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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

PVA-WI Athletes Dominate the 43rd Annual National Veteran Wheelchair Games!



Parading the stage in cow print uniforms, PVA-WI athletes did not hesitate to make their Chapter known at the 43rd Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG)! This past July, 17 PVA-WI members flew to New Orleans to represent Team Wisconsin at the world's largest annual wheelchair sports and rehabilitation event for military veterans. Over 529 Veterans from across the country fiercely competed to bring home the gold in over 20 different events, including archery, basketball, powerlifting, boccia, disc golf, swimming, and bass fishing - a unique addition to the 2024 games.



Proudly co-sponsored by PVA National and the VA, the NVWG is a significant event that promotes rehabilitation, camaraderie, and friendly competition among veterans. Notably, 187 new athletes, including 26 women, joined since last year's games, marking the highest number in NVWG's history!

Team Wisconsin brought home a whopping 40 medals: 17 Gold, 14 Silver, and 9 Bronze! WAY TO GO, WISCONSIN! We want to congratulate all the following athletes who participated and proudly represented Team Wisconsin: Marvin Bailey, Rickey Wicklund, Carlton Garrett, Pete Carrao, Terrence Green, Harold Hack, Doug Harris, Jerry Howell, Ken Ness, Howie Luxner, TJ Martin, Ervin Mulkey, Rickey Riley, Tony Smilko, Frank Smith, Derrick Trentin, and Angela Walker. Thank you to PVA-WI Team Sponsor, Only in Wisconsin Giving!

Please enjoy pictures of the event on pages 10 and 11. *Photos courtesy of PVA, PN Online, PVA-WI members, and Corbin Mulkey*



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear PVA-WI Members and Supporters,

As we wrap up another fiscal year, I'm thrilled to report that our 2024 Annual Membership Banquet was a resounding success. It was truly a celebration to remember, filled with great conversations and exciting announcements about new programs on the horizon for PVA-WI.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest gratitude for re-electing me to the board and allowing me to continue serving as PVA-WI's President. Your trust and support mean the world to me, and I'm honored to lead this incredible organization for another term.

The banquet provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with many of you personally. Hearing your stories, experiences, and ideas firsthand was both inspiring and invaluable. Your input helps shape the future of our organization and ensures we continue to meet the evolving needs of our community. I was particularly excited to share details about some of the new programs PVA-WI is rolling out. These initiatives are designed to further support and empower our members, and I encourage everyone to explore ways to get involved. Whether it's participating in a new program, volunteering, or simply spreading the word, your engagement is crucial to our success.

I hope each of you finds time to relax, reflect, and enjoy the company of loved ones during this festive time. Here's to a joyous holiday season and a promising new year ahead for our PVA-WI family.

Warm regards,

Todd Drazy
Board President

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Members and Supporters,

Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, and supported our 2024 Annual Membership Banquet. Your participation made the event a resounding success.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office if you have any questions or suggestions.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season

Amera Schaefer, Executive Director

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Members: 311

New Members:

James C. Dawson, Marc C. Nelson, Samuel J. Babb, Jessica D. Wagner,
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John J. Green, Jason M. Koch, Russell Toeller

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Final Bugle:

Marvin H. Hewuse, Robert J. Richard, James G. Colburn, Gregory
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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.

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.

Scan the QR code to start your scholarship application today!



PVA 2024 Advocacy/Legislation Seminar



On June 11-13, 2024, PVA National hosted its Annual Advocacy/Legislation Seminar in Washington, D.C. This seminar provided the opportunity for over 120 PVA chapter members, leaders, and volunteers to advance advocacy efforts during visits on Capitol Hill and in a special hearing before the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Among them, Vice President, National Director, and Government Relations Director Scott Griffith made a point to visit all 9 of the Wisconsin D.C. delegate offices to discuss the PVA 2024 legislative priorities. These priorities included preserving the SCI/D system of care, passage of legislation supporting long-term services and supports, housing modifications, survivor benefits, and dignified access to air travel-related security screenings. For a detailed list of the PVA 2024 Policy Priorities, please visit: <https://pva.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/PVA-2024-Policy-Priorities.pdf>.

