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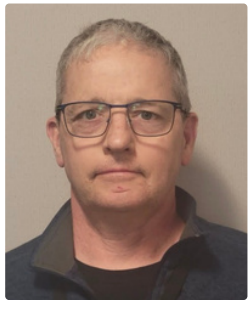
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to my fellow PVA-Wisconsin members,

I hope this finds you all in good spirits and health. It's that time of year when I'd like to update the membership on the previous fiscal year's performance, achievements, and progress by your Wisconsin PVA Chapter. I'd also like to inform on our current status and give an outlook into what the future plans of action entail.

This past fiscal year saw growth in the chapter's resources by previous flourishing market investments. A plan was implemented to move a surplus amount of funds, at the end of each year, from the market account into the operating funds account. This plan helps the chapter to have a reliable flow of cash to help support programs throughout the year. The membership sport policies were updated providing more accurate fund spending that prioritizes Wisconsin residents. The policy that governs your Board of Directors (BOD) duties, responsibilities, actions and behaviors was also updated. This updated policy ensures that your BOD will be held to the highest standards when representing you. The programs provided to members by PVA-WI are on solid, reliable ground and continue to flourish and expand.

Elections were held and I'm pleased to announce your Board of Directors and Staff for the upcoming fiscal year.

Board of Directors:
Todd Drazy – President/Chairman of the Board
Ken Ness - Board Member/ Vice President
Scott Griffith - Board Member/Treasurer
Gary Stott - Board Member/Secretary
Troy Kurczek - Board Member
Mike Thomas - Board Member
Angela Walker - Board Member
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Office Staff:
Matt Seidl - Executive Director
Brenna Frey - Advancement & Engagement Coordinator

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The future outlook on PVA-WI is one of great expectations. New programs are in the works. The Chapter is on solid financial ground resulting from careful, prudent decisions. The one thing that helps the most... YOU! If you have ideas, concerns, criticisms, or most importantly PRAISE :), reach out to your BOD, as that is exactly why we are here and would love to hear from you.

In closing, I'd like to wish each and every one of you and yours a joyous, safe holiday season.

Respectfully,



Todd M. Drazy
President/Chairman of the Board

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Members & Supporters:

It is amazing to see how quickly this fiscal year has flown by. This summer, in particular, seemed to pass in the blink of an eye.

I had the opportunity to attend my first National Veterans Wheelchair Games this summer, which was an incredible experience and a great opportunity to connect with veterans from across the country. The very next day, we were back in Wisconsin hosting our annual PVA-WI Adaptive Fishing Event with Salmon-A-Rama on Lake Michigan.

Then, just two days later, we were off to Oshkosh for a full week of outreach at EAA AirVenture.
Our PVA-WI booth at AirVenture provided us with an incredible opportunity to raise awareness of the amazing work PVA-WI does throughout Wisconsin, connect with veterans and their families, sign up new members, and hopefully build new partnerships that will help us expand our reach and impact.

Looking back, it was certainly a busy and exhausting stretch of the summer, but it was also incredibly rewarding. These events are a great reminder of why we do what we do and how important it is to continue getting the PVA-WI name and mission out into communities across the state.

Once we returned from Oshkosh, it was immediately full speed ahead with preparations for this year's elections and our Annual Membership Banquet.

A big congratulations goes out to our newly elected Board members! I look forward to working with each of you over the next three years as we continue to make PVA-WI even stronger and work toward offering even more robust programs and services to our members.

It was also great to see so many members and supporters attend this year's Annual Membership Banquet. It was an honor to recognize and celebrate all of the deserving award recipients whose dedication, support, and contributions play such an important role in advancing our mission. A special thank you goes out to Brenna Frey and Scott Griffith for their instrumental roles in helping make the day such a success.

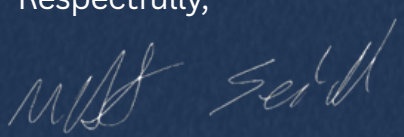
Operationally, we continue to create, review, and update policies and procedures that will hopefully stand the test of time and provide PVA-WI with a strong foundation well into the future. Our goal is to build systems and processes that are clear, effective, and sustainable, requiring only minimal maintenance or changes as the organization continues to grow and evolve.

