



Roll With Us

CAREGIVER RESPITE RETREAT



PVA-WI knows firsthand that not all heroes wear capes because our caregivers are superheroes! Many of our members have incredibly dedicated full-time caregivers who make sacrifices beyond compare. It is rare that a caregiver gets a day off. It is because of their commitment and compassion to their loved one that PVA-WI hosted its first Caregiver Respite Retreat in March. Five caregivers were treated to two days and one night of relaxation, self-care and fun at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. On day one, caregivers were treated to a full day Azana Spa package where they received a full body massage, facial, manicure, pedicure and blowout.

On the second day, our caregivers participated in mindfulness and gentle yoga, a greeting card making class, and an essential oils class. We did our best to spoil them! While our caregivers were being pampered, the veterans of these caregivers were taken by Xavier Home Healthcare. This way, our caregivers could be carefree for the time being.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members and Friends of PVA-WI:

Despite the mandatory slow down imposed on us due to COVID-19 restrictions, PVA-WI has a full calendar of events coming up. Buckle up and join us in one or all of these fun-filled adventures!

We have just come off of several months that were filled with events and programs. Some of these events included our National PVA Convention, the inaugural Caregivers' Respite Retreat, two air rifle tournaments, our annual Trap Shoot, an evening with the Milwaukee Milkmen's minor league baseball team, a day at the Milwaukee Mile raceway, and a LEGO event to end all LEGO events, to name just a few. Looking to the future, we encourage everyone to check out our chapter's smorgasbord of upcoming events on our website. Some of these events include: the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Salmon-A-Rama, our second Caregivers' Respite Retreat, cooking classes with **Le'Toi Adams** and many, many more. The summer would not be complete if I did not invite you to tune in and watch one of our very own, **Leah Coryell**, represent the USA at the Paralympic Games in Japan. Leah is one of the world's top archers. Good luck **Leah!!!**



Speaking of TV's, please keep your eyes peeled for PVA's recently started national Direct TV (DRTV) campaign designed to educate people about PVA and what we do. These promotional pieces feature fellow PVA members and will be similar in nature to spots run by other veteran service organizations, such as DAV and Wounded Warriors.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This summer and fall, we are looking for a continuation of successful events around the state and even overseas with the Para-Olympics. A quick recap of our recent activities include our Air Rifle and Pistol tournaments, trap shooting in Green Bay, a baseball game with the Milwaukee Milkmen where we were the designated charity, a LEGO Star War themed exhibit "May the 4th be with you" and much more.

Our newest offering is fishing on Lake Michigan during Racine's Salmon-a-Rama. We are planning on having 20 wheelchairs and another 30 members that can self transfer on ten charter boats. We are anticipating a morning of fun followed by a lunch time gathering where people can brag about the big one they caught or the one that got away!

Our Memorial Day solicitation letter generated donations to the chapter. A gentle reminder to the reader is to set up a monthly or quarterly donation schedule so that we can expect funding on a consistent basis. On another note, please check and make sure that you have a will and that it is current. I would also request that you remember PVA-WI for a legacy donation. As I write this report, our National Handcycling Team is competing in the Tour of America's Dairyland which is a Pro-Am cycling series. For 11 straight days they bike throughout South-east Wisconsin. PVA-WI is proud to support our National team.

Operation: Run, Walk and Roll will be held at the lakefront just outside our chapter office. PVA-WI is partnering with the War Memorial for this race. Race time is 9:00 am on Sunday, August 29th. If you wish to join you can do so via the website:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/WI/Milwaukee/WarMemorialRockRunRoll>

Kevin Klandrud



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

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Ernest Moorer, Larry Winnekens
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I would be remiss if I did not remind you that PVA just started celebrating its 75th year of assisting veterans with spinal cord injury or diseases. Over the past 75 years, PVA has led the charge and advocated for better healthcare, disability rights, legislative enactments, and benefits and resources for not just veterans, but the entire disabled community. PVA's involvement has resulted in numerous victories and has afforded many people a much better life.

As you can see, we have a lot going on and a lot to offer in the way of programs, services and activities. Please come and join us for these scheduled events. If you have a different type of need or interest, please give us a call and we will see what we can do to accommodate your interests into future events.