- This year's Advocacy/Legislation Seminar was a tremendous success, with PVA participants visiting the offices
- of nearly 300 members of Congress! Thank you to Scott Griffith for representing the Wisconsin Chapter. We
- look forward to offering our ongoing support for this event at PVA's 2025 Advocacy/Legislation Seminar and continuing to advocate for disabled veterans, their families, and caregivers from the bedside to the transition home and beyond.

Congratulations: Scholarship Recipients

PVA National Scholarship Recipient

- Anne Olsen (University of Wisconsin - Madison)
 - Daughter of Einar Olson – Wisconsin Chapter

PVA-WI Scholarship Recipient

- Mariana Diaz (provide other info)
 - Daughter of Santiago Perez
- Corina Bodnar
 - Daughter of Santiago Perez
- Brady Trentin (provide other info)
 - Son of Derrick Trentin

PVA-WI wishes you the best of luck in your studies and thanks you for the opportunity to support your future endeavors!

Upcoming Events

Please visit our website www.wisconsinpva.org for more information about these events.



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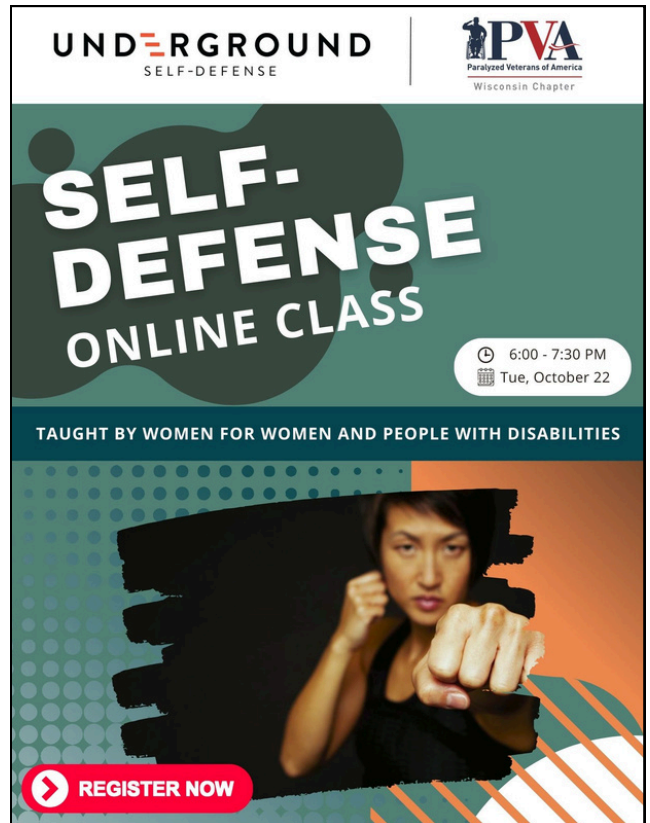
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Where: SCI Building 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.

Staff members are encouraged to purchase an item from the Fisher House Milwaukee Wish List.
Meals, Beverages and Desert provided by PVA-WI.

2024 Annual Membership Banquet & Chapter Awards

PVA-WI's Annual Membership Banquet was held on Sunday, September 15, at the Roma Lodge in Racine. The event brought our community together in a spirit of camaraderie and shared purpose. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated supporters, Waterstone Bank Foundation, Kunes Mobility, and Generac, for their unwavering commitment to our veterans. Their support enables us to make a real difference in the lives of those who have served our nation. We would also like to give a special thank you to the Beale Foundation for gifting PVA-WI member, Ms. Tina Leet, with a track chair. She stated, "I am in absolute shock...I can't wait to walk my dogs on actual hiking trails and for winter to come so I can help my neighbors with an actual plow instead of them asking me if I need help in my wheelchair and shovel. I can't wait to use it, thank you so much for a huge blessing."

At the Banquet, our raffles and online auction not only provided exciting prizes but also vital funds to support our programs. Additionally, the swearing-in of our new board members marked an important moment as we welcomed fresh perspectives and renewed dedication to our mission.