Hopefully, over the next fiscal year, we can wrap up much of the administrative housekeeping and shift even more of our focus toward fundraising, strengthening our partnerships, expanding our reach, and providing even more opportunities, programs, and services to our members.

Thank you to everyone for your participation, support, hard work, and continued commitment to PVA-WI. None of what we accomplish would be possible without the members, volunteers, staff, Board, partners, donors, and supporters who continue to believe in our mission.

I look forward to an even more amazing and productive FY 2027!

Respectfully,



Matt Seidl
Executive Director

Save the Date 2027

Registration is NOT yet open for these events.

Additional details will be announced as they become available through our 2027 newsletters, emails, and website: https://wisconsinpva.org/upcoming-events



AIR RIFLE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 9-10

9TH & 10TH 10 AM-2PM

Practice & Shoot (No day 2 if shooting is finished on the 9th)

Shooter's Sports Center
4900 6 Mile Rd
Racine, WI 53402



PVA PICKLEBALL INVITATIONAL

APRIL 24-25

MOSH Performance Center
7095 Ballpark Dr
Franklin, WI 53132



ADAPTIVE SPORTS BOOT CAMP

JUNE 2-3

MKE County Sports Complex
6000 W Ryan Rd
Franklin, WI 53132



PVA-WI TRAP SHOOT

JUNE 11-13

New Franken Sportsmens Club
281 N New Franken Rd
New Franken, WI 54229



SALMON-A-RAMA

JULY 12

5 AM – NOON

Festival Park Hall
5 5th St
Racine, WI 53403

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

NVWG ORLANDO

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JULY 13 AND 20TH

https://wheelchairgames.org

BREAKING NEWS

FREE ACCESSIBLE DEER HUNT OPPORTUNITY WITH HOP CROW

Hop Crow is offering PVA-WI members the opportunity to hunt deer FREE OF CHARGE on 90 acres of private land in Northern Wisconsin (Eagle River).

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PVA-WI Member News and Announcements

New Adaptive Archery Program & Membership Updates

Adaptive Archery Program

- In partnership with the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center and Root River Archery, PVA-WI is proud to launch a new **Adaptive Archery Program**, providing veterans with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities an opportunity to experience the benefits, challenge, and camaraderie of adaptive archery.
- All ability levels are welcome, with preference given to novice participants.
- 8 participants per session (prior registration required) 2 sessions per month (starting October 2026).
- 10 Yard indoor range-bows/equipment provided-Racine, WI
- Please contact the Milwaukee VA SCI Rec Therapy team to register
  - (414) 384-2000, ext. 41256/41245/41258
  - Taught by Bill and Karen Millican



PVA-WI Membership Updates

Historically, the PVA-WI Associate Membership Program was open to individuals who wished to support the mission of PVA-WI, regardless of whom they were. Over time, the Chapter has recognized the need to more clearly distinguish between individuals who qualify for formal membership and those who support and advocate for the PVA-WI mission but do not meet the eligibility criteria for Life or Associate Membership, particularly given that formal membership may include access to certain program/financial benefits.

Effective **August 25, 2026**, the PVA-WI Board of Directors implemented changes to the **Associate Membership Program** and its benefits.

In addition, the Board of Directors has established a new **Ambassador Program** for individuals who support and advocate for the mission of PVA-WI but may not meet the eligibility requirements for Life or Associate Membership. This program is intended to provide an opportunity for those individuals to remain connected to PVA-WI and continue supporting our mission.

To learn more about those programs and changes please visit:

https://wisconsinpva.org/formspolicies-procedures

VA.gov/MyHealtheVet Updates

As part of the transition to VA.gov, https://myhealthevet.gov will automatically reroute you to My HealtheVet on VA.gov. You will now manage your health records, medications, and messages on VA.gov.

My HealtheVet/VA.gov previously offered four login methods, but you can no longer use a MyHealtheVet user ID and password or DS Logon username and password to sign in to VA.gov, VA mobile apps, or other VA online services. You now must use ID.me or Login.gov.

