB, IC)	Silver
	Bowling - Manual (IA, IB,IC)	Gold
Name	Event	Medal
Stott	Weightlifting Quad	Silver
	Cycling IOK	Gold
Name	Event	Medal
Symons	Quad Rugby	Silver
	Table Tennis (IA, IB, IC)	Gold
	Field - Discus	Bronze
Name	Event	Medal
Thomas	Basketball	Bronze
Name	Event	Medal
Trentin	Basketball	Gold
	Field - Discus	Gold
	Field - Shot Put	Bronze
	Trap Shooting	Gold
Name	Event	Medal
Wicklund	Cycling OK	Gold



Derrick Trentin and Le Toi Adams were the two lucky members that received the Green Bay Packer tickets for August 8th. Joan B., one of our donors, donated 4 tickets to our veterans and their guests.

A great time was had by all! The chapter thanks Joan for this very generous donation! Everyone knows Packer tickets are a special treat !!!



DONATED RV GIVE AWAY

The last issue of the newsletter we posted an RV donation made by one of our members. On August 14th the winning name was pulled by the owner, Larry Boushon, at the PVA WI Board of Directors meeting. A name was drawn however that member has changed his mind and donated it back to the chapter. Another name was drawn and Scott Griffith is now the new owner. Congratulations Scott. When he is finished using the motorhome, it will be put up again for raffle to the membership.

The chapter is very thankful to Larry & Sharon for this very generous gift that they hope will continue to keep on giving. They enjoyed many wonderful vacations with this RV.





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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

Student Loan Debt Relief

President Donald Trump signed a memorandum on Wednesday, August 21st, to cancel the student loan debt of disabled veterans. “Today I’m proud to announce that I am taking executive action to ensure that our wounded warriors are not saddled with mountains of student debt,” Trump said in a speech at the AMVETS National convention in Kentucky.

Please contact Mr. Griffith at the chapter office if you think you might qualify for this debt relief.

Update on Special Adaptive Housing Grants (SAH)

Last month, we reported on the introduction of a pair of bills to improve VA’s Specially Adaptive Housing (SAH) Grant program. H.R. 3504, the Ryan Kules Specially Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2019, and S.2022, the Paul Benne Specially Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2019, started out with identical core provisions: raising the top grant amount from \$85,645 to nearly \$99,000; increasing the number of chances to utilize the grant from three to six; expediting claims for seriously ill veterans like those diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), and adding a supplementary SAH grant. After a pair of hearings, House lawmakers amended H.R. 3504 to allow blinded veterans who have not lost use of a leg to be eligible for the Specially Adapted Housing grant and address a few education-related issues. On July 23, the full house approved the measure and it currently awaits action by the Senate.

Haven Act

Senator Baldwin introduced the HAVEN Act this year with Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), and their reform will protect the economic security and well-being of veterans and their families who rely on disability benefits and may be experiencing financial hardship.

“Forcing our veterans and their families to dip into their disability-related benefits to pay off bankruptcy creditors dishonors their service and sacrifice. These benefits are earned and the HAVEN Act will protect the economic security of our veterans, especially during challenging times,) said Senator Baldwin. “ I am proud to have worked across party lines to get this reform done and deliver results for our veterans and their families.”

Under current bankruptcy law, disability benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

and Department of Defense (DoD) are included in the calculation of a debtor's disposable income, increasing the portion of the debtor's income that is subject to the reach of creditors. By contract, bankruptcy law explicitly exempts Social Security disability benefits from this calculation.

To remove this unequal treatment among various disability benefits, Senator Baldwin's bipartisan HAVEN Act will now exclude VA and DoD disability payments made to veterans or their dependent survivors from the monthly income calculation used for bankruptcy means tests.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

Caregiving is a tough job. This November, we remember the people who lovingly give baths, assist with medical needs, clean houses, shop for, and comfort our veterans. You are appreciated!



National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7th



WINTER SPORTS CLINIC 2020 TRY IT!!! YOU MAY LIKE IT!!