Lastly, browsing through the banquet photos allowed us to relive the joyous memories and connections made that night. Together, we are forging a stronger, more vibrant PVA-WI community. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our veterans!

PVA-WI's Annual Chapter Awards were given to the following individuals:

- Donald G. "Don" Schmidt Sportsman Award: Jerry Constabile
- Ron Falkner Award: Mark Rose
- Patricia A. "Patty" Wiseman PVA-WI Volunteer of the Year award: Dan Kunda
- President's Award: Amera Schaefer



**Ron Falkner Award:
Mark Rose**



**Donald G. "Don" Schmidt
Sportsman Award:
Jerry Constabile**



**Ms. Tina Leet uses her
track chair**

2024 Annual Membership Banquet



National Service Officer (NSO) Report

Automobile Adaptive Equipment (AAE) Program

By Brenda Stencil, National Service Officer

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Automobile Adaptive Equipment (AAE) program prescribes and pays for adaptive equipment to allow an eligible person to safely operate and enter/exit from their personal vehicle. All AAE must be prescribed by a Veterans Healthcare Physician or a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist.

Who is Eligible for AAE?

(1) Veterans who are entitled to receive compensation for the loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet; or the loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands; or ankylosis of one or both knees, or one of both hips if the disability is the result of injury incurred or disease contracted in or aggravated by active military, naval or air service.

(2) Members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who are suffering from any disability incurred or contracted during or aggravated by active military service are eligible to receive automobile adaptive equipment.

How do I Apply?

The VHA determines entitlement for AAE and the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) determines eligibility through a compensation rating decision. To apply, veterans will need to fill out an Application for Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment (VA Form 21-4502). A certified VA Form 21-4502 is required to purchase a vehicle and/or be prescribed AAE.

Veterans who are Non-Service Connected

Non-service connected veterans are not eligible for the AAE program, however, if veterans are enrolled in VHA's healthcare system, vehicle modifications can be provided. The modifications include non-operational equipment to the drivers or passengers' side (e.g. wheelchair tie downs; vehicle lifts; items to assist with entering and exiting the vehicle). Note: If you are not eligible for the AAE program, please contact your local Prosthetic & Sensory Aids Service (PSAS).

VA Driver Rehabilitation Program

It is VHA policy that eligible veterans and service members receive evaluation and training to drive a motorized vehicle through the Driver Rehabilitation Program (DRP) to ensure they are independent and safe with or without AAE. This service is available to any veteran regardless of service-connection status.

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Trap Shoot Competitions

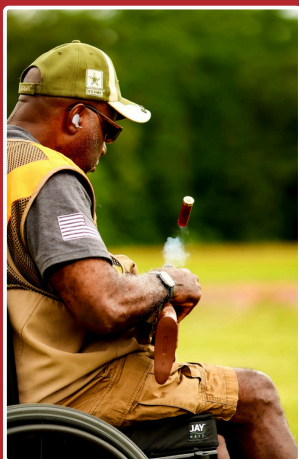
NVWG Trap Shoot



On July 10th, Veterans Afield U.A. hosted the National Veteran Wheelchair Games Trap Shoot at the Waukesha Gun Club. The five participants representing the Paralyzed Veterans of America-Wisconsin Chapter from left to right are Rickey Riley, Terrence Green, Howard Luxner, Derrick Trentin, and Pete Carrao. Each participant is required to shoot four rounds at 25 shots per round for a total of 100 shots, which is a lot of shooting in a short period of time! The chapter performed well despite the temperature and number of rounds. The score sheets were authenticated and signed off by our safety range officer, Ron Stark, provided by the club. The score sheets were then scanned and forwarded to the nationals to wait for all the score sheets to be turned in from all the other PVA chapters participating. I can't give them any medals, but I can give them a Bravo Zulu for their efforts.

