



PVA-WI Travels to Denver, CO for the 5th Annual Reeve Summit



PVA-WI proudly attended the 2025 Reeve Summit, “Let’s Move Mountains,” held from March 10-12, 2025, in Denver, CO. This annual event, organized by the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, brought together individuals living with paralysis, caregivers, healthcare providers, scientists, and advocates to discuss innovative solutions and strategies to improve the lives of those affected by spinal cord injuries (SCI) and paralysis.

Key topics covered at the summit included groundbreaking discussions, such as the introduction of ONWARD ARCEX with CEO Dave Marver, the first system approved for non-invasive spinal cord stimulation for chronic SCI. To learn more about ONWARD's dedication to transforming groundbreaking research into commercially available devices, visit the website provided here: www.onwd.com/contact/?trk=public_post-text.

Attendees also explored the crucial role of peer support through sessions like “Caregivers Supporting Caregivers” and learned effective grassroots advocacy strategies to drive change within the disability community. **Article continues on page 1.**





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One notable session, “Supporting Disabled Veterans: Accessing Services by Connecting the Dots,” featured PVA-WI’s VP, ND, and GRD, Scott Griffith, alongside Eric Allen, Marco Rossi, and Tom Wheaton. This panel emphasized the importance of navigating available services and benefits for veterans living with paralysis. The discussion provided valuable insights into the resources offered by both PVA-WI and the Reeve Foundation’s Military & Veterans Program, highlighting the power of collaboration in supporting the community. Attendees left with a greater understanding of how to access necessary services and advocacy efforts aimed at better supporting disabled service members.

The summit also emphasized the importance of representation in disability advocacy, with a keynote highlighting the impact of storytelling in film and theater. Discussions on “Movement is Life” underscored the need for equitable, accessible, and competent healthcare for all individuals with disabilities. Additionally, sessions focused on advancing SCI research, empowering disability leadership through entrepreneurship, and connecting disabled veterans with essential services.

The insights and resources gained from the Reeve Summit will help PVA-WI better support our members and their caregivers as we continue to advocate for positive change and strive for a more inclusive future.

- To learn more about the 2025 Reeve Summit, please visit this website:
<https://www.christopherreeve.org/todays-care/reevesummit/>



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The poster is a dark blue rectangle with a light blue border. It features white line-art illustrations of sports equipment: a badminton racket, a tennis racket, a football, and two ping-pong paddles. There are also white stars and snowflake-like symbols scattered around. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, with a small white box above it containing the text 'SCAN ME'.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear PVA-WI Community,

As your Board President, I am thrilled to share with you the exciting developments and achievements of our organization this year. We've been working diligently to expand opportunities for our members to engage with PVA-WI, whether virtually or in person. I encourage you to take advantage of our upcoming events where you can connect with fellow members, share experiences, and benefit from our growing resources.

I'm especially proud to announce that PVA-WI has received two prestigious recognitions: the 2025 Best Website Award and the 2025 Membership Development Award—the latter marking our second consecutive year receiving this honor. These achievements reflect our commitment to providing accessible information and growing our community of support.

On another note, I wanted to remind you that our annual board elections are just around the corner. If you are a full member of PVA-WI, passionate about our organization's mission, and would like to contribute your skills and expertise to help guide our future direction, I encourage you to consider running for a position on the board. Please contact our office for more information on the nomination process and the responsibilities of board members.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and engagement with our organization. It is through the dedication and involvement of members like you that we are able to make a positive impact in our community. Together, we will continue to grow our resources, enhance our services, and create a brighter future for all.

Todd Drazy, Board President

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750 N Lincoln Memorial Drive, Suite 422
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear PVA-WI Community,

I wanted to take a moment to remind you about the many ways to stay connected with PVA-WI and never miss an opportunity to engage with our community. Our award-winning website is regularly updated with all our upcoming events and important information. Make it a habit to check in frequently!

For real-time updates and additional community events, be sure to follow our Facebook page. There you'll find not only our PVA-WI activities but also other valuable events happening in your area that might interest you.