My HealtheVet, VA's online patient portal, gives you the information to understand and manage your VA health care.

With a secure sign-in account, you have secure 24/7 access to the full suite of My HealtheVet tools, services, and more.

Access key portions of your VA health records.
View, download, and print health information, reports, and images from your VA medical record.

Send secure messages to your VA care team online.
Ask your VA health care team or other VA staff nonurgent health questions, request referrals and medication refills, and send updates on your condition.

Refill your VA prescriptions.
Request refills of your VA prescriptions, track when your prescriptions are shipped to you, and view your current and former VA prescriptions.

Review and pay your VA copay bill.
Check out how much you owe for medical service and prescription copays at each VA facility and find out how to make a payment, request help, or dispute your charges.

Update your contact information and notification settings.
Edit the address, phone number, or email address associated with your profile, and update your email and text notification preferences.

Manage your VA appointments.
View, schedule, request, and cancel appointments and join video visits.

Reorder medical supplies.
Reorder certain free medical supplies from VA, if you are eligible.

File for travel pay reimbursement.
Find out if you are eligible for travel pay reimbursement, file a travel reimbursement claim, and review the status of claims.

Accessing My HealtheVet on VA.gov

To manage your health care on My HealtheVet, you will need to be enrolled in VA health care and have a verified sign-in account.

Not enrolled for VA health care?
Confirm your eligibility and apply at va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/

Don't have a secure sign in account?
Create a free Login.gov or ID.me account on VA.gov to sign in to all VA websites and apps.

Already have a Login.gov or ID.me account?
Login to VA.gov and then select the MyHealtheVet tab on the top right to manage your VA health care and benefits in one place.

Learn more about managing your health care with MyHealtheVet by scanning the QR code or going to **va.gov/health-care/manage-health**.

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WHY EVERY PVA-WI MEMBER SHOULD TRY SALMON-A-RAMA

This past July, PVA-WI members had the opportunity to participate in **Salmon-A-Rama**, one of the largest fishing tournaments on the Great Lakes and an experience every member should consider trying at least once.

Whether you're an experienced angler or have never picked up a fishing rod, Salmon-A-Rama offers a fun and relaxing day on **Lake Michigan** with fellow veterans. Thanks to the generosity of Salmon-A-Rama Unlimited, volunteer boat captains, crews, sponsors, and PVA-WI, the event is **completely free for PVA-WI members, no fishing license is required**, and participants are even welcome to **bring a guest**.





Participants are assigned to boats with only a small group of anglers, giving everyone plenty of opportunities to be involved in the action. In fact, **participants often reach their limit of five fish per person during the trip**.

And the experience doesn't end when the boats return to shore. Thanks to Salmon-A-Rama Unlimited, participants take home **professionally cleaned and filleted fish**, carefully packaged so they can enjoy their fresh Lake Michigan catch with family and friends.

