



Roll With Us

40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games



From left to right: Gary Scott,
Michael Larson, and Phil Rosenberg

Founded in 1981 to support paralyzed and disabled veterans improve their health and wellbeing, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games celebrated its 40th anniversary this week in New York City. Events kicked off on August 7 and ran through August 14. The Wheelchair Games are co-presented each year by Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs and is the largest annual rehabilitation wheelchair sports event solely designed for military veterans.

“Every year, our members look forward to this event for the competition and camaraderie. For many of them, the Wheelchair Games is a turning point, when they go from being housebound to being active and involved in their communities,” said Jennifer Purser,

Senior Associate Director of PVA Sports, Paralyzed Veterans of America. “Meanwhile, many athletes return to not only compete but also to mentor newly injured veterans – these are just a few of the many reasons the Wheelchair Games are so special.”

Veterans from across the country competed in 20 adaptive sports, including wheelchair basketball, swimming, cycling, powerlifting, power soccer, and more, both in-person and from home. Longtime partners PVA and VA provide disabled veterans with specialized health care and recreational opportunities, like the Wheelchair Games, to support them in thriving and leading full, independent lives.

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From left to right: Derrick Trentin, Rickey Riley,
Michael Thomas, LeToi Adams, Terrance Green,
Scott Griffith, and Coach Erinn Kulba

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members, Volunteers, and Friends:

We are coming off of an amazing Summer Quarter. Let me briefly recap.

Athletically, our very own archer, Lia Coryell, represented the US at the Paralympic Games held in Tokyo. Although she did not medal, however, she was in hot contention for third place and a bronze medal. This is Lia's second Paralympic Games. She has been competing in a number of other national and international competitions since she took up archery, just a few years ago. Way to go Lia!



The National Veteran Wheelchair Games, both the at-home version, and the in-person Games held in New York City, attracted a number of our athlete members. We had a total of 14 members participate in these games. Apparently, all of the practice and conditioning paid off since these athletes won a total of 42 medals. In addition to winning during the athletic competitions, our very own LeToi Adams impressed everyone with her vivacious personality and was awarded the "Spirit of the Games" award. Way to go LeToi Adams and the rest of the Wisconsin team!

Not to be forgotten about are all of our avid fisherman who caught literally boat-loads of fish during our day spent on Lake Michigan during Salmon-A-Rama. Not only did everyone catch tons of fish, we were treated to a celebratory meal and an awards presentation following our time on the water.

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WHO WE ARE

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear members,

I'm honored to join the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter as the new Executive Director. I would like to recognize the tremendous effort of Kevin Klandrud, Scott Griffith, and the Board of Directors for their commitment to quality in making this chapter one of the top ten charities in Milwaukee and solidifying a bright future for PVA-WI.

Over the past seven years, I have worked in the human services industry in various roles. I began nonprofit work as an AmeriCorps VISTA designing and managing volunteer management programs for an organization specializing in serving youth in high-risk environments through a one-on-one mentoring program delivery model to teach college and career prep curriculum. Eventually, I became Senior Director of Operations and Analytics at this organization, charged with scaling the program's impact. During my time here, I mentored over ten students, one of which is currently at West Point.

In my next role, I was a consultant for nonprofits looking to achieve a more significant impact through the following means: increasing staff capacity, building partnerships, collaborating across sectors, developing strategic plans, implementing change management plans, and incorporating data-driven solutions to demonstrate program efficacy to funders. One of the most impactful projects I was a part of was building a systems-wide talent pipeline for the Indianapolis homeless sector to enhance the quality of services and serve more individuals experiencing homelessness, including veterans.

Currently, I'm working toward my doctorate in human services and serving as a volunteer in the community with hospice patients, refugees, and mentees. I'm looking forward to applying my personal and professional experiences to continue serving PVA-WI's mission.

As an experienced nonprofit leader, I'm excited to work with the team and Board of Directors to serve, empower, and advocate for our members. My goal is to collaborate with our donors, volunteers, partners, and members to continue to carry out the organization's mission and expand our impact. Please feel free to contact me at aschaefer@wisconsinpva.org or 262-366-8896.

Sincerely,

Amera Schaefer - Executive Director



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Members: 265

New Members: 0

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New Associate Members: 0

Final Bugle: Michael P. O'Leary

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So many people raved about their experiences that we are already planning to sponsor this type of event next year.