Amera Schaefer, Executive Director

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Members: 315

New Members:

Milton F. Pachal, Douglas E. Hadfield, Raymond C. Holliday,
Douglas F. Reed, Eric O. Kennedy, James M. Krusing, Conley J. Brown

Associate Members: 183

Maria Richter, Jim Williams

Final Bugle:

Peter Mittelstaedt, Larry J. Boushon, John E. Knutson, Gilbert R. Fournier

Hello PVA-WI Members,

A donor has donated a crypt to us located at West Lawn Memorial Park in Racine, WI.

If you are interested or have any questions please email info@wisconsinpva.org or call 414-328-8910.

Scan the QR code to start your scholarship application today!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



PVA-WI has a scholarship program for our members and their families. Eligibility is open to all PVA-WI members, their spouse, their children, and their grandchildren. This scholarship opportunity is not open to associate members or their dependents.

Application submission guidelines:

1. Proof of enrollment in an accredited college, university, or technical school
2. Billing statement for the upcoming school year that includes the amount owed
3. Submit an essay between 500-600 words describing how you have been impacted by a veteran living with a spinal cord injury or disease
4. Share any civic engagement activity you have performed
5. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above; please submit your most recent transcript showing grades and GPA

The application is available on our website under policies; click on the policy titled PVA-WI Scholarship for Members/Dependents or scan the QR code. These applications will be reviewed year-round on the first of every month. If you have any questions, please email aschaefer@wisconsinpva.org.



How to Make PVA-WI a Safe Sender in Your Email



DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY EVENTS!



Ensure that PVA-WI is marked as a safe sender in your email.

PVA-WI's following email addresses should be listed as safe senders:

- info@wisconsinpva.org
- info@paralyzedveteransofamerica-wisconsinchapter.ccsend.com
- bfrey@wisconsinpva.org
- aschaefer@wisconsinpva.org

Please follow the directions corresponding to your email provider below:

Outlook

- Open the email.
- Go to "Home" tab > "Junk" icon.
- Select "Junk E-mail Options".
- Choose the "Safe Senders" tab.
- Click "Add" and enter the email address.



Gmail

- Click the "Not Spam" option.
- Alternatively, add the sender to your Google Contacts.
- You can also create a filter to automatically send emails from that sender to your inbox.



Apple Mail

- Right-click on the sender's email address.
- Select "Add to Contacts".
- You can also manually add the email address to your contacts list.



Key points to remember:

Adding to contacts:

Often, simply adding an email address to your contacts list will automatically mark them as a safe sender on most platforms.

Check settings:

Depending on your email provider, you might need to access specific "Junk Mail" or "Spam" settings to find the option to add safe senders.

Please Note: At PVA-WI, we value your privacy and trust. We want to assure you that we will never sell your email address to other companies. Additionally, we do not send spam emails. Our communications are limited to sharing only the most important information with you.

Upcoming Events



Please visit our website www.wisconsinpva.org for more events and information! New events are continuously added!



Paralyzed Veterans of America
Wisconsin Chapter

REGISTRATION FEE

\$235
All Events

\$80
Each Event

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Hotel Reservations:
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Phone: (920) 494-7300
Must reserve room by May 17, 2025

Register Now!

Website: www.wisconsinpva.org
Phone: (414) 328-8910

Paralyzed Veterans of America - Wisconsin Chapter

**4th Annual
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**TUE & WED
June 3-4, 2025**

PVA
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Wisconsin Chapter

**MKE County
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6000 W Ryan Rd, Franklin, WI 53132

Register Here! www.wisconsinpva.org/upcoming-events

Salmon A Rama
Racine, WI

SALMON-A-RAMA

"One of the World's largest salmon fishing tournaments!"

Join PVA-WI on **Tuesday, July 15th, 2025**, at 5:30AM at the Reefpoint Marina for charter boat fishing!

EVENT DETAILS:

- Please register below by May 30, 2025.
- PVA-WI members and 1 guest are priority for spots. Associate members on a standby list. Hotel is provided for PVA-WI members traveling > 50 miles.
- Enjoy special prizes, a delicious breakfast, and lunch upon the return of all 10 charter boats. We'll also provide snacks while you're on board. Don't forget to bring sunblock and wear appropriate clothing for a fun and safe adventure!