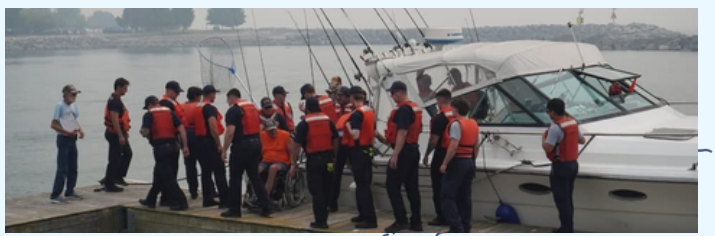




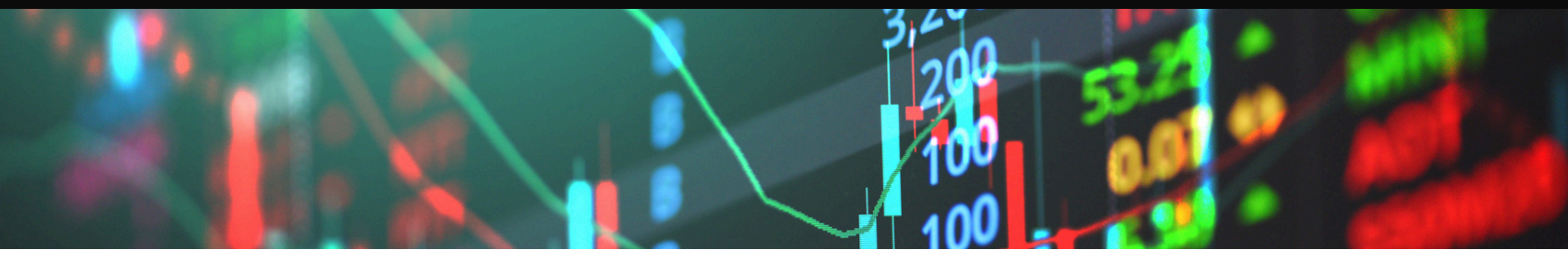
More than just a fishing trip, Salmon-A-Rama is an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, connect with fellow veterans, build friendships, and create lasting memories on the water.

If you've never attended Salmon-A-Rama, make plans to join us next year. You may come for the fishing, but you'll leave with great memories, new friendships, and fresh fillets ready for your dinner table.

Thank you to the Racine County Fire Department for their assistance transferring veterans on and off the boats, helping make this event accessible and enjoyable for all participants. **We also thank the captains, crews, volunteers, sponsors, and organizers** who make this incredible experience possible year after year. **A special thank you to Cheryl Meingast**, who generously provided prizes for the 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place winners in memory of her late husband, Bob Meingast. Because Cheryl and Bob bouht their boat at Reefpoint Marina, her support of Salmon-A-Rama serves as a particularly meaningful tribute to his memory.



Ways to Support PVA-WI



Employee Matching

Does your employer have a matching gift program? Please check with your employer's human resources department for details. PVA-WI is happy to provide any other information your company may need to satisfy the requirements.

Donor-Advised Funds (DAF)

Using a charitable giving account is another powerful way to put your charitable dollars to work. This method eliminates capital gains on donated stocks. Use the DAF donation tool at www.wisconsinpva.org/be-our-hero-and-make-difference-today.

Legacy Society

Join our Legacy Society by making a bequest or other estate gift to assure the sustainability of our organization. Visit www.wisconsinpva.org/planned-giving. You can also leave a legacy through QCD donations using the QCD donation tool: https://app.lifelegacy.io/qcd?partner=pva-wi

Shop for Good

You can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our hospitalized veterans by purchasing items from our Amazon or Walmart Registries.

Join VoterVoice

Advocate for our members with their unique needs to assure that Wisconsin is accessible for all! Join our advocacy team by visiting our Call to Action Center at www.votervoice.net/PVAWI/Home.

Stock Donations

You can donate appreciated, stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, which upon transfer, would be tax deductible. Please consult your financial advisor and submit any questions to info@wisconsinpva.org.

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Adaptive Sports Program



Through our Adaptive Sports Program, PVA-WI offers our life and associate members financial support to encourage participation in competitive, and community-based activities. For specific reimbursement amounts and guidelines, please see the 'Adaptive Sports Program Policy and Procedure' at https://wisconsinpva.org/formspolicies-procedures.

Entertainment & Recreation Program



Enjoy life's moments! Through our Entertainment/Recreation Program, life members can receive up to **$250**, twice a year, to spend on entertainment or recreation. Get out of the house, enjoy something fun and having hobbies are important for overall well-being. This program may be used to go out to dinner, the movies, a concert, etc. It can also be used to purchase recreational items such as a new bowling ball, wood working tools, photography equipment,etc.

InvestFit Program



Invest in your health! PVA-WI will reimburse life members up to 50% of the cost (maximum $500 per year) for one piece of exercise equipment valued at $200 or more, with prior VA PT/OT approval.

Hardship Grant



When unexpected financial challenges arise, PVA-WI offers life members a $1,000 Hardship Assistance Grant for members who have exhausted all other forms of assistance. This grant helps cover the cost of essential needs and provides meaningful support when it's needed most.

Adaptive Technology & Assistance Grant



Improve independence at home or on the road! Funding assistance is available to life members for accessibility modifications or adaptive technology needs not covered by other sources like VA, SAH, HISA, or other grants.