In addition to the adaptive athletic and recreational program activities, we have also sponsored a number of other member-driven activities. During this past quarter we ran our second Caregivers Retreat and once again met the needs of a number of the caregivers who give so much of their lives and time to ensure the wellbeing of some of our members. We have undertaken a detailed analysis and have determined that with a few modifications we will be able to reach even more of the caregivers out there and provide them with even more support. Stay tuned for more details.

Flowing out of the fishing expedition discussed above, was an idea to equip as many marinas in Wisconsin with adaptive Hoyer-type lifts as possible, so that more individuals with physical impairments can safely get into and out of boats. Installing these types of lifts will not only help wheelchair users but also grandparents who want to go fishing with their grandkids, individuals with mobility issues, etc. We have already obtained funding to install lifts at the Racine Marina and we have also identified other multiple sources of funds that we hope will purchase lifts that can be installed around the state of Wisconsin over the next few years.

All of our other advocacy and legislative efforts are also ongoing as always. Foremost among these efforts is to provide airline travelers with mobility issues, a better, faster, and more convenient way to utilize airline travel in the future. As with our project for marina lifts, efforts in this area will benefit anyone that is challenged in traveling by plane.

There are way too many other projects and happenings that are already on our chapter's upcoming calendar to recount them here. Accordingly, I implore all of you to periodically check our website to learn about these future events. Likewise, if there are other projects or events that any of you think would benefit our members, their families, or the disabled community at large, please contact our office to give us your input and ideas.

Stay safe and stay strong.

Ken Ness - President

PVA-Wisconsin,

It is an honor to be brought on board for such a worthy mission. My journey to get here has been an adventure, I served thirteen years in the U.S. Army Reserve as Psychological Operations Specialist and Multimedia Illustrator. I deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa. While in Africa I was medevacked to Walter Reed for medical care, I was then medically retired in 2018. I am now back in school for a certificate in film and video, following that I will be doing a master's degree in Public Relations, I have my B.A. in History from UW-Milwaukee. I hope to get a chance to work with many of you over the future to help tell PVA-Wisconsin's story as well as your individual stories. I can be reached at dferguson@wisconsinpva.org at any time.

Respectfully,
Darrin Ferguson Jr



Your PVA-WI Chapter at work



PVA North Central Chapter
Annual Trapshoot
September 10-12, 2021

This certificate is awarded to the winner of

1st Place Team Award

Paralyzed Veterans
of America

Michael D. Nelson 09/12/2021

Sports Director Date

North Central Chapter
Crooks Gun Club, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Hello, on behalf of Team Wisconsin which consisted of myself (Dale Nelson), Dave David, Whitney Prudden, Joe Prudden and Ken Buchholz. We would like to thank the Wisconsin PVA board for supporting our Trap shooting outing to North Central Trap shoot held in Sioux Falls S.D. on September 11th and 12th 2021.

~Thank You, Dale Nelson

We are pleased to inform you that Team Wisconsin Placed 1st in the shoot over Minnesota.

Notables Awards:

Dave David took the 1st place award for High overall Spinal Cord-Injury

Dale Nelson took the 2nd place award for Doubles D class

Joe Prudden took 1st place in Singles B class

(Wheelchair Games continued from page 1)

“We use the Wheelchair Games to inspire our veterans to challenge themselves, be active and stay healthy, both mentally and physically,” said David Tostenrude, VA Director of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. “Veterans are introduced to adaptive sports to regain strength and boost confidence while they’re in rehab at VA hospitals.”

Among the many highlights at this year’s Wheelchair Games is disc golf, which was newly added to the sports lineup. Other 2021 high points include wheelchair basketball, which will play at Rucker Park in Harlem, and powerlifting, which will take place at the top of Rockefeller Center. For the latest information about the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, visit wheelchairgames.org. For additional high-resolution photos visit our Flickr site.

PVA and VA are grateful to the generous sponsors for their support of this year’s event, which include: First Nation Group, UPS, VCS, Nike, Invacare, Weis Markets, Deloitte, Penske Truck Leasing, Bristol Myers Squibb, TriWest, Leidos, NMEDA, Permobil, Sunrise Medical, Genentech, Windstream, Comcast NBCUniversal, Cigna, Tishman Speyer, American Airlines, EquipSystems, 4imprint, and Xerox.