Reefpoint Marina
2 Christopher Columbus,
Racine, WI 53403

Registration
[Click Here](#) or scan the QR code

Scan me

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PVA-WI**

**NATIONAL MS WALK -
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walk MS
walk to create a world free of MS

- Participate virtually or in person!
- Register for Walk MS in Milwaukee at this link or visit our website: <https://events.nationalmssociety.org/participant/657917>
- Complete registration and click Join team, search for PVA-WI
- Share and invite your friends and family!
- Donations are not required for participation but are welcome to support National MS Society efforts

DETAILS

SUMMERFEST 200 N. HARBOR DRIVE

SITE OPENS AT 8:30 AM, WALK STARTS AT 10:00 AM

www.wisconsinpva.org/upcoming-events

Upcoming Events



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MAY 19



3:00 - 8:00 PM



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Roma Lodge at 11:00 AM

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PVA Awareness Month

APRIL



April is recognized as PVA Awareness Month, which serves as a precursor to Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day. This day was declared by President Ronald Reagan in 1986 and started as a day-long observance. After requests from PVA members and chapters across the country, the celebration was extended to an entire month to raise awareness of America's veterans living with spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D) as well as all veterans with disabilities. The aim is to highlight the people, programs, and services that exist to help make their lives easier.

PVA-WI is proud to celebrate PVA Awareness Month in April, which demonstrates how far we have come in the fight to help paralyzed Veterans and all people with disabilities. It also shines a spotlight on how much further we have left to go in helping these heroes regain what they fought for: their freedom and independence.

Throughout April, all 33 PVA Chapters will share stories that highlight the resiliency of their members and the national impact of PVA efforts for veterans with SCI/D and all people living with disabilities. Follow us on all social media platforms: @PVA_WI on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn!

Most Outstanding Chapter Website

We are thrilled to announce that PVA-WI has won the 2025 PVA Most Outstanding Chapter Website Award! Having previously won this award in 2020, we have continued to revamp and improve our website to better support our members. This award is a testament to our exceptional efforts in creating an engaging, accessible, and informative website for our members, their families, caregivers, and donors.

The award will be presented at the PVA 79th Annual Convention Opening Ceremonies on May 13, 2025, in Austin, TX. We look forward to celebrating this achievement and are excited to further enhance our website! Check it out now at www.wisconsinpva.org.

PVA-WI's Annual Air Gun Tournament



2025 RESULTS!

1st Place SH2A
Marvin B.

2nd Place SH2A
John C.

1st Place SH2B
Skylar C.

1st Place Air Gun SH1
Neil O.

2nd Place Air Gun SH1
Doug E.

1st Place Air Pistol SH1
Doug E.

2nd Place Air Pistol SH1
Richard H.



Advocacy & Legislation

Amplify Your Advocacy with PVA-WI's Action Center!

PVA-WI is dedicated to improving the quality of life for our American veterans and others with spinal cord injury, dysfunction, or disease (SCI/D). Advocacy is a cornerstone of our mission, and we need your help to amplify our efforts. By joining our Voter Voice initiative, you can make a significant impact on the lives of veterans and the SCI/D community.

What is the Voter Voice Initiative?

The Voter Voice initiative is a powerful tool that allows you to engage directly with key legislative topics important to PVA-WI. Through this platform, you can send messages to U.S. Representatives and Senators, urging them to support legislation that benefits veterans and individuals with SCI/D. This initiative is open to all U.S. citizens, making it a broad and inclusive effort to drive change.

How to Get Involved

1. **Visit the PVA-WI Action Center:** Start by visiting our [Action Center](#) on the PVA-WI website.
2. **Explore Key Legislative Topics:** Learn about the critical issues and bills that affect the SCI/D community. For example, Senate Bill 99 focuses on spinal cord injury research funding.
3. **Send Messages to Legislators:** Use the Voter Voice platform to send personalized messages to your representatives. Your voice can help shape policies that provide better support and resources for veterans.
4. **Share Your Story:** Personal stories are powerful. Share your experiences and how specific legislation can impact your life or the lives of those you care about. This personal touch can make a significant difference in advocacy efforts.