Family Scholarship



PVA-WI offers up to a $1,000 scholarship for our life members and their families. Eligibility is open to PVA-WI members, as well as their spouse, children, and grandchildren. This scholarship opportunity is not available to associate members or their dependents.

Virginia "Bea" Root & Kathy Welter Research and Education Scholarship



PVA-WI is proud to offer an annual SCI Professional Scholarship to support SCI care in WI. This scholarship is up to $1,000, helps SCI staff advance their education and skills while strengthening care for veterans.

For details on eligibility, application requirements, and more information, please review the program's Policy and Procedure. You can access it by scanning the QR code or visiting: https://wisconsinpva.org/formspolicies-procedures.

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NVWG

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



Detroit, MI • July 2026 - In a remarkable display of determination, perseverance, and teamwork, 20 members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America - Wisconsin Chapter (PVA-WI) proudly represented Team Wisconsin at the 45th Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) in Detroit, Michigan. More than just a sporting event, the Games provided veterans with an opportunity to challenge themselves, celebrate their achievements, and build lasting friendships with fellow competitors from across the nation.

Co-hosted by **Paralyzed Veterans of America** and the **Department of Veterans Affairs**, the NVWG is the largest annual wheelchair sports and rehabilitation event in the world for military veterans. Each year, hundreds of veterans come together to demonstrate that determination, resilience, and hard work can overcome any obstacle.

More Than Competition

For many athletes, the NVWG is about much more than medals. Months of preparation, training, and dedication lead up to a week of competition that tests both physical and mental strength.

One Team Wisconsin athlete, Rodney “Cookie” Johnson of Athelstane, reflected on his experience and accomplishments at this year's Games:

"Back home in Athelstane with some new hardware and a lot of pride! My time at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Detroit was about so much more than the competition. It was about the months of preparation, the discipline in training, and the grit it takes to push your limits when the clock is running.

I am incredibly honored to bring home the Gold in the 10K Cycling (clocked in at a hard-fought 40 minutes!) and the Silver in the Motorized Slalom.

Representing Team Wisconsin on the national stage was a true privilege. There is nothing like the bond and mutual respect you find when competing alongside fellow veterans who all know what it means to put in the work. This win is for everyone back home who supported me and for the pride of the Badger State!"

Cookie's words capture the true spirit of the Games and the commitment displayed by athletes throughout the week.

Medal Count

Team Wisconsin delivered an outstanding performance, bringing home a total of **64 medals** earned by **20 athletes**!

- 🥇 **Gold: 28**
- 🥈 **Silver: 23**
- 🥉 **Bronze: 13**

Celebrating Our Athletes

We extend our sincere congratulations to all Team Wisconsin athletes who competed at the 2026 NVWG. Your hard work, determination, and willingness to challenge yourselves continue to inspire fellow veterans, family members, caregivers, and supporters throughout our community.

Team Wisconsin 2026: Marvin Bailey, Christina Baurichter, Pete Carrao, Leo Dondlinger, Bill Fenton, Terrence Green, Harold Hack, Bruce Jensen, Rodney Johnson, Michael Larson, Mic Lexa, Howard Luxner, Tim Martin, Ervin Mulkey, Arron Powless, Rickey Riley, Mike Thomas, Derrick Trentin, Angela Walker, and Ricky Wicklund

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Thank You to Our Sponsor

A special thank you to **New Glarus Brewing Company** for sponsoring Team Wisconsin's journey to the 2026 NVWG. Your generous support helped make our athletes' participation possible and demonstrates a strong commitment to Wisconsin veterans and adaptive sports. We sincerely appreciate your partnership.



Congratulations, Team Wisconsin, on an outstanding 2026 NVWG!

Photos from the 2026 NVWG can be found on the following two pages (pp. 15-16).