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Salmon-A-Rama

Dear Scott and PVA Staff,

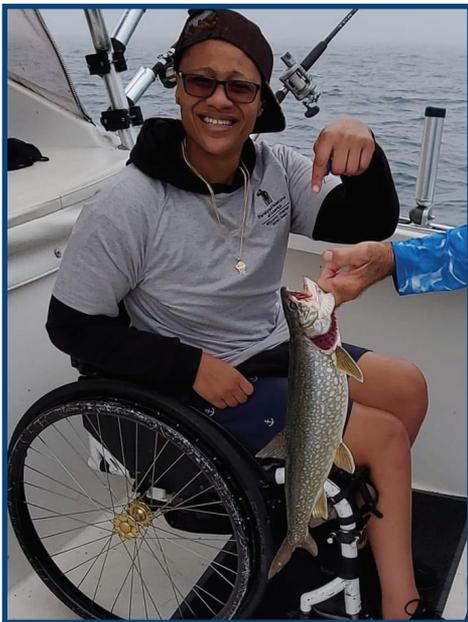
Thank you for giving me the best gift of going fishing! This was such a great experience for me. Thank you for all the hard work that went into organizing the Salmon-A-Rama. It was awesome!

God Bless You All!

Angela Walker – Associate Member of PVA-WI Chapter



Associate Member Ken Buchholz and his Prize Laker



Janet,

Thank you again! Jim Gregory and I had an awesome and productive time on the water. We caught our limit and wore out our arms reeling in all of the fish. I was hoping to catch at least one, but far exceeded my minimalist goal!

Thank you again to all at PVA-Wisconsin who made this possible. It was great to be out on Lake Michigan. It was like the old men and the sea!

Ted Moorman – Member of PVA-WI Chapter



BENEFITS

Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers to provide an additional year for eligibility and reassessment of certain participants

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs Caregiver Support Program is extending eligibility through Sept. 30, 2022 for Veterans who are legacy participants, legacy applicants and their family caregivers, participating in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

This extension applies to Veterans who were participating in PCAFC before Oct. 1, 2020, individuals who applied for PCAFC before Oct. 1, 2020 and those who were accepted into the program after Oct. 1, 2020.

The extension will provide VA an additional year to conduct required reassessments of this cohort. PCAFC offers enhanced clinical support for family caregivers of eligible Veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty and meet other eligibility criteria. Benefits under PCAFC include education and training, enhanced respite care, counseling, a monthly stipend, CHAMPVA (if eligible) and certain travel expenses, among others.

All legacy participants, legacy applicants and their family caregivers will be reassessed based upon the new eligibility criteria resulting from the Final Rule which became effective Oct. 1, 2020.

“During this one-year period, approximately 19,800 legacy participants, legacy applicants and their family caregivers will be reassessed,” said VA Caregiver Support Program Executive Director Colleen M. Richardson, Psy.D.

The department will initiate a large-scale effort to complete reassessments for this cohort. This effort will begin within the next several weeks.

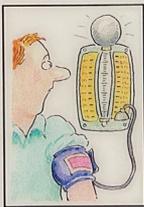
The earlier VA conducts reassessments, the sooner it will be able to assist with discharge planning for PCAFC participants who do not qualify under the new eligibility criteria. Discharge planning may include engaging the Veteran and family caregiver in other services to include participation in the Program of General Caregiver Support Services, which provides caregivers with education, training, peer support mentoring, coaching and self-care courses.

Questions about PCAFC should be directed to local VA facility Caregiver Support Program staff or the Caregiver Support Line, tollfree at 855-260-3274. Find your Caregiver Support team or Caregiver Support coordinator using the facility locator.



Autonomic DYSREFLEXIA

- A fast, major increase in blood pressure—20-40 mm Hg systolic higher than usual.
- A pounding headache
- Heavy sweating
- Flushed or reddened skin
- Goose bumps
- Blurry vision or seeing spots
- A stuffy nose
- Anxiety or jitters
- Tightness in your chest, flutters in your heart or chest, or trouble breathing



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If ANY of these signs appears, follow the steps below.

1. Sit up or raise your head to 90 degrees. **Important:** You need to stay sitting or upright until your blood pressure is normal.
2. Loosen or take off anything tight.
3. Monitor your blood pressure about every 5 minutes.
4. Check your bladder for drainage.
5. Call your health-care professional, even if warning signs go away.
6. If warning signs return, repeat steps, call your health-care professional, and go to the emergency room.
7. At the emergency room, tell staff you need immediate care:
 - May have dysreflexia.
 - Need blood pressure checked.
 - Need to remain sitting up.
 - Need causes of the problem sought.