- Patrick D. Horvath, Veterans Afield U.A. President

Iowa Trap Shoot



Terrence Green
Army Veteran



Dave David
Marine Veteran



Derrick Trentin
Army Veteran

2023-2024 Trap Shoot Year End Awards

Team 1st Place:
Team Wisconsin

Team 2nd Place:
Team Minnesota

High Overall:
Kelley Prull

High Overall - PVA Member:
Dave David

Singles - D 1st Place:
Scotty Poehler

Singles - D 2nd Place:
Chance Wollbrinck

Doubles - D 1st Place:
John Murphy

Doubles - D 2nd Place:
Ken Buchholz

Doubles - C 1st Place:
Stephanie Dennis

Short Yardage 1st Place:
Doug Eckhoff

Short Yardage 2nd Place:
John Pilotte





NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



Photo by Corbin Mulkey





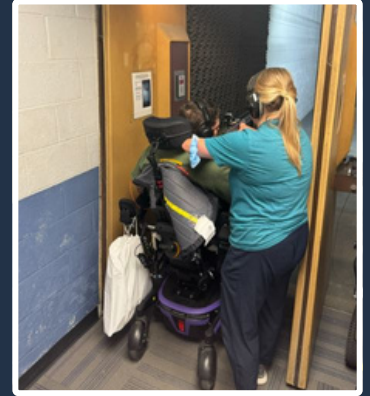
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PVA-WI at Work



Join PVA-WI at Shooters' in Racine for Air Rifle!



Dinner at the Fisher House, sponsored by PVA-WI and VA SCI Staff. Special thanks to VA employees Michelle, Donna, and Jacklyn for serving the guests.



Presented by the War Memorial Center, PVA-WI members enjoy a Lego Robotics class



NSO Report Continued

Stop!!!! Don't purchase a vehicle or AAE before getting a consult with the Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. Entitlement for vehicle modifications need to be re-established annually or every time a veteran makes a new purchase. All equipment cannot be approved without a detailed prescription.

Veterans can contact their primary provider to have a consult submitted for the OT Drivers Training. The Driver Rehabilitation Specialist will work closely with the veteran to provide input on driving skills and tasks needed to compensate for their disability and the needed adaptive equipment that is necessary for their particular disability.

VA Driver Rehabilitation locations can be found at Milwaukee, WI, Minneapolis, MN, and Hines IL.

Program Changes to AAE Regulations and What You Should Know

The Department of Veterans Affairs amended Code of Federal Regulations 38 CFR 17.156-158 effective July 17, 2024. Details can be found at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-17/subject-group-ECFRfc3ac9be06691ec?toc=1>.

Note: Effective October 1, 2024, new claims will be considered under the amended regulations. VBA will honor existing claims until October 1, 2024.

- Eligible veterans are entitled to have adaptive equipment on 2 vehicles in a 4-year period.
- Each vehicle with prescribed adaptive equipment must remain on the veteran's record for at least 4 years unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- The veteran cannot trade in or dispose of the adaptive equipment on record unless the date approved meets or exceed 4 years. This also pertains to one vehicle on record.
- Prosthetics will need documentation for disposition or trade-in before removing AAE from a Veteran's record.

VA Adaptive Equipment Schedule for Automobiles and Other Conveyances. Payment or reimbursement is based on medical need and the VA Adaptive Equipment Schedule. The schedule contains the maximum allowable reimbursement amounts for the listed adaptive equipment. It also includes the maximum hourly labor rates for installation, repair, reinstallation, and replacement of this equipment and allowable fees that VA will pay. You may view the VA Automobile Adaptive Equipment Schedule at: https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/AAE_Schedule.asp.

What if you Need Help?

Contact your National Service Officer, Brenda Stencil at (414) 902-5655 or email brendas@pva.org.



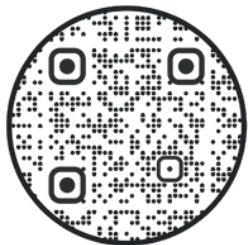
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VALOR GAMES



Keena Avery's bronze medals from shotput and archery!



Cecily Roland won 3 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medal!