NATIONAL VETERANS
WHEELCHAIR GAMES

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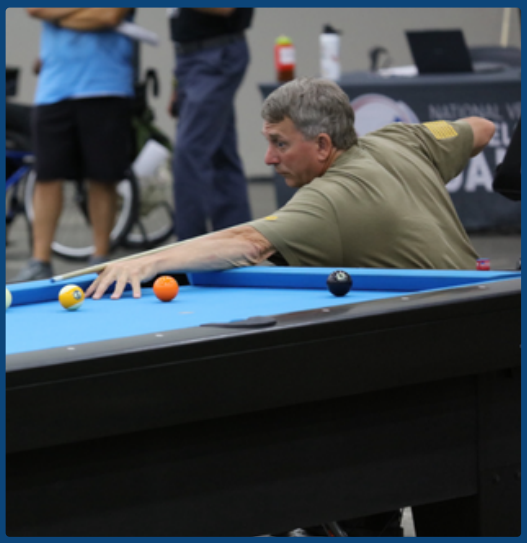













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25 DAYS. 25 DRAWINGS. $3,500 IN PRIZES!

The **PVA-WI 25 Days of Christmas Calendar Raffle** is back! For just **$20**, you'll receive **25 chances to win a share of $3,500 in prize money**, with drawings held daily from December 1 through December 25. Even better, winning tickets are returned to the drawing pool after each drawing, giving every ticket the opportunity to win multiple times.

With only **500 tickets available**, don't wait to secure your chance to win!

📅 **Ticket sales end November 30, 2026.** 💻 **Purchase your $20 ticket in person or by mail.**

Once your purchase is received, PVA-WI will complete your raffle ticket and email you a photo of the completed ticket stub for your records. Want to purchase a ticket as a gift? Simply let us know when purchasing, and we can issue the ticket in the recipient's name.

Winners will be notified by phone or email and announced on the **PVA-WI Facebook page (@pvawi)**.

Get your ticket before they're gone and enjoy 25 chances to win while supporting PVA-WI this holiday season! 🎄✨

💰 Prize Schedule

- December 1-21: $100 daily
- December 22: $200
- December 23: $300
- December 24: $400
- December 25: $500





Membership Banquet





Celebrating Our Community at the 2026 Annual Membership Banquet

PVA-WI members, families, friends, and supporters came together on Sunday, September 13, for our **2026 Annual Membership Banquet**. This year's banquet was held at a new location, The Ingleside Hotel in **Pewaukee**, and brought together our community for an afternoon of celebration, recognition, and camaraderie.

Guests had plenty to enjoy throughout the event, including 125 raffle baskets and more than 51 auction items. This year's auction featured an exciting variety of packages and prizes, ranging from autographed football jerseys and other sports memorabilia to charter boat fishing, vacations in Bali, and in-home wine sampling experiences.

With Gratitude to our Supporters

The banquet would not be possible without the many people and organizations who generously contribute their time and support. We extend our sincere appreciation to all of our volunteers and banquet sponsors, with a special thank you to our major sponsor, **WaterStone Bank**. Your generosity and commitment help make this annual gathering possible and allow us to continue bringing the PVA-WI community together.

2026 Banquet Award Recipients

One of the highlights of the afternoon was recognizing individuals, families, and community partners whose dedication and support have made a meaningful impact on PVA-WI and those we serve. Congratulations to this year's award recipients:

Ron Falkner Service Award
The Schultz Family

Patricia "Patty" Wiseman Volunteer of the Year Award
Ken Weigel

Membership Banquet

2026 Banquet Award Recipients *Continued*

PVA-WI Spirit of the Games Award
Bruce Jensen

Community Partner Award
Salmon-A-Rama Unlimited

Community Partner Award
The Selner Family

Congratulations to all of our award recipients, and **thank you** to everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored, donated, or otherwise helped make the 2026 Annual Membership Banquet a memorable celebration. We are grateful for the continued support of the PVA-WI community and look forward to gathering together again next year!



A Special Gift in Memory of Dan Selner

During the banquet, the Selner Family presented PVA-WI with an incredible $18,000 donation, representing proceeds from the **Dan Selner Memorial Charity Golf Outing**. The outing is held in memory of Dan Selner, who passed away from ALS and received support from PVA-WI. **We are deeply grateful to the Selner Family** for honoring Dan's memory by giving back and helping PVA-WI continue supporting veterans and others living with ALS and other disabilities.