March 29-April 3, 2020
Sign up deadline is
November 30, 2019
<https://www.wintersportsclinic.org/participate>



NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

June 22-27, 2020
Madison, WI

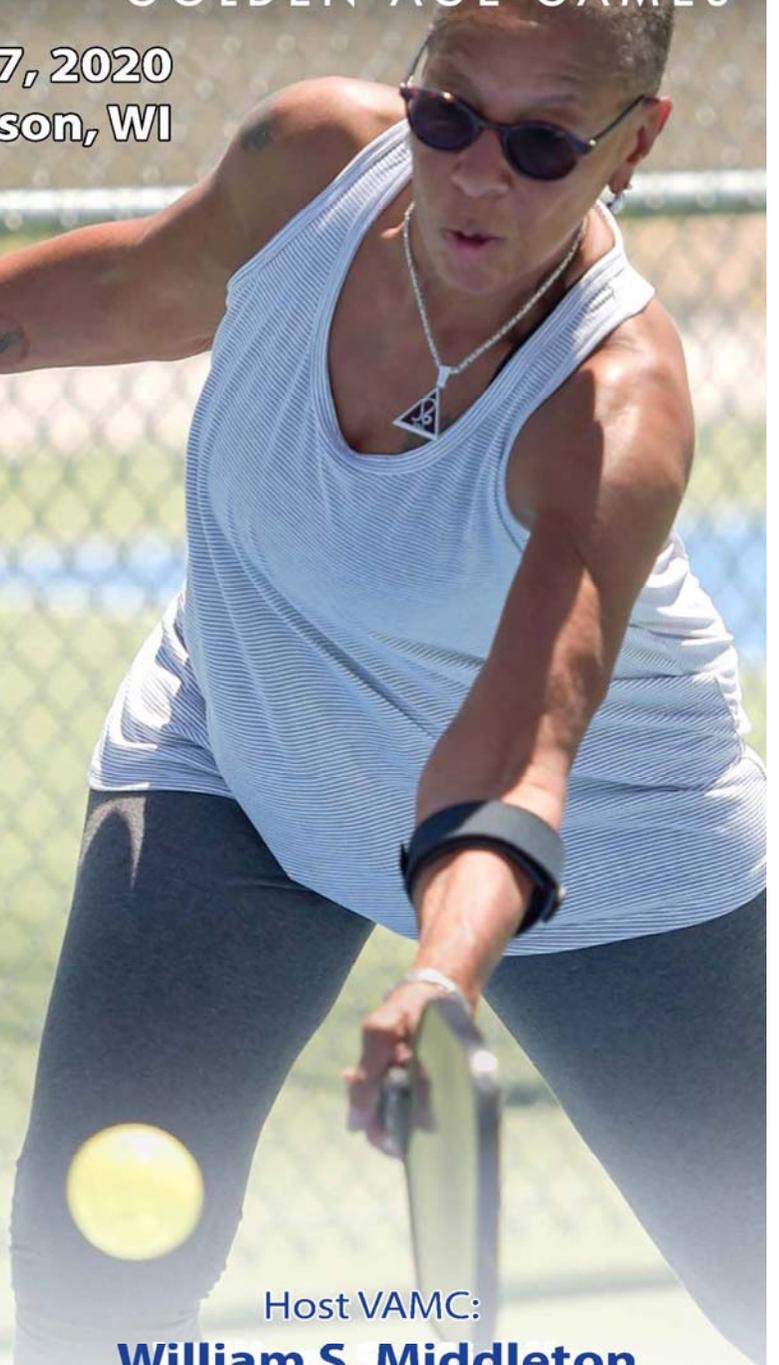
COMPETITIONS INCLUDE:

- AIR PISTOL
- AIR RIFLE
- BADMINTON
- BASKETBALL
- BLIND DISC GOLF
- BOCCIA
- BOWLING
- CYCLING
- FIELD
- GOLF
- HORSESHOES
- NINE BALL
- PICKLEBALL
- POWERWALK
- SHUFFLEBOARD
- SWIMMING
- TABLE TENNIS
- TRACK



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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



Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade is November 16th @ 11:00

This is the 75th Anniversary of D-Day for the World War II Veterans!

CAREGIVER RESOURCE DIRECTORY

The CRD is designed to help empower military caregivers with information about national-level resources and programs specifically for them. Topics include: helplines, advocacy and benefit information, career transitions and employment, military caregiver support, children's needs, education and training, financial support, rest and relaxation, and others.

You can download the CRD online or contact us to request hard-copy print versions. Make sure to include the number of CRDs requested, a shipping address, and your name.

Visit: <https://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/files/2019/08/Caregiver-Directory-2019-Edition.pdf>



CHAPTER NEWS

2019-2020

WISCONSIN CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

All three candidates were re-elected for another 3 years.

Phillip Rosenberg

Derrick Trentin

Peter Carrao

Thank you for voting!

2018-2019

WISCONSIN CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Presidents Award—Phillip Rosenberg

Falkner Award—Gustave Sorenson

Don G. Schmidt Sports Award—

Gordy Bartholomew

Patty Wiseman Volunteer Award—

Jonathan Lee



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YEAR!