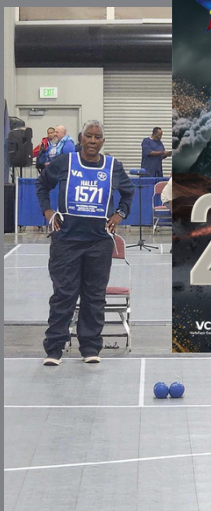


Lorianne Brown competing in archery!

GOLDEN AGE GAMES



Diane Halle with her gold medal in pickleball!



Cecily Roland with her gold medal in pickleball and silver medal in table tennis!



Kenna Avery competing in 9 ball and chess!



Salmon-A-Rama

Join PVA-WI for charter boat fishing on Lake Michigan! On July 16, 2024, 22 PVA-WI members participated in Salmon-A-Rama, one of the largest salmon fishing tournaments in the world. The members boarded 11 charter boats at the Reefpoint Marina in Racine and caught over 50 fish, receiving rewards based on the type of fish caught and their weight. Excitingly, PVA-WI board member Derrick Trentin caught the first catfish of the season, Mr. Whiskers! Additionally, participants were able to take home the day's catch and smoked salmon, cleaned and prepped by volunteers at Stick Chasers Tree Service and Butcher Block Meat Market. PVA-WI members also enjoyed a three-course lunch at the Reefpoint Marina Brewhouse.

We want to give a special thank you to the Racine County Fire Department and Reefpoint Marina boat captains for assisting our veterans in boarding the charter boats. Your help was pivotal in making this event happen. We would also like to thank CNH Industrial for sponsoring this event for our veterans, Ayalas Extreme Exteriors for providing trophies, snacks, and refreshments in Memory of Matt Weidman, and Props Ahoy for sponsoring the entertainment. This was our fourth year participating in Salmon-A-Rama, and we look forward to expanding this program further.



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Other HIPAA-compliant features include optional private reminder settings, links to further educational materials from MSAA, and – exclusive to My MS Manager™ – the ability to connect to physicians and other clinicians on your care team via the app to share your progress and reports securely and as needed.

My MS Manager™ is available on the iOS app store, and on web and mobile web at <https://mymsaa.org/msaa-community/mobile/>.

This information was provided by MSAA.



Roon – ALS Resource Mobile App

When dealing with a disease like ALS, it can be hard to know where to turn for reliable information and advice. While your doctor and care team might be able to provide some answers to your questions, there are many topics that they might not be equipped to handle. There are many resources available on the internet, but it can be hard to know if you've found a reputable source.

Roon is an app that help solve this problem. It provides answers to questions about disease, including ALS, in the form of short video clips featuring researchers, doctors, caregivers, people with the disease, and more. They provide information about topics like treatments, current research into the causes of the disease, and advice about day-to-day life. To learn more, visit <https://www.roon.com/>.



This information was provided by The ALS Therapy Development Institute.

Adaptive Training Opportunity



Unitedtrainingfoundation.com




The United Training Foundation is a Midwest based 501(c)3 nonprofit working to advocate for the health and wellness of injured Veterans and all people with physical impairments. Our mission is to empower people with disabilities to take control of their fitness through our network of gyms and coaches. We select our partners based on 3 key factors, inclusion, community and accessibility. Last year, UTF donated over \$30,000 in adaptive equipment, helped hundreds of adaptive athletes take control of their fitness, and sponsored a number of coaches to get their Adaptive Training Instructor certification.



United Training Foundation athletes are accepted into the program through an application process. During this process the board gets to know the athlete and confirm that their goals and vision for the future aligns with the mission of UTF. After the online application the athlete meets with the board in person to explain their “WHY”. What’s the goal for the next 6 months, 1 year, 5 years and the United Training Foundation can help lay out a path to achieve these goals with the athlete.