Roll With Us!

Ken Ness-President

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Left: Caregiver Rose Mondloch, wife of member Neal, relaxes as she gets a pedicure at Azana Spa.

Middle: PVA-WI member, Larry Boushon, creates a beautiful potted plant for his wife.

Right: Phyllis Rutledge enjoys conversation and lunch at the hotel. All meals were provided to those who participated in the Caregiver Respite Retreat.

Activities for our members were provided by SCI Recreation Therapists, Erinn Kulba and Francheska Wallace. Our members played bocchia ball and bags, practiced gardening, participated in Tai Chi and bowling. Our veterans experienced Adaptive E-gaming which was a huge hit. The event was very successful! Our caregivers left feeling less stress. Caregiver Jennifer Christensen, mom of member Casey, enjoyed "getting to know and interact with other caregivers and thought that "all of the planned activities for the caregivers were great." Phyllis Rutledge, wife of member Jim, appreciated "the massage at the Spa the most as it was very relaxing." Caregiver Sharon Boushon, wife of member Larry, shared that what she enjoyed most about the Caregiver Respite Retreat was "not worrying if my spouse was okay and just having time for the caregivers." Sharon summed the retreat up best when she said, "I don't want to go home. It's wonderful! Take advantage of it. You will love it!"

PVA-WI will be sponsoring a second retreat on **July 29th and 30th** at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield. This event is open and free for any member who requires a full-time caregiver. Contact the office at 414-328-8910 to register or to get on the waiting list. Space is limited.

YOUR PVA-WI CHAPTER AT WORK



Top Left: PVA-WI member, John Wild, enjoyed a date night with his girlfriend. They went to a local restaurant that they had been meaning to go to for a quite a while. John stated, "We had beautiful weather." Every PVA-WI member is entitled to this \$50 entertainment benefit twice in a calendar year.

Top Right: PVA-WI was recognized by the Madison Area Sports Commission and the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital for being a Silver-level sponsor of the National Veterans Golden Age Games.

Bottom Left: Tim and Kenda Stegman attended the Milwaukee Milkmen baseball game and were the lucky winners of the PVA-WI raffle. They took home a win for the Milkmen and a Weber grill and fireworks! A heartfelt thanks to Cargill for providing support and volunteers for this event.

Bottom Right: The PVA National Handcycling Team was in town competing in the Tour of America's Dairyland (ToAD), the largest competitive road cycling series in the U.S., June 24th - 27th. PVA-WI is proud to be one of the sponsors of this amazing team of athletes. PVA-WI member, James Veltri is all smiles after finishing the Shorewood Criterium handcycling race.

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SHOUT OUTS TO PVA-WI

Neuropracticity 2.0 Course

My name is Joslyn Huiras and I am one of the Physical Therapists in the SCI unit. I want to extend a sincere thank you to the PVA for supporting this continuing education opportunity for so many of our staff members. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn from a seasoned clinician with a wealth of knowledge. The course was inspiring in that it urged and reminded me to think outside of the box while delivering care to our veterans and to never underestimate their potential for working through and overcoming challenges. I look forward to seeing the functional results that arise from creatively utilizing this knowledge in future sessions. It is a pleasure serving this population, specifically those in the SCI unit at the Milwaukee VA.

Joslyn Huiras, PT, DPT - *Spinal Cord Injury and Disorder Center
Clement J. Zablocki VAMC*

Thank you so much for your support in helping me attend the Neuropracticity 2.0 continuing education course this April, 2021. I work with veterans with a variety of neurologic diagnoses with primary goals of improving balance and walking function. This course was valuable in helping expand my toolbox in helping veterans learn these skills more effectively. The course emphasized strategic ways to structure our treatment sessions, home programs, and educational sessions with patients to maximize buy in, self efficacy, motivation, and effectiveness of physical therapy interventions. I look forward to utilizing these skills with the veterans I work with on a daily basis.