WE ALSO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
VERY

*HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!*

VETERANS AFIELD

2019 SCHEDULE

Field & Tower Shoots will be held in
Lomira @ 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 2 Oct. 12 Oct. 16 Oct. 30
Nov. 6 Nov. 19 Dec. 3

For more information go to
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Scott Griffith



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MIDWEST FISHING WEEK IN ELY, MN

The Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin Chapters of Paralyzed Veterans of America were pleased to sponsor the 2019 Midwest PVA Fishing Event, which was held June 23-29, 2019. The 2019 Midwest PVA (Paralyzed Veterans of America) Fishing Event was a wonderful recreation event. It provided an entire week of fishing, boating and social activities to approximately 20 paralyzed veteran heroes and their caregivers at Veterans on the Lake Resort in Ely, MN. Veterans on the Lake Resort was started for the sole purpose of creating a recreational facility for disabled veterans to enjoy and continues to be a non-profit facility. It is nestled in the Superior National Forest adjacent to Fall Lake and has over 2,700 feet of shoreline. The resort offers fishing from boats, pontoons and off the dock.

(www.veteransonthelakeresort.org) Veterans on the Lake Resort has approximately 25 handicapped accessible cabins which housed our attendees. There were v-bottom boats for use by more mobile anglers and pontoon boats for use by all of our participants. Other fun activities included: Fish-fry, campfires, and access to the local attractions. This week provided participants with not only vital rehabilitation but gave them a sense of their identity before the injury or illness that changed their lives. It gave the veterans the opportunity to network with other individuals with similar challenges and share vital information and hints on "how to get by" in many cases. Participation in the Midwest PVA Fishing Event was open to all PVA members in good standing. Participation acceptance was granted on a first



come, first served basis. This event was offered to PVA Members and 1 adult caregiver/ family member.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

9th—Board of Directors Meeting at the War Memorial at 1:00 p.m.

11th—PVA WI Chapter office closing early at 1:00 p.m.

14th—PVA WI Chapter office closed for Columbus Day Holiday

November

8th—PVA WI Chapter office closing early at 1:00 p.m.

11th— PVA WI Chapter closed for Veterans Day Holiday

13th— Board of Directors Meeting at the War Memorial at 1:00 p.m.

14th— Air Rifle practice at MATC from 12:30—3:00

20th -Air Rifle practice in Madison from 1:00 –3:00

27th— PVA WI Chapter office closing early at 1:00 p.m.

28th—29th—PVA WI Chapter office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December

10th—PVA WI Chapter Christmas Lunch at SCI 11:00—1:00 with

Board of Directors meeting to follow lunch in the Badger Room

12th—Air Rifle practice at MATC 12:30—3:00

18th—Air Rifle practice in Madison 1:00 –3:00

24-25th—PVA Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

31st—1st—PVA Office Closed for Happy New Year!

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Team Depot was hard at work on September 18, 2019. They provided, delivered and assembled 5 Wheelchair accessible picnic tables to Veteran's Park in Milwaukee. We can't thank them enough for working with PVA WI to achieve Accessibility for All. Our goal is to have these tables in every park throughout Wisconsin!



SAVE THE DATE



**MEMBERS INVITED
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
DECEMBER 10TH AT
SCI 11 TO 1 PM**

AIR RIFLE PRACTICE UPDATE

MATC is projected to be open beginning November 14th and December 12th. However, practice has been set up in the Madison area on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, by our friends of the Central Cross Country Skiing Assoc. (Gordy & Yuriy).

When: October 16, November 20, & December 18th
from 1:00—3:00

Where: Highland Manor Park, 10 Manor Drive,
Madison

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We will keep you updated by email to confirm that practice will resume at MATC .

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MISSION Act of 2019

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On June 6, 2019, President Trump signed the MISSION Act into law. The MISSION Act of 2019 strengthens VA's ability to deliver trusted, easy to access, high quality care at VA facilities, virtually through telehealth, and in your community. You can now get care and services when and where you need them.

The VA Veterans Choice Program (VCP) ended effective June 7, 2019. This is not a termination of all VA benefits, just the end of the VCP. However, for some who were eligible for VCP due to their location and commuting distance to VA care, there is "grandfather" eligibility criterion established under the MISSION Act.

To receive care from VA or a community provider, you must be enrolled in VA health care. Please review the following to find out if you're eligible for VA health care benefits:

If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, you must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty, unless any of the descriptions below are true for you.

The minimum duty requirement may not apply if any of these are true:

- You were discharged for a disability that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service, **or**
- You were discharged for a hardship or "early out," **or**
- You served prior to September 7, 1980

If you're a current or former member of the Reserves or National Guard, you must have been called to active duty by a federal order and completed the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty. If you had or have active-duty status for training purposes only, you don't qualify for VA health care.