Want To Improve **Your Bowel Function?**



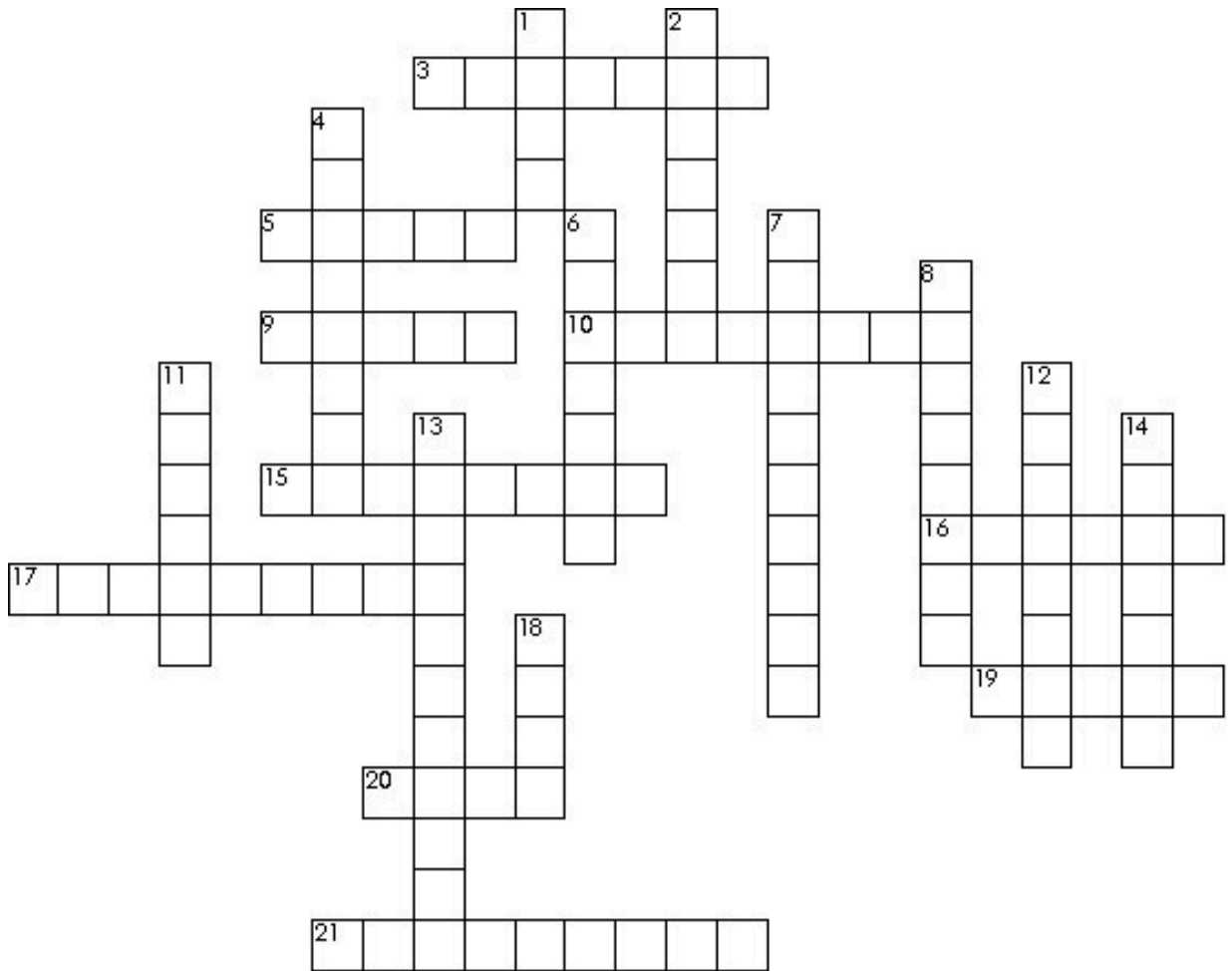
Recently published research reveals between 50 and 80% of participants reported improvements in bowel function and/or management after walking in an exoskeleton*

Did you know Paralyzed US Veterans May be Eligible for a ReWalk Personal Exoskeleton?

Contact ReWalk for more Information:
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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.