Ryan Gorecki, PT, DPT, NCS - *Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy
Zablocki VA Medical Center*

My name is Stephanie Semerda, and I am one of the physical therapists who was lucky enough to receive sponsorship from the PVA to attend Neuropracticity 2.0 presented by Mike Studer. I wanted to thank the Wisconsin PVA so much for sponsoring my attendance to the course. As a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy, this course's premise and focus was 100% directed towards patient populations I serve daily at the Milwaukee VA. The course presented on contemporary and current evidence based practice in the world of neurologic physical therapy with emphasis on improving patient's efficacy in their therapy participation, saliency of therapy tasks, providing adequate intensity to drive neuroplastic changes, and how to promote optimal motor learning. This course really reinvigorated the passion I have for neurologic physical therapy and why I chose this specialty area of practice, so thank you so very much again for sponsoring my attendance.

Stephanie Semerda, PT, DPT - *Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy
Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center*

LEGO Event: "May the Fourth Be With You"

Thank you for a fun and educational experience at the "May the 4th Be With You" event. Jeff was a phenomenal speaker and his message was important for both the Scouts and adults. We appreciated the hands on learning and personal stories that were shared. We will remember this for years to come. A donation to PVA -WI has been made by our family. Thank you for everything.

Meg, Jim, Andrew and Sam Peters - *Boy Scout Pack 57*

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

As we move forward and begin to get back to a normal as possible situation, many of us ask the question: To get vaccinated or not to get vaccinated. Accurate, up to date and dependable information is key in making a decision to get vaccinated or not. For veterans, their spouses and their caregivers, as well as those currently enrolled in CHAMPVA, up to date information may be found at the following URL's / websites: www.VA.gov and www.CDC.gov.

The VA is now offering COVID-19 vaccines for ALL veterans, their spouses and their caregivers, as well as those enrolled in CHAMPVA. For those wishing to get vaccinated, you can schedule an appointment at the VA facility nearest you by going to www.VA.gov.

- Click on the “vaccine information” page link
- Scroll to “how to get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA”
- Click on the “Find VA facilities near you that offer COVID-19 vaccines”
- Enter your zip code in the “use my location” box and select “enter”

For those veterans, spouses, caregivers and those enrolled in CHAMPVA who do not receive their care at VA and would like to get vaccinated, you can pre-register online at least an hour before you go to the walk-in clinic; doing so will save you time. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the nearest VA Hospital and they can get you pre-registered over the phone.

- Zablocki VAMC – Milwaukee, WI – (414) 384-2000
- Middleton VAMC – Madison, WI – (608) 280-2160
- Tomah VAMC – Tomah, WI – 800-872-8662 ext. 6627
- Oscar G Johnson – Tomah, WI – (906) 774-3300 ext. 33115

Staying informed regarding COVID-19 vaccines and your VA benefits is important and can be done online by going to www.VA.gov then scrolling and clicking the different links. On January 1, 2021, the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act was passed into law (Public Law 116-283). This new law adds three diseases/conditions to the list of presumptive conditions associated with exposure to herbicide agents such as Agent Orange, for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War: Parkinsonism, Bladder Cancer and Hypothyroidism. Full eligibility requirements for VA disability benefits based on exposure to Agent Orange can be found at: www.VA.gov.

If you have recently filed a claim for VA benefits, you may have been contacted by one or two companies wanting to schedule a compensation and pension (C&P) exam; Logistics Health, Inc.(LHI) and QTC Medical Services, Inc. These companies are legitimate, they are two of five companies the VA has contracted with to perform C&P exams. The VA originally outsourced 75% of its C&P exam to these contractors and VA officials are pushing for 100% of C&P exams to be outsourced. If you recently filed a claim for VA benefits and have been contacted by LHI or QTC, it is very important that you schedule and show up to the exam. Not showing up for a scheduled C&P exam without a valid reason can have a negative effect on your claim. Exams are scheduled based on conditions being claimed as service connected and provider availability within a 100-mile radius of your address.

As always, we are here for you, to help you in any way we can. If you have questions, please contact us at 414-902-5655.

Eric Gonzales, NSO III

SHOOTING TOURNAMENTS WITH PVA-WI

Great Lakes Adaptive Shooting (GLASA) and PVA-WI hosted the May 20th Air Rifle Tournament at Milwaukee Area Technical College - South Campus. A special shout out to Tom Daily and Gordy Bartholomew for their continued support of this event.

Air Rifle Tournament - May 20, 2021



Above left to right: Taking aim and shooting is Angela Walker, Todd Drazy and Frank Kloss.