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PVA -WI Chapter Awards

Ms. Erinn Kulba



Donald G. "Don" Schmidt
Sportsman of the Year

Mary Kay Ehleiter



Patricia A. "Patty" Wiseman
Volunteer of the Year

Ms. LeToi Adams



President's Award

PVA-WI Chapter's annual membership meeting celebrated our members and the 75th anniversary of the Paralyzed Veterans of America on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

This year was the first year we sold out the event, with over 100 people in attendance. We would not have been able to pull off this multi-faceted event without the help of our amazing volunteers! We would like to thank everyone that participated in the many raffles and the online and live auctions. The funds generated from this are used to provide programming to our members and carry out PVA-WI Chapter's mission.

As you peruse the pictures from this dynamic event, you will see the following recognitions and awards were given during the event:

- PVA-WI Chapter recognized combat veterans through the Quilts of Valor program
- Donald G. "Don" Schmidt Sportsman of the Year and Patricia A. "Patty" Wiseman Volunteer of the Year Award
- President's Award



2021 PVA-WI Banquet



NVWG 2021 - Medal Count



Gold Medals

- LeToi Adams** - Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Powerlifting, Slalom, Adaptive Fitness
Terrance Green - Trap Shooting **Michael Larson** - Discus, Club, Bowling
Rickey Riley - Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Motorized Slalom, Trap Shooting, Air Rifle
Phil Rosenberg - Trap Shooting, Bowling, Table Tennis, Discus.
Derrick Trentin - Basketball, Shot Put, Discus, Trap Shooting
Gary Stott - Cycling, Adaptive Fitness **Ken Ness** - Air Rifle **Randall Riek** - Air Rifle.

Silver Medals

- LeToi Adams** - Basketball **Terrance Green** - Shot Put, Javelin
Michael Larson - Boccia **Phil Rosenberg** - Club, Power Soccer
Gary Stott - Power Lifting **Derrick Trentin** - Javelin, Air Rifle
Michael Thomas - Basketball, Nine Ball, Soft Ball

Bronze Medals

- Terrance Green** - Power Lifting **Randall Riek** - Bowling



NEW GLARUS



Pictured above is the New Glarus leadership team and the check being presented to our Board President, Ken Ness by Dustin Stelter of New Glarus. Dustin's brother is a US Army Veteran

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The New Glarus Brewing Company is proud to support charitable organizations in the New Glarus area and throughout Wisconsin. In 2021, the Brewery formed Only in Wisconsin Giving, Inc, a 501(c)(3) charitable Foundation. All of the Brewery's charitable activity is managed and supported by the Foundation. We are excited to announce that New Glarus Brewing, Only In Wisconsin Giving has chosen PVA-WI as its Veteran Service Organization to support this year. We were presented with a check for \$14,000 to help offset the costs of getting our athletes to the National Veteran Wheelchair Games. The average cost per athlete was over \$2,500 this year. Additionally the brewery supported two of our signature events with several cases of Spotted Cow beer.

About New Glarus - Deborah Carey is the Founder and President of the New Glarus Brewing Company. One of life's entrepreneurial spirits, she raised the capital for the start-up as a gift to her husband, establishing her as the first woman to found and operate a brewery in the United States. She is a native of Wisconsin. She attended Carroll College in Helena, Montana majoring in marketing and graphics. An entrepreneur at heart, she started her first business at the age of sixteen. After studying Business with the S.B.A. and Clackamas College in Portland, Oregon Deb met the challenge of establishing the New Glarus Brewing Co. in 1993. As Founder and President of "One of the Top Ten Breweries in the World" she does everything—except brew the beer!

After COVID restrictions are lifted, stop on by our little brewery next time you're in the area. While you're here, you can visit our gift shop. New Glarus Brewing Company's Gift Shop offers a wide variety of merchandise from clothing to glassware to keychains and stickers. We have something for everyone. All of our delicious brews can be purchased in the Hilltop Brewery Beer Depot.

New Glarus Brewing Company is situated high upon a steep hill with very limited parking. For the safety of all Guests, the Fire Marshal has restricted access to parking. Vehicles over 14 foot in length and/or a combined height of 8 feet must park in the oversized parking at the bottom of the hill. Buses are encouraged to visit one of the other fine Wisconsin Breweries with Bus friendly parking. The walking trail from the bus parking to the Giftshop and Tasting Room includes over 20 stairs and an elevation climb of almost 100 feet. The walk is a steep rustic wood chip walk through the woods. Comfortable walking shoes, a healthy heart, and weather appropriate clothing are essential.