2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

- **Mr. Todd Drazy** - *President/Chairman of the Board*
- **Mr. Ken Ness** - *Board Member, Vice President*
- **Mr. Scott Griffith** - *Board Member, Treasurer*
- **Mr. Gary Stott** - *Board Member, Secretary*
- **Ms. Christina Baurichter** - *Board Member*
- **Mr. Mike Thomas** - *Board Member*
- **Mr. Troy Kurczek** - *Board Member*
- **Ms. Angela Walker** - *Board Member*

PVA Paralyzed Veterans of America Wisconsin Chapter

VA Dental Program

For millions of American veterans, transitioning back to civilian life means learning how to navigate a completely new healthcare system—and dental care is often the hardest puzzle to piece together. While many assume that enrolling in VA healthcare automatically covers their teeth, the reality is that free VA dental benefits are tied to highly specific eligibility rules, leaving a massive gap for those who do not qualify. Veterans who do not qualify for VA-provided dental care can also purchase discounted private insurance through the VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP). From simple teeth cleanings all the way to more complex procedures like root canals, implants, and oral surgery – getting dental care as a veteran is important. Understanding who qualifies, what treatments are covered, and how to apply is the critical first step toward securing the oral healthcare you earned through your service.

VA Dental Eligibility Classes

Dental eligibility is determined in a different manner than medical eligibility. The VA Dental Program segments outpatient dental care into six distinct eligibility classes, ranging from Class I to Class VI:

Dental Class	Who Qualifies
****Class I**	Veterans who have a specific dental disability or condition that is officially rated as service-connected
Class II	Served on active duty for at least 90 days during the Gulf War era and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. They must apply for dental care within 180 days of discharge, and their DD214 must not indicate that they received a complete dental exam, and all needed dental treatment before separation.
****Class IIA**	Service-connected yet non-compensable dental condition, or a disability due to combat wounds or service trauma
Class IIB	Enrolled in VA homeless assistance programs
****Class IIC**	Former Prisoners of War (POWs)
Class III	Non-service-connected dental issues that are worsening a service-connected medical condition
****Class IV**	Service-connected disabilities rated 100% (or Individual Unemployability (IU))
Class V	Active in the Veteran Readiness and Employment program (VR&E)
Class VI	Receiving VA care or is scheduled for inpatient care, in need of dental care for a dental issue impacting that treatment

** This class receives Comprehensive Dental Care

Scope of Outpatient Dental Care. Once a veteran's dental care eligibility/classification has been properly established, the appropriate scope of care within that classification for each individual Veteran must be determined. The scope of outpatient dental care to be provided must be categorized as Comprehensive, Focused, or Emergent.

Comprehensive Dental Care: Veterans eligible for outpatient comprehensive dental care include Classes I, IIA, IIC, IV. This is the highest level of care available through the VA, providing ongoing, routine, and restorative treatment to maintain oral health.

Focused Dental Care: Veterans eligible for outpatient focused dental care include Classes II, II(B),

III, V, and VI. This is strictly limited to resolving specific, localized dental issues relevant to the veteran's specific classification. Treatment may include relief of pain, elimination of infection, or improvement of speed or esthetics.

Emergent Dental Care: Veterans eligible for emergent dental care are limited to temporary or immediate measures to address urgent clinical conditions. Treatment focuses strictly on resolving severe dental trauma, acute pain, spreading oral infections, or critical dental issues that directly jeopardize an active, inpatient medical treatment plan.

Use of these categories standardize nomenclature used across the system and facilitate a consistent standard of care throughout all VA dental facilities.

Expanding Dental Care

According to a military.com news report dated August 21, 2026, "only 26% of some 9 million veterans who are enrolled in VA healthcare are eligible for dental treatment, creating concerns for those with dental issues including tooth decay—which veterans are more than 60% more likely to experience than non-veterans." This leaves the vast majority of veterans, especially those who cannot afford to purchase private health insurance, without dental care.

U.S. House Rep. Julia Brownly (D-Calif.) introduced the Dental Care for Veterans Act (H.R. 210), which would eliminate the current statutory eligibility restrictions for VA dental care and expand eligibility for VA dental care to all veterans enrolled in the system.