PVA-WI was one of only two chapters across the country to host their annual 2021 Trap Shoot Tournament. The event was held at the Brown County Sportsman's Club in Green Bay. Hats off to National Director, John Arbino, and Ken Wiegel for their assistance in making our event run smoothly.

Trap Shoot Tournament - June 19 - 20, 2021



Bottom left: Members of the Green Bay Police Department present the colors during the opening ceremonies.

Middle: The weather was gorgeous for the event and forty shooters, from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Oklahoma chapters competed in the tournament. High overall winners included Dave David and Tom Richey; each received \$400 in gift cards. Winning bragging rights for their first place in the team competition was Minnesota.

Bottom right: PVA-WI member, Peter Carrao, prepares to shoot. A total of 11,400 targets were released at the tournament!

LEGO EVENT - FEATURING MEMBER JEFF HAAGENSEN



One display case of Jeff's many Star Wars LEGOS.



Jeff's story was covered by every local television news station, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Spectrum news.



PVA-WI member, Ricky Riley, checks out Jeff's collection of LEGO cars. Hundreds of visitors attended this spectacular event.



Dr. Lee, from the VA Spinal Cord Injury Unit, was Jeff's inspiration to build LEGOS.



Jeff continues to build LEGOS at the event to add to his collection of hundreds of pieces.

“MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU” SCOUT EVENTS



Jeff shares with the Scouts how he builds LEGOS as a way to cope with five deployments and his PTSD.



SCI Recreation Therapists, Erinn Kulba (top right) and Francheska Wallace (lower right), show the Scouts adaptive devices used by paralyzed vets in order to play card and dice games.



PVA-WI Treasurer, Scott Griffith, demonstrates adaptive cooking devices and the Scouts try their hand at scooping up pieces of candy.



Scouts build their one of a kind LEGO vehicles.



Each of the Scouts built a LEGO vehicle and then raced it on a Pinewood Derby Track.



Jeff donated all of the LEGO prizes for the winners.

“JOKING AROUND WITH JAN”

Found in Reader’s Digest, Humor in Uniform: Funny True Stories about Life in the Military

My brother Ken was home on leave from his post in Hawaii, when he announced that he had just been promoted to Lieutenant Commander. We were all pleased with the news, but some of us less knowledgeable about military rankings asked Ken to explain what the promotion meant. After several failed attempts to get us to understand, he sighed and said, “Before, I was Hawkeye Pierce, and now I’m Frank Burns”. Expressions of understanding immediately lit the room. - (Jacquelyn Miller)



My uncle was a flight surgeon in the Air Force Reserve. Part of his training included practice runs with jetfighter pilots. Sometimes they would have fun at his expense, performing aerial maneuvers in an attempt to make him sick. In the middle of one hair-raising turn, the pilot asked him how he was handling all of the flips and twists. “I’m fine,” replied my uncle calmly. “Just don’t forget, your physical is tomorrow.” - (Drew Smith)

A recruit in Navy boot camp got on the wrong side of our Company Commander and was ordered to do push-ups. As he neared triple digits, an airliner flew overhead. “I bet you wish you were on that plane, don’t’cha?” sneered the CC. “No, sir,” said the unlucky recruit. “Why wouldn’t you want to be on that plane?” “Because,” the recruit grunted between push-ups, “that plane’s landing. I want to be on one that’s leaving.” - (Gene Damron)



Jan Zehren
Administrative Asst.

**“You have to have a sense of
humor about life to get through it.”**

GILDAN RACING SALUTES PARALYZED VETERANS



Members of the Beale family present a track chair to PVA-WI member, Cody Becker (center front).

With military history within their family, race car drivers Dalton Zehr and John Beale teamed up with Paralyzed Veterans of America-WI Chapter on Father's Day weekend to salute four paralyzed veterans. The relationship between these two organizations started earlier this year when The Beale Foundation donated an all-terrain wheelchair to Cody Becker, 32, of Salem, Wisconsin. Cody is a paraplegic due to a motor vehicle accident that occurred while on active duty during his service in 2008. The all-terrain power wheelchair has changed his life, allowing him to access his large property and the outdoors in ways that he has not been able to do since his injury.