If you received one of these types of discharge statuses you may not be eligible for VA health care: Other than honorable; bad conduct or dishonorable discharge. Veterans who have received these types of discharges can apply for a discharge upgrade: <https://www.va.gov/discharge-upgrade-instructions/>.

You are more likely to get VA healthcare benefits if at least one of the following is true:

- You receive financial compensation (payments) from VA for a service-connected disability
- You were discharged for a disability resulting from something that happened to you in the line of duty
- You were discharged for a disability that got worse in the line of duty

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You are a recently discharged combat veteran

- You get a VA pension
- You are a former prisoner of war (POW)
- You have received a Purple Heart
- You have received a Medal of Honor
- You get (or qualify for) Medicaid benefits
- You served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975
- You served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War between August 2, 1990, and November 11, 1998
- You served at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987

When you apply for VA health care, you'll be assigned 1 of 8 priority groups. This system helps to make sure veterans who need immediate care can get signed up quickly. Your priority group may affect how soon VA signs you up for health care benefits. It may also affect how much (if anything) you'll have to pay toward the cost of your care.

If you're retiring, you're eligible for TRICARE. You may also qualify for certain VA health care benefits. **If you're separating from service due to a service-connected illness or injury**, you may be eligible for VA health care benefits and certain TRICARE benefits. **If you're an OEF/OIF/OND combat veteran who has just returned from service**, you can receive free medical care for any condition related to your service in Iraq or Afghanistan for 5 years after discharge.

If eligible, you can use VA health care services nationwide, including through mobile health clinics that serve rural areas and via telehealth (care through a phone or computer). Note: You need to be enrolled in VA health care to use community care benefits. For general MISSION Act health care inquiries, contact MyVA311 at 1-844-698-2311 or visit <https://missionact.va.gov/>.

To find out more about VA health care eligibility visit: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/>.

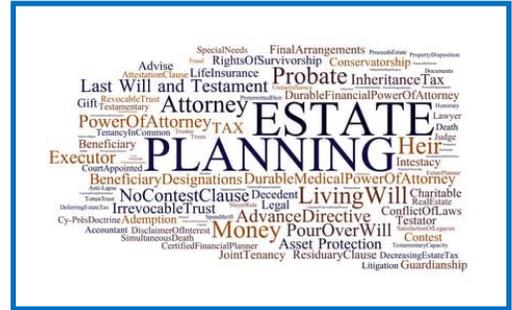
You can also contact your local National Service Officer for additional information.



As you are documenting your final wishes for your family remember to have them contact PVA-WI so that we can provide the marker for your grave stone. Usually it is attached by the grave stone provider. It is shipped out free of charge upon request. Please call the office to receive your gift.
414-328-8910

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Estate and Legal Documents



Make sure that you have your legal documents up to date and on hand. First, you need to have a Will. This document sets forth your wishes regarding the distribution of your property. If you have any minor children, you might expand your documents to include a living trust. Remember, if you die without a will, your wishes may not be followed. Secondly, your property will be assigned as stated by law to your heirs. Your heirs may be forced to spend additional time, money, and emotional energy to settle your affairs after you are gone if you did not have a Will on file. If you need a Will, contact our office for assistance.

Failure to prepare a Will typically leaves decisions about your estate in the hands of judges or state officials, and may cause family strife as well.

Don't Forget to Do a Living Will (Power of Attorney for Healthcare)

Although they call this document a Living Will, it has nothing to do with the distribution of assets. Rather, it sets forth the person's wishes for medical care should they be incapacitated. It may include stipulations over whether resuscitation or life support should be used to prolong life.

Finally, have these and other documents on hand. **PVA-WI offers a free USB Smart Card** to be carried by you in your wallet/purse. By scanning the signed documents and then placing the documents electronically to the USB Smart Card you will have them available should an emergency arrive.

An example of an estate planning attorney agency that one of our members uses is Legacy Assurance Planning.

Legacy Assurance Planning,
PO BOX 110266
Lakewood Ranch, FL 342112
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Department / Office	Extension	Department / Office	Extension
General Information	41288	Prosthetics	42608
Triage	45845	Recreational Therapy	41256/41245/41258
SCI Clinical Appointments	41230	VA Van Travel	42057
Physical Therapy	41126/41128	Patient Advocate	42604
Occupational Therapy	41142/41143	National Service	414-902-5655
Admissions ER	41885/41886	Officer PVA	800-795-3580
Badger Team (Social Worker)	41841	Packer Team (Social Worker)	42244
Pharmacy	42085	Packer & Badger RN	41236

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Iron Mountain	Debra Pate	906-774-3300 ext. 31378
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