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Why Your Voice Matters

Advocacy is more effective when it includes the voices of those directly affected. By participating in the Voter Voice initiative, you help ensure that legislators understand the real-world impact of their decisions. Your involvement can lead to increased funding for SCI/D research, expanded benefits for veterans, and improved healthcare services.

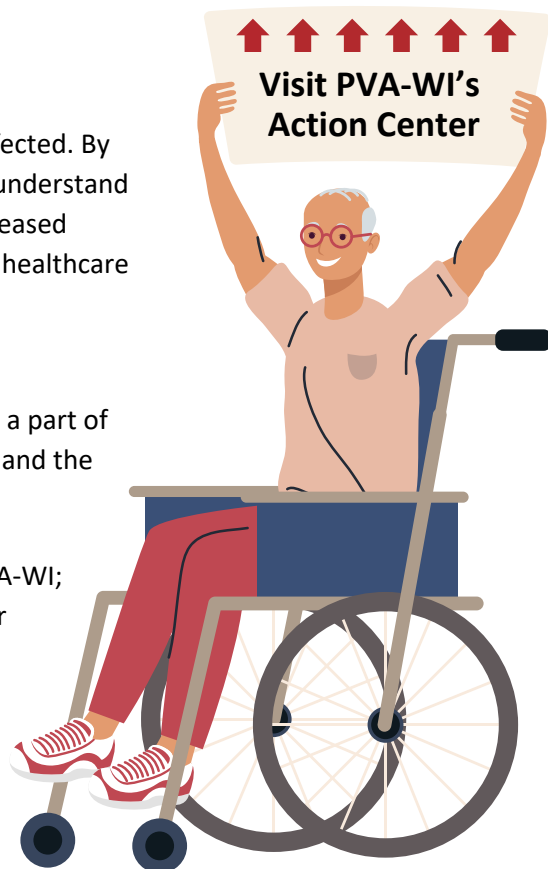
Take Action Today

Join us in making a difference. Visit the [PVA-WI Action Center](#) and become a part of our advocacy efforts. Together, we can create a better future for veterans and the SCI/D community.

By engaging with the Voter Voice initiative, you are not just supporting PVA-WI; you are advocating for a cause that affects thousands of veterans and their families. Your participation can lead to meaningful change and improved quality of life for those who have served our country.

Stay Informed

Don't forget to view PVA-WI's new monthly advocacy e-newsletter for updates on our efforts and how you can continue to support our mission!





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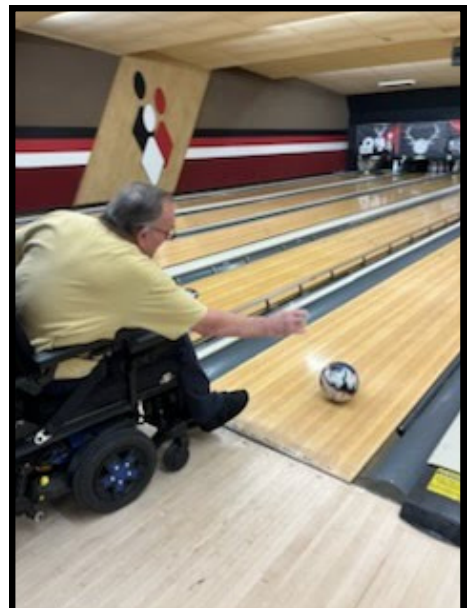
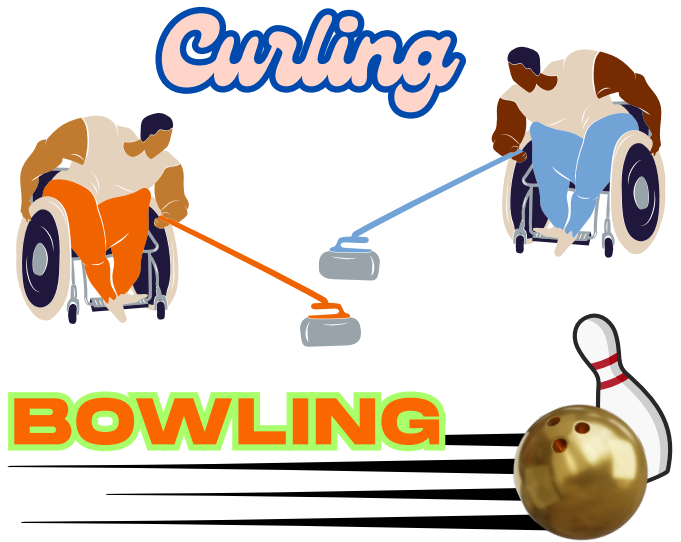
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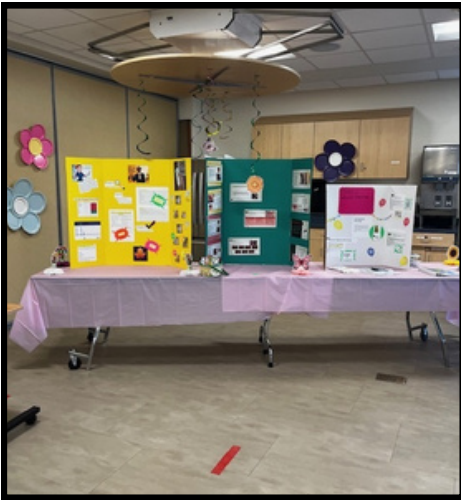
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Member Activities