Disabled and Handicapped individuals arriving in cars will find the brewery itself is entirely handicapped accessible. Handicapped car parking is on the north end of the parking lot. The handicapped entrance and elevator are under the clock tower on the north end of the brewery.

Visit: <https://newglarusbrewing.com/tour>



2021 Spirit of the Games Awardee



LeToi Adams

ANNOUNCING THE PVA-WI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are pleased to launch a scholarship program for our members and their family. Eligibility is open to all PVA-WI members, their spouse, children, and grandchildren. Associate members are not eligible.



Submission guidelines:

- Proof of enrollment in an accredited College/University or Technical school
- Submit an essay between 500-600 words explaining how you have been impacted by a veteran living with a spinal cord injury or disease, include any volunteer or community service experiences that you have performed
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above, please submit your most recent transcript showing grades and GPA

Please email the above items to aschaefer@wisconsinpva.org or send via USPS mail to 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Suite 306, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Submissions must be received by January 1, 2022. If you have any questions please contact aschaefer@wisconsinpva.org or at 262-366-8896.

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2021

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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6 Air Rifle Practice	7	8	9
10 AMVETS Bowling Benefit for PVA-WI	11 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day Office Closed	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						

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*Chun A, et al. Changes in bowel function following exoskeletal-assisted walking in persons with spinal cord injury: an observational pilot study. Spinal Cord. 2020;58(4):459-466.



ELECTION RESULTS

2021-2022 PVA-WI Certified Board Election Results

Mr. Ken Ness – President/National Director
Mr. Derrick Trentin – Secretary
Ms. Le Toi Adams – Board Member
Mr. Pete Carrao – Board Member
Mr. Ken Mathews – Board Member/CHL
Mr. Phillip Rosenberg – President Emeritus

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75th ANNIVERSARY

Paralyzed Veterans of America commemorates 75th Anniversary of D-Day

PVA was founded by heroes who returned home after WWII with spinal cord injuries

WASHINGTON — In honor of the significant milestone of the D-Day landings and the battle of Normandy, France on June 6th, Paralyzed Veterans of America is commemorating all of the heroes whose lives were lost, and those who came home after the global fight for freedom nearly 75 years ago.

“On this pivotal day in history, it is important to honor the bravery and sacrifice of all those who secured freedom for every human being around the world,” said David Zurfluh, a disabled Air Force veteran and national president of Paralyzed Veterans of America. “We must also remember the many heroes who came home after World War II with catastrophic injuries and faced many challenges.

That was the foundation for which Paralyzed Veterans of America was created, with a mission to empower our courageous veterans with spinal cord injuries to regain what they fought for — freedom and independence. We would not be here today without those heroes.”

Regrettably, there are only around 443,000 out of the 16 million Americans who fought in World War II still alive. PVA currently has 129 members who served during World War II.

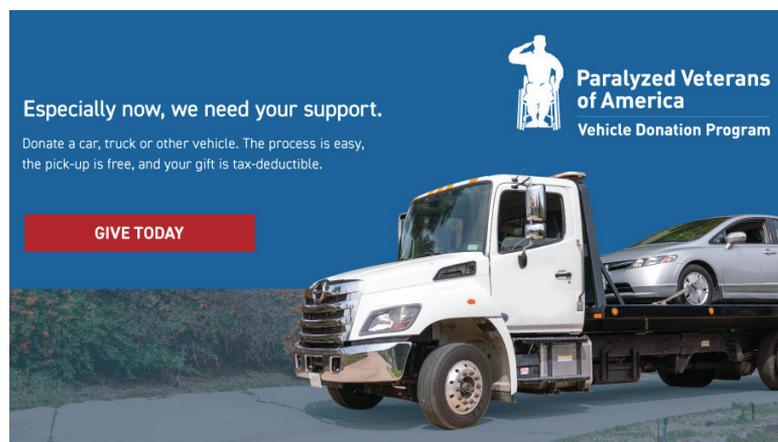
Almost 75 years after D-Day, PVA remains committed to helping veterans and their families to rebuild their lives after service. PVA ensures veterans receive life-changing care, caregiver support and job training, secures veterans’ benefits, funds breakthrough medical research, and advocates for vital veterans’ issues.

Courtesy of www.veteransnewsreport.com

VA Caregiver Support Line

VA’s National Caregiver Support Line is a toll-free number for caregivers, family members, friends, Veterans, and community partners to contact for information related to caregiving and available supports and services.