The names of Christopher White, CPL, US Marine Corp (Retired), Cody Becker, PFC, US Army (Retired), Ken Ness, USAFA '78 and Scott Griffith, CW2, US Army (Retired) were displayed on Dalton Zehr's #119 Super Late Model during the ARCA Midwest Tour Father's Day 100 at the Milwaukee Mile on Sunday, June 20th, 2021. "It's an honor to have these names displayed on my race car," stated Zehr who is the 2018 ARCA Midwest Tour Champion. Track Enterprises, Inc. and ARCA Midwest Tour also honored the veterans by having them involved in the pre-race opening ceremonies.

It was a great day and everyone enjoyed being a part of the action. Cody got to listen on the team headset (bottom right) as they strategically took the lead in the race after a short rain delay. Unfortunately, on the laps to follow, Dalton's car was damaged in an accident that took him out of the race. We cannot thank the Beale family and Dalton enough for this opportunity and we look forward to joining you on a short track soon!

For more information about Gildan Racing visit: www.bealeracing.org
Photography Credit: TJ Harron



ADAPTIVE WORKS FOR THE COMMUNITY



PVA-WI Board Member, AW Board Member, and Army Veteran, Mike Thomas, volunteers his time working at Adaptive Works. Here Mike is using an all-terrain track wheelchair to assist him in navigating the fields to pick cucumbers.

Adaptive Works (AW) is a Veteran centric, non-profit site located at 21112 W. Seven Mile Road in Franksville. The workforce consists of disabled and able body volunteers geared to increase the quality of life for the disabled by fostering educational opportunities in basic farming and carpentry. Individuals use adapted devices specifically designed for individuals to independently complete tasks. Some adaptive approaches for a wheelchair bound individual are bringing produce up to the wheelchair height by trellising crops and using an all-terrain Action Track Wheelchair to allow a person independence to navigate through uneven soil, weeds, and gravel. AW farming and carpentry end products are a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. The CSA boxes showcase fresh, local, farm to table products that are delivered directly to the customer or can be picked up at AW.

Handmade planters are built by volunteers as well. The planters are free standing and will beautify any outside space or sunroom. The programs build self-esteem along with providing physical outlets to increase self-purpose and increase the overall quality of life.

The next AW workshop will be transplanting seedlings. To register for a workshop or for information about purchasing a planter, volunteering or donating, email ask@adaptiveworks.org. Produce and planters will be coming soon; items will be sold Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on the corner of highways 36 and 45. Check out the AW website at adaptiveworks.org to find out all the details.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? PVA-WI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