Member Activities



PVA-WI EDUCATION FAIR

PVA-WI recently organized an educational fair for the Milwaukee VA SCI Unit, showcasing our dedication to providing nurses and healthcare professionals with the most up-to-date knowledge and best practices for caring for individuals with SCI/D, including MS and ALS.



Angela Walker Performs the National Anthem

PVA-WI Board Member Angela Walker delivered a stunning performance of the National Anthem at the Milwaukee Bucks game! You can read the fantastic article written by Kunes Mobility about her performance by scanning the QR code.



PVA-WI Annual Election 2025-2026

PVA-WI is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors until July 31, 2025. In early August, the election ballots will be mailed to the voting membership for selection. Current PVA Board Members **Pete Carrao** and Secretary, **Gary Stott** are up for re-election as their term ends September 30, 2025. Nominations are now being accepted. Please contact the office if you are interested in running for the board.

Questions? Please contact the office at (414) 328-8910 or email info@wisconsinpva.org.

If you are considering running for an open position, you must successfully complete Paralyzed Veterans of America's Certification process. If the National Secretary has not certified you, your name can still 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 through PVA-WI.

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).

Please note - this process does take time, so make sure to allow enough time to complete the certification process. If you have questions, please contact the office at (414) 328-8910 or email info@wisconsinpva.org.

Memorial Day

REMEMBER & HONOR





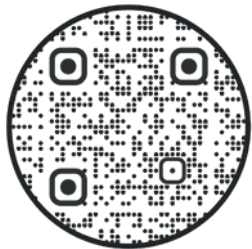
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- Enjoy eye-level conversations again



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www.eksobionics.com/request-information/

* A screening process through the VA is required to determine eligibility for use of the Ekso Indego Personal device. For full indications for use, visit: www.eksobionics.com/indications-for-use/



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Managing Your VA Health Care Online (My HealtheVet)

By Brenda Stencil, Senior National Service Officer

The My HealtheVet portal started as a pilot program at nine Veterans Affairs medical centers (VAMCs) in 1999. The portal was successfully launched to the public on November 11, 2003, and today, My HealtheVet is widely accessible to millions of veterans.

My HealtheVet is VA's online health care portal offering secure access to veteran's health information anytime. It makes managing health care more convenient, especially for veterans who prefer managing tasks online. The My HealtheVet portal contains four feature tools and options available:

- Pharmacy: Refill VA prescriptions, track VA prescription delivery and review all past and current medications
- Appointments: Request or self-schedule some appointments, review upcoming community care appointments, and review an After-Visit Summary from a previous appointment
- Messages: Communicate privately and securely with the VA health care team online. Organize messages in folders and download and print messages
- Health Records: View VA health information (lab and test results, allergy information, vaccine information, provider notes and care summaries, vitals, and health conditions)

For years, veterans would access their health information via My HealtheVet user ID and password sign-in option. Access to other VA sites would also require a separate log-in. In October 2023, the VA announced the My HealtheVet portal would transition from its current website to VA.gov. The VA stated veterans wouldn't lose any stored information and VA benefits could be managed by phone, by mail, or in person. The transition to VA.gov provides veterans with one-stop shopping to manage their VA health care on the same website where they already access benefits and services.