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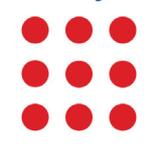
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**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

Wisconsin Chapter

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 (11:30-1:00)

SCI BLDG 144, Room 171



Please join us for good food, good times and great comradery! PVA-WI proudly salutes the men and women of the Milwaukee VA, SCI Staff who keep our members safe and healthy during these difficult times. Dress to impress as there will be a special prize awarded to the winner of the “Ugly Sweater” contest as voted by their peers.

Staff members are encouraged to bring an unwrapped children’s toy in support of the USO Wisconsin toy drive.

Meal, Beverages, and Desert provided by PVA-WI.

Event subject to cancellation/modification due to COVID.



75th Anniversary

Government Relations & Advocacy

King-sized COLA coming — or not?

According to many government sources, this month they are expected to announce the largest inflation catch up in years for most current federal and military retirees and those who get Social Security payments. The exact amount of the January 2022 adjustment won't be known until the government releases the Consumer Price Index-W level in October. With the September data still to be determined, many who watch the cost of living adjustment (COLA) process are predicting the January COLA could be as much as 6%.

For the average retired worker, who's expected to be receiving \$1,568 a month by December, a 6% COLA would translate to a \$94 monthly bump-up in payout. The last time Social Security recipients saw a COLA of 6% or higher was all the way back in 1983, when the COLA passed along for that year was 7.4%. Unless you were netting a payout from Social Security 39 years ago, this should be the biggest raise ever for its 65 million-plus recipients.

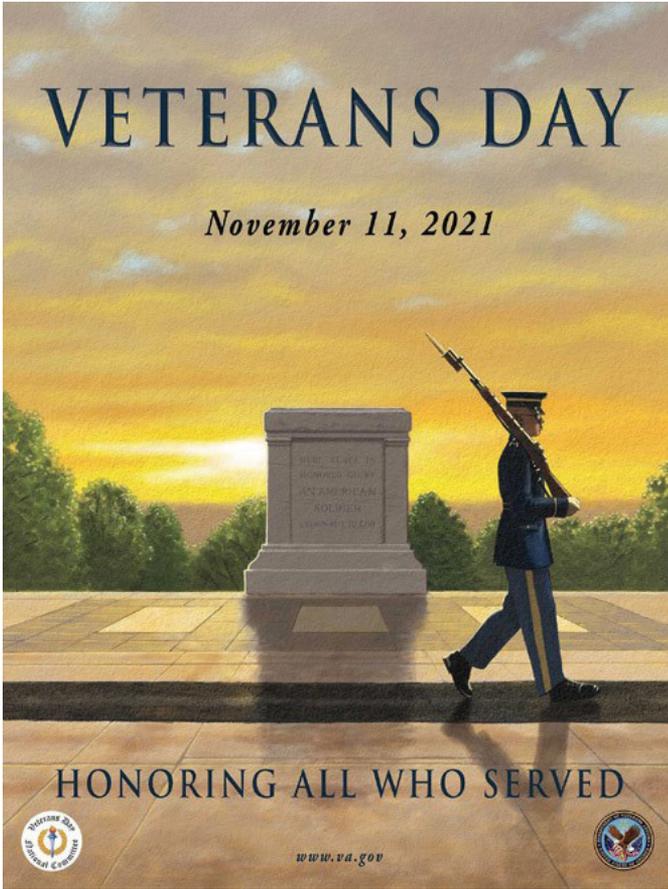
But there's a catch - The reality is that most of the program's recipients aren't going to see much or any of this increase, as higher prices for a variety of goods and services eat up their payout boost. There are increases to Medicare Part B monthly premiums and higher inflation which will increase the costs of goods and services. Stay tuned and stay informed.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 Election Day	3 Air Rifle Practice	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time	8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12 Office Closed	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Air Rifle Practice	25 Thanksgiving Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28	29	30 Giving Tuesday Winter Sports Clinic Sign-up Deadline	1	2	3	4



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11:00-3:30pm

October 6, 2021
Air Pistol/Air Rifle Instruction and Practice 12:00-3:00 p.m.

November 3, 2021
Air Pistol/Air Rifle Instruction and Practice 12:00-3:00 p.m.

November 24, 2021
Air Pistol/Air Rifle Instruction and Practice 12:00-3:00 p.m.

EVENT LOCATION
MATC South Campus
6665 S. Howell Avenue
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Holiday Luncheon	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Air Rifle Tournament	16	17	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30 Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed	1

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Triage	45845	Recreation 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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