Happy Veteran's Day Crossword



Across:

- 3. They have fought "from the halls of Montezuma / to the shores of Tripoli."
- 5. A group of soldiers.
- 9. This flower is closely associated with Veterans Day.
- 10. A member of a highly-trained military unit who participates in offensive military actions beyond the skill of regular units.
- 15. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is located in Arlington National _____.
- 16. A fight between two opposing forces.
- 17. Veterans Day was originally called _____ Day.
- 19. U.S. troops fought in this country from 1950-1953.
- 20. Soldiers trained to fight primarily at sea.
- 21. Who is the Commander-in-chief of all the United States Armed Forces?

Down:

- 1. "First to fight for the right, and to build the nation's might, and the _____ goes rolling along."
- 2. The poem "In Flanders Field" was written in the midst of intense fighting in this European country.
- 4. Off they go, into the wild blue yonder ...
- 6. Defeat of an enemy.
- 7. Their motto is "Semper Paratus" (Always Ready).
- 8. Veterans Day is observed on _____ 11.
- 11. The U.S. officially entered World War II following a bloody attack on Pearl Harbor in this state.
- 12. This command branch of the U.S. military is housed in this huge complex in Washington, D.C.
- 13. A man or woman in military service.
- 14. Veterans Day is observed as _____ Day in many parts of Europe.

☆ See answers on page 26 ☆

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PVA-WI Board of Directors Election Results 2024-2025

Mr. Todd Drazy - President

Mr. Scott Griffith - Vice President/National Director, Government
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Mr. Gary Stott - Secretary

Mrs. Angela Walker - Board Member

Mr. Michael Thomas - Board Member

Mr. Pete Carrao - Board Member

Mr. Rick Buth - Board Member

Mr. Troy Kurczek - Board Member



The poster features the PVA Wisconsin Chapter logo in the top left corner. The main title 'Chill & Chat' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, a white banner with a black border contains the text 'WITH MARK ROSE'. Underneath the banner, the text 'MONTHLY ZOOM MEETINGS FOR VETS WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS)' is displayed in white and orange. The bottom section of the poster contains a paragraph of text: 'Chill, chat, and connect with Mark Rose, PVA-WI's MS point of contact, and other Veterans who can relate to you. Join Mark during his first chat on October 15 at 7:00 PM by emailing bfrey@wisconsinpva.org.' The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and a silhouette of a winter forest at the bottom.

Chill & Chat with Mark Rose, PVA-WI's MS Point of Contact

Starting on October 15 at 7:00 PM, Mark Rose will host monthly Zoom meetings for veterans with MS. These meetings are a great opportunity to relax, chat, and connect with other veterans who understand what you're going through. If you're a member with MS and would like to join Mark Rose during his Chill & Chat meetings, please email bfrey@wisconsinpva.org, or contact the PVA-WI office at (414) 328-8910.

Happy Veteran's Day

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

11 / 11 / 2024

Thank You's

Dear Amera,

I wanted to take this time to thank you for supporting my event, National Veteran Wheelchair Games, held on July 24 - July 31 in New Orleans. The sports that I was able to participate in this year were powerlifting - silver medal, table tennis - bronze medal, archery - gold medal, air rifle and boccia.

This opportunity has been an eye opener for me. It has helped me to see the athlete that I am and gave me vision to see all the things that I CAN do. My life is not defined by the chair that I sit in.

These events have lifted my spirits. It has been challenging, inspiring, and a real attitude adjustment into my future adventures as an athlete.

I am eternally and forever grateful for this opportunity, I feel so blessed to have been able to participate in these events and look forward to the challenge of getting ready and preparing for bringing home 3 GOLDS next year.

Once again, THANK YOU! Because of you and your organization's support, I have memories that will last me a lifetime.

Forever Thankful,
Frank Smith

Dear PVA-WI,

It was a great time (at Midwest Valor Games). Thanks again for your help so that I can do these events. - Cecily

Dear PVA-WI,

We had a great time at our favorite Thai restaurant, The Green Pea Pod, courtesy of the wonderful PVA-WI Entertainment Reimbursement Program. We had a very nice time being able to leave home for a couple of hours and enjoy some yummy food! - The Mumfords





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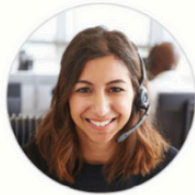
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