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APRIL - MAY - JUNE, 2023

PVA-WI Goes to Washington, DC to Participates in Advocacy Week



Scott Griffith with Congressman Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin's 3rd District

For more than 40 years PVA-WI has been advocating for disabled veterans, their families and caregivers through PVA National's yearly policy priorities. These priorities are meant to support catastrophically disabled veterans from the bedside, to the transition home, and beyond. These veteran-centric policy priorities ensure that veterans are receiving specialized health care services, are able to access long-term care services and supports, protect the civil rights of people with disabilities, improve access to benefits, increase access to home modifications, improve veterans and survivors benefits, improve access to assisted reproductive technologies, and increase employment prospects for veterans with disabilities.

Government Relations Director and Treasurer, Scott Griffith, traveled to DC to participate in the 2023 Advocacy Legislative Seminar. During this time, Scott met with Wisconsin's Senators and Representatives to discuss these focused priority areas and issues unique to PVA-WI's members. For example, Scott was able to discuss with these congressional members issues specific to their district to promote learning and understanding of the barriers that paralyzed veterans and their families experience living with a spinal cord injury, disease, or dysfunction.



Scott Griffith meets with USMC Veteran Carlos Goets from Congressman Tom Tiffany's Office

Review PVA's 2023 Policy Priorities by scanning the QR code below.



Information from 2023 Policy Priorities: Pushing Action Forward, PVA Advocacy Legislation Seminar March 2023

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Friends:

The Chapter's Government Relations Director, Mr. Scott Griffith, and I are just coming off of PVA National's Annual Advocacy Legislation Seminar Week. Mr. Griffith flew to DC to attend in person while I attended via Zoom Conferencing. During the first couple of days of this seminar we were fortunate to hear from PVA National's Legislative Team, as well as a number of other expert speakers, regarding the critical issues impacting the SCI/D individuals. During this time we were able to learn about all the recent advocacy victories that were achieved in the latest Congressional session that ended in December of 2022, as well as all of the advocacy agenda items that still remain on our list of objectives, such as improved air travel conditions for all.

Since Mr. Griffith was personally in DC, he was able to schedule two full days of meetings with all of Wisconsin's representatives in order to personally meet with these legislators and seek their support for our proposed agenda items. These meetings were especially critical since they help our legislators become informed about important issues facing our members. Sharing first hand experiences provides an impactful way to explain our issues and concerns. If you are interested, you can read more about the national issues in The Washington Report, found on both PVA National's and our websites. This was a huge personal time commitment on Mr. Griffith's part and I want to express my extreme gratitude for his efforts.

- As you know, PVA-WI's mission is to make lives of our members better in whatever way we can. We do this by
- not only our own Chapter's program and efforts, but also by teaming up with PVA National, The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, and other leaders in the disabled community. The advocacy efforts we also seek to provide is the best medial care and treatment through our annual, in-person, multi-day, on site visits to evaluate our local VA Medical Center and care it provides. We sponsor a number of medically related seminars to not only educate the patient population, but also keep caregivers up to date, on the latest trends, procedures, and studies.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello PVA-WI Members and Partners,

There are new resources for members on the website (www.wisconsinpva.org). The website is a constantly evolving resource for members and their families. For example, there are informative pages developed for MS and ALS. A caregiver resource