In July 2024, the VA reported My HealtheVet and DS Logon sign-in options would be phased out in 2025, and veterans would need to start using a Login.gov or ID.me account. The VA recently extended the date for veterans to transition to the new online login system from January 31, 2025, to March 4, 2025.

Most veterans are already using Login.gov and ID.me to access My HealtheVet and other VA digital services, but the VA will use this additional time to ensure as many veterans as possible make the switch before the legacy My HealtheVet username and password system is retired on March 4, 2025.

Creating an Account: Should I use Login.gov or ID.me?

A few differences between Login.gov and ID.me:

- Login.gov account is maintained by the U.S. Government. An ID.me account is maintained by a non-government provider for the VA.
- Both Login.gov and ID.me accounts meet modern security standards and protect your data so only you can access and change your stored information. Both accounts let you use a single, secure account to access your VA and some other government benefits and services.

You will need to choose ID.me if any are true for you:

- You live outside the U.S
- You don't have a Social Security number
- You don't have a current, unexpired driver's license or other state-issued ID
- Your phone is on a plan that's not in your name and you want to verify your identity online

If you don't have a mobile phone:

- For Login.gov:
 - You can verify your identity at a participating U.S. post office
 - You may be able to verify your address by mail

After March 4, 2025, you won't be able to sign in to VA.gov, VA mobile apps, or other VA online services with a My HealtheVet user ID and password. After September 30, 2025, you won't be able to sign in with a DS Logon username and password.

When you sign into VA.gov and select My HealtheVet in the main navigation, you'll now start on the new My HealtheVet on VA.gov landing page. This page has links to all of the same health tools you use today. The VA continues to add new tools and features that veterans have asked for—like the ability to file a travel claim, reorder a medication, or quickly find a specific lab result without having to download your entire medical record.

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The VA is also making improvements so that My HealtheVet on VA.gov is easier for all veterans to use—including those who are blind or have low vision and use a screen reader or other assistive device.

If you haven't made the switch, you may create an account using the website below:

- Create a Login.gov or ID.me account - <https://www.va.gov/sign-in/?oauth=false>

Many websites can be difficult to access or create accounts due to factors like confusing navigation, strict verification processes, or technical issues with the site itself, making it frustrating for veterans to navigate and register. Veterans may contact the sites below and/or call My HealtheVet.

Need Help?

- Login.gov
 - Go to the Login.gov help center at <https://login.gov/help/>
- ID.me
 - Go to the ID.me help center at <https://help.id.me/hc/en-us>
- My HealtheVet
 - Contact the My HealtheVet Help Desk at [877-327-0022](tel:877-327-0022) or [800-877-8339](tel:800-877-8339) (TTY), Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. (Central Time)

A national service officer in Milwaukee, WI, Brenda Stencil has been working for PVA since July 2022.

May is ALS Awareness Month

WALK TO FIGHT ALS-MILWAUKEE



SUN, OCT 5, 2025

Walk Check-In:

8:30 AM

Walk Start:

10:00 AM



Greenfield Park

2028 S 124th St

West Allis, WI 53227

[Map & Directions](#)



Walk Contact

Amera Schaefer

aschaefer@wisconsinpva.org

org

Walk Distance: 1.3 Miles

[More Walk Details](#)

Thank You's

WISCONSIN PVA.

Thank you so much for your support the last two years of my college career. I am so thankful! You have helped me pursue my dream of becoming a nurse.

*Kindest regards,
Haley David*

Dear Elizabeth & Lynette & PVA-SCI Outpatient Clinic,

On behalf of the Milwaukee VA Fisher House we thank you for coming to the Fisher House on January 29th, 2025 to provide a delicious meal to the families staying with us.