As of now, H.R. 210 has not yet become law. It remains pending as a bill before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Dental Care Assistance through Wisconsin Programs

Veterans may find low-cost care options for dental care through non-profit community clinics supported by state grants, dental schools and hygiene programs, and charitable organizations.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services Oral Health Program can help you find free or low-cost clinics in Wisconsin. See the sortable map and table at https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/oral-health/find-dental-care.htm.

Dental schools and hygiene programs in Wisconsin do nottypically provide completely free dental care, but they charge significantly less than standard private practices (often 50% or less)

- Marquette University School of Dentistry Offers in Milwaukee, WI provides comprehensive dental care provided by dental students under faculty supervision. They accept Wisconsin Medicaid (ForwardHealth).
- Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, WI. Offers cleanings, x-rays, fillings, and extractions at reduced costs (about one-third to one-half of private rates). Accepts Wisconsin Medicaid.
- Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, WI Provides affordable preventive and restorative care through its Community Dental Clinic. Accepts Wisconsin Medicaid and offers discounted self-pay rates. https://www.ntc.edu/about/locations-facilities/community-dental-clinic.

Oral health is vital to overall well-being. Although VA dental benefits can be complex, confirming your eligibility is an important step in managing your health. Do not wait until dental pain occurs to seek care. Contact your local VA facility, log in to your health portal, speak with a patient representative, or contact your National Service Officer to learn what coverage you may qualify for and access the care you have earned.

PVA-WI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ROLLING DEADLINE!



PVA-WI is proud to support educational goals through our Family Scholarship Program, available to PVA-WI Life Members and their families. **Eligible applicants include PVA-WI Life Members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren**.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Submit a 500-600 word essay describing how you've been impacted by a veteran living with a spinal cord injury, dysfunction/disease
- Provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college, university, or technical school
- Submit a billing statement for the upcoming school year showing the amount owed





HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete the online application: **Scan the QR code or visit the application link below**
  - Applications are also available on the PVA-WI website under: **Our Organization → Forms/Policies & Procedures → PVA-WI Family Scholarship Application**
- Applications are reviewed during the monthly Board of Directors meeting on the **second Wednesday of each month**
- To be considered at a given month's meeting, applications must be submitted by the **first Wednesday of that month**
- Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed at the following month's meeting

MORE INFORMATION:

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APPLY TODAY!

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/eNwX5abqyk?origin=lprLink



Congratulations 2026 Scholarship Recipients

PVA-WI Family Scholarship Awardees:

- Mariana Diaz
- Javier Perez
- Charlotte Tompkins
- Sarah Schiller
- Alana Hoyt
- Anne Olsen

Research and Education Scholarship Awardee:

- Alexis Dubiak

ACTIVITY ANSWER



To you and yours, Happy Holidays from PVA-WI!



Heat for Heroes

If you are a veteran in need of energy assistance, the Heat for Heroes Campaign is here to help!

Call 1 (800) 891-9276 or visit https://heat4heroes.org/

Outreach on the Road



EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

PVA-WI was proud to host a resource table at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the world's largest aviation event, held July 20-26, 2026. The week provided an excellent opportunity to connect with veterans, families, and visitors from around the world while sharing information about PVA-WI's programs, services, and mission.





Military Appreciation Night at Lake Country DockHounds

PVA-WI was honored to be invited to Military Appreciation Night at DockHounds Baseball Stadium, presented by **Ellenbecker Investment Group**. Throughout the evening, a select group of veteran service organizations were recognized, with the announcer sharing information about each organization's mission during inning breaks. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of PVA-WI's work and connect with veterans, families, and community members while celebrating those who have served our nation.

ATHLETES IN ACTION















NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

Congratulations to the PVA-WI members who participated in the National Veterans Golden Age Games this year in Tampa, Florida!

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2. Medical Emergency Red Dog Tag Program

Traditional medical bracelets can be bulky and uncomfortable. That's why PVA-WI is offering members a FREE medical emergency red dog tag—an easy, lightweight alternative for peace of mind. Scan the QR code or visit: https://forms.office.com/r/NS5SmP0zVf?origin=lprLink to request yours today!



PVA-WI CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Life Members: 320

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Associate Members: 202

NEW: N/A

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