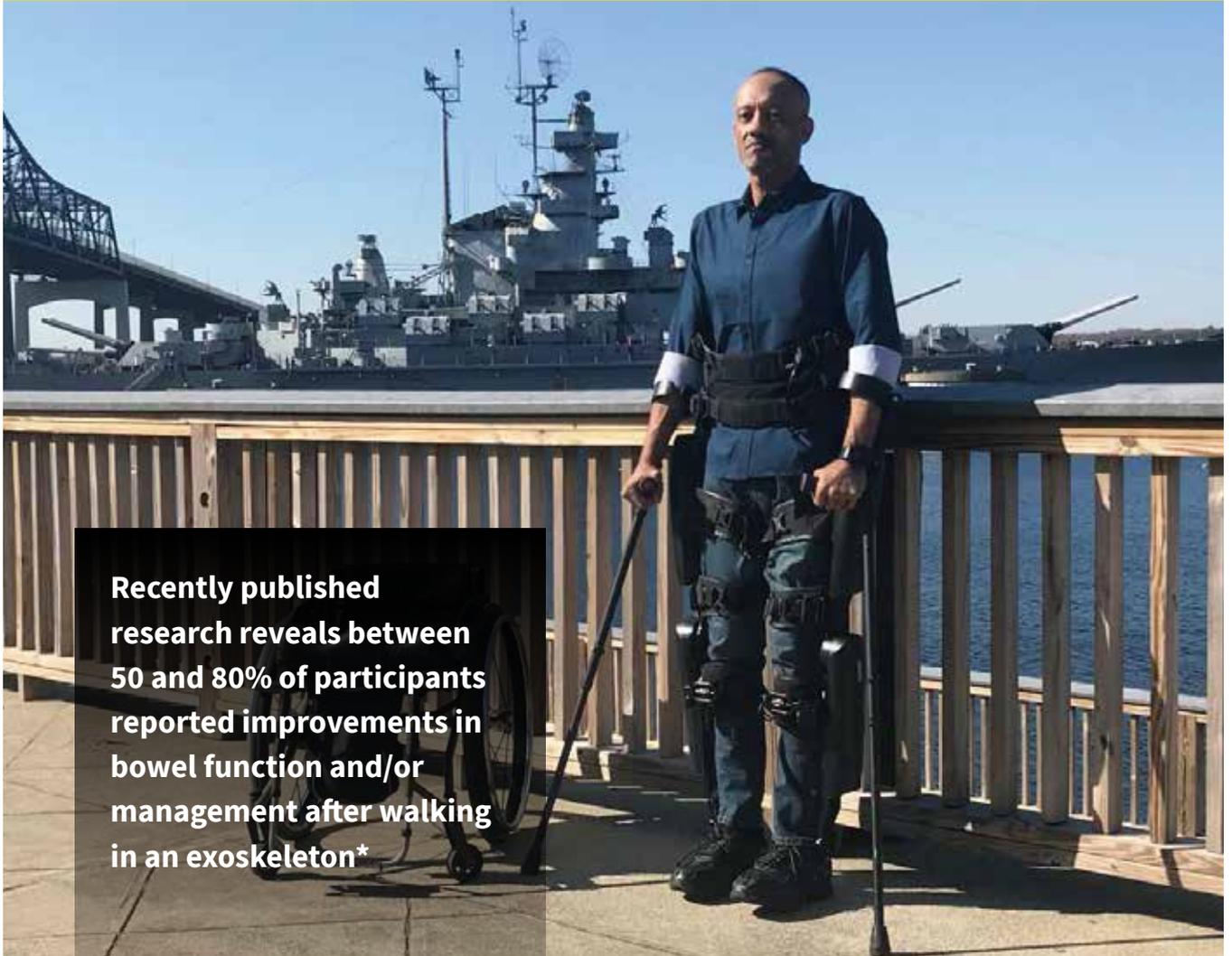
Erinn Kulba, pictured above with President Emeritus Phillip Rosenberg, was a SCI Recreation Therapy intern in the fall of 2014. Some highlights of her time as an intern were hitting the ice with the curling program, watching veterans take on the slopes down hill skiing and attending the Winter Sports Clinic as a coach with her mentor, Joyce Casey.

After completing her internship at the VA, Erinn attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for her Masters in Therapeutic Recreation. She was a recipient of a PVA-WI Scholarship. Erinn spent time working in acute neurorehabilitation, long term traumatic brain injury care and memory care before coming back home to the SCI/D Center at the VA. Erinn has been working with the SCI/D Center since 2019 and is happy to be back serving the veterans that helped get her started in the field of Recreation Therapy 11 years ago as a volunteer on the unit. Erinn has enjoyed working with the veterans in an official capacity the past two years and looks forward to the many more years to come!

In 2013, Whitney Kees (formerly Krueger), pictured right, was the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship as a Concordia University graduate student. Since then, Whitney has fulfilled her career and passion as an occupational therapist serving at a hospital in Green Bay for six years now. Whitney often gets the opportunity to serve and provide therapy and care to veterans. Whitney absolutely loves her job. She is thankful for PVA-WI.



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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.

PVA-WI ANNUAL ELECTION 2021-2022



PVA-WI is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors until July 31, 2021. In early August, the election ballots will be mailed out to the voting membership for selections. Current PVA Board Members, **Todd Drazy** and **Ken Matthews** are up for re-election as their terms end September 30, 2021.

There are four seats available. Two members have submitted their biographies to be on the ballot. Nominations continue to be accepted. Please contact the office at 414-328-8910 with your nomination.

If you are considering running for one of these open positions, you must successfully complete the Paralyzed Veterans of America Certification Process. If the National Secretary has not certified you, your name can be placed on the ballot, but you cannot assume an elected position

until you are certified. The certification process is very simple, and the forms are available at the Chapter Office. As members, many of you are already certified.

Certification requires three items of proof:

- Citizenship (birth certificate, passport, immigration or naturalization form number)
- Active Duty service in the Armed Forces and character of discharge other than dishonorable (DD-214)
- Medical proof of spinal cord injury or disease (physician's statement or medical records)

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MILITARY TRIVIA...DID YOU KNOW?



National Buffalo Soldiers Day is July 28th. It is the holiday that celebrates the contributions of some of the earliest African-American troops in the United States Military. These troops served on the Western frontier after the Civil War, battling Native Americans and protecting settlers. The Buffalo Soldiers also captured horses and thieves, built roads, protected the U.S. mail, stage-coaches and wagon trains. In 1866, Congress passed legislation known as the Army Organization Act. This Act formalized the creation of six all-black U.S. Cavalry and Infantry units.

It's unclear why African-American troops were referred to Buffalo Soldiers by Native Americans. It is speculated that it might have something to do with the ferocity and bravery these soldiers displayed in battle, like the fierce Great Plains buffalo, or that they often wore robes made from the skin of buffalo to keep warm. Whatever the case, the soldiers viewed the nickname as one of respect.

In 1948, President Truman issued Executive Order 9981 to eliminate racial segregation in America's Armed Forces. The last all black units were disbanded in the early 1950's. In 1992, General Colin Powell, was responsible for dedicating a monument in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers. It is located in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. A Buffalo Soldier Museum, dedicated to their history of military service is located in Houston, Texas.

The heroism of the Buffalo Soldiers was immortalized in 1983 by reggae singer, Bob Marley. Marley's song, "Buffalo Soldier" refers to the soldiers fighting in the "heart of America." The oldest surviving Buffalo Soldier, Mark Matthews (bottom right), passed away in 2005 at an amazing 111 years old.



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GET TO KNOW YOUR FAMILY HISTORY



CAPTAIN WILLIAM CONE.



William Henry Cone was born October 27, 1749 in Martin County, North Carolina. About 1765, he married Keziah Eudel Barber Cone at the Pee Dee Station in North Carolina. He was a patriot soldier during the Cherokee Wars preceding the American Revolution. William was to become a farmer, landowner, justice of the peace, Baptist minister (of the Little Ogeechee Baptist Church), and a Revolutionary War hero known as the "Fighting Parson" (while fighting with Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox," of South Carolina).

Keziah and William became residents of Cheraw County, South Carolina before migrating to Effingham County, Georgia and later to Bulloch County. They had nine children: Aaron Cone, Sr., Jane E. Cone, William Cone, Jr., Joseph Cone, Keziah Cone Dampier, Sarah Cone Knight, Nancy Ann Cone Hagin, Mary Cone Lee Best, and Elizabeth Cone. Keziah and William resided in the Ivanhoe Voting District (Briar Patch Census District) of Bulloch County, Georgia. His wife Keziah preceded him in death, in 1810. He later remarried, to Martha Beacham Cone of Camden County, Georgia.

William was 67 when he died in December of 1816 in Bulloch County and was buried, probably near his wife's grave, in the Old William Cone-Barber Family Cemetery (Captain William Cone Cemetery) adjacent to the old Barber family homestead on the east side of the Old River Road near the Stagecoach Road on the western bank of the Ogeechee River south of Georgia Highway 119 (Guyton-Stilson Road). In 1985 a bridge across the Ogeechee River linking Bulloch and Effingham Counties was named in honor of him.

Among William's many notable descendants was a son, Aaron Cone, Sr., who was a courier during the American Revolution; a son, William Cone, Jr., who served in both the Georgia and Florida legislatures; a daughter Nancy Ann Cone Hagin, a founding member of three Baptist churches and a poet; a grandson, Aaron Cone, Jr., who assisted naturalist John Abbot in exploring Bulloch County; a grandson, William Haddock Cone, who was a Confederate veteran and a Florida state senator; a grandson Peter Cone who was a Major General in the Confederacy; a grandson Daniel Newman Cone who was a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty.

Great-grandsons, Paul Robert Cone and John Slater Cone, Confederate soldiers who died from wounds received at the battle at James Island, South Carolina in June 1862; a great-grandson, Frederick Preston Cone, Governor of Florida from 1937 to 1942; a great-grandson Aaron Donaldson Cone, a Confederate veteran; a great-grandson Joseph Smith Cone, a Lt. Colonel in the Confederacy and a Georgia state senator; a great-grandson James Basil Cone, a dentist; a great-great-grandson Daniel Newman Cone, III, a physician; a great-great-grandson Reamer Hamilton Cone, a teacher; a great-great-grandson Howell Cobb Cone, a founder of Georgia Southern University, an attorney, and member of the Georgia Legislature.

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Great-great-great-grandson William Henry Cone, a World War II veteran, a Lt. Commander in the Navy, and an attorney; a great-great-great-grandson Rufus McClelland, a World War I veteran; a great-great-great-grandson Harry McClelland, a World War II veteran; a great-great-great-great-grandson Pernel McClelland, Jr., a World War II veteran; a great-great-great-great-grandson Waldo Floyd, Jr., MD, a physician; a great-great-great-great-grandson James Howell Cone, a Lutheran minister; a great-great-great-great-grandson John Cone, an accountant; a great-great-great-great-grandson William McDonald, a pastoral counselor and professor; and a great-great-great-great-great-granddaughter Sharlotte Neely Donnelly, PhD, a professor and author of Snowbird Cherokees; to name but a few of William Henry Cone's descendants.

CPT Cone is the 6th great Grandfather of our very own Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director/Treasurer. Scott is a member of the Milwaukee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS / ADVOCACY

In honor of PVA's 75th anniversary and all of our founders who fought tirelessly for an accessible world, the Honor the Spot campaign raises awareness of the seemingly innocent acts people commit, such as taking the handicap parking spot, that harm people with disabilities.

Last year, a Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) survey found that our members face many accessibility challenges in their communities. Parking, unsurprisingly, was one of the biggest issues.

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- 96% say parking availability is important to leading an independent life
- 69% have trouble finding parking in their communities
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- Jul 17 - WASA Expo and Picnic - 12:00 to 5:00 pm - Klentz Park
- Jul 22 - Cooking with Le'Toi - 4:00 pm - Facebook Live
- Jul 22 - Webinar: ADA Enforcement at State and Local Levels - 1:00 pm - pva.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_59fNod2eQ0qHkkD6315-VQ
- Jul 24 - Heritage Days Parade (Register with Erinn Kulba, SCI Recreation Therapist to participate) - 11:00 am - South Milwaukee
- Jul 28 - Veterans Afield - Trap Shoot - Waukesha Gun Club
- Jul 29-30 - *Respite Care Retreat - Radisson - Brookfield
- Jul 30 - Air Rifle/Pistol Practice (12:00 - 3:00 pm) - MATC - South Campus
- Jul 30 - Pack Up Party and Picnic for NVWG - MATC - South Campus
- Aug 8-13 - National Veterans Wheelchair Games - New York City, New York
- Aug 11 - Veterans Afield - Trap Shoot - Waukesha Gun Club
- Aug 19 - Cooking with Le'Toi - 4:00 pm - Facebook Live
- Aug 25 - Veterans Afield - Trap Shoot - Waukesha Gun Club
- Aug 29 - Operation: Run, Walk and Roll 5K - 9:00 am - Milwaukee County War Memorial
- Aug 29-30 - PVA 10th Annual Healthcare Summit and Expo - Dallas, Texas
- Sep 2 - Veterans Afield - Goose Hunt - Goose Haven Gun Club
- Sep 8 - Veterans Afield - Trap Shoot - Waukesha Gun Club
- Sep 9 - Veterans Afield - Goose Hunt - Goose Haven Gun Club
- Sep 11 - 20th Anniversary of 9/11
- Sep 15 - Veterans Afield - Trap Shoot - Waukesha Gun Club
- Sep 16 - Cooking with Le'Toi - 4:00 pm - Facebook Live
- Sep 16 - Veterans Afield - Goose Hunt - Goose Haven Gun Club
- Sep 19 - Annual Membership Banquet - 4:00 pm at Milwaukee County War Memorial
- Sep 22 - Veterans Afield - Pheasant Hunt Wild Wings Sportsman's Club
- Sep 23 - Veterans Afield - Goose Hunt - Goose Haven Gun Club



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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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