We appreciate your support and contribution in making this house a "home away from home" for all the families who come to stay. Your donation demonstrates your concern for America's heroes and their families.

*Thank you again,
The Milwaukee VA Fisher House*




Thank you to Inteplast Group Corporation for presenting PVA-WI with a \$1,000 check for our Membership Banquet!





Want To Improve **Your Bowel Function?**

A man in a dark blue shirt and pants is standing on a wooden pier, wearing a ReWalk exoskeleton. He is holding two black walking sticks. In the background, there is a large ship and a bridge. A wheelchair is parked to his left.

Recently published research reveals between 50 and 80% of participants reported improvements in bowel function and/or management after walking in an exoskeleton*

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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.



ACTRIMS Forum 2025: Making Connections - Researchers, Clinicians, and Those Living with MS

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Everything ALS Expert Talk Series

Topic: ALS 'Natural History': How to turn real-world experience into real progress in ALS research!

Date & Time:
April 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM CT

Location: Zoom

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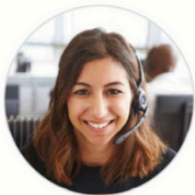
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Register now to receive the Session 2 Zoom meeting link, agenda, and reading materials!

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Questions? Email Brenna
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Session 2 Details:
Topic: MS Fatigue
Date: Tue, April 15
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom

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Meeting Details

-  Tue, April 15
Tue, May 20
Tue, June 17
-  7:00 - 8:00 PM
-  Zoom



Meeting Details

-  Mon, April 28
-  12:00 - 12:45 PM
-  Zoom



ALS Education Presentation

Join PVA-WI and Quest Healthcare for a discussion about Dysregulation of GUT Microbiota and Bowel Problems in ALS.

Wisconsin PVA Chapter Virtual Education Presentation
You are invited to a 45-minute Virtual presentation. The meeting link will be shared closer to the date of the event.

ALS - Dysregulation of GUT Microbiota and Bowel Problems

- ALS Signs and Symptoms
- Genetics
- Environmental Factors and Risk Factors for ALS
- Prevention and Management of Bowel Problems
- Management of Bowel Problems
- Management of Dysregulation of GUT Microbiota

When: April 28, 2025 - 12:00pm CST



WOMEN VETS RECONNECT

Monthly Zoom Meetings for Women Veterans



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Take a break and reconnect with fellow women veterans who truly understand your experiences. This is your time to relax, share, and support each other in a welcoming and understanding environment. Join PVA-WI for our monthly Zoom meeting for women vets, **Women Vets Reconnect!**




Thursday, April 3, 2025
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Zoom (register to receive link)

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-  Thur, April 3
Thur, May 1
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-  7:00 - 8:00 PM
-  Zoom





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Please complete the 2025 PVA-WI Member Satisfaction Survey. Scan the QR code or visit:

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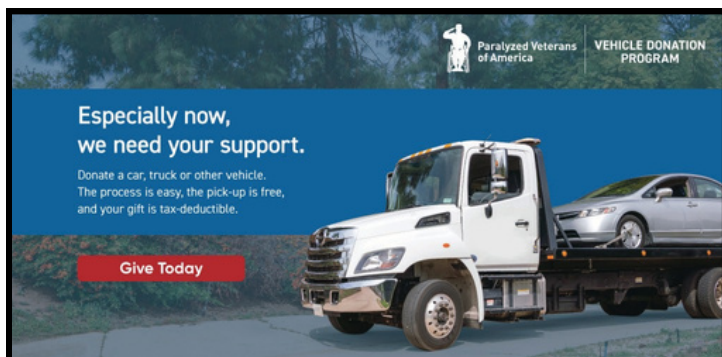
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Triage	45845	Recreation Therapy	41256/41245/41258
SCI Clinical Appointments	41230	VA Van Travel	42057
Physical Therapy	41126	Patient Advocate	42604
Occupational Therapy	41126	NSO/Benefits - Brenda Stencil	414-902-5655
Badger Team (Social Worker)	41841	Packer Team (Social Worker)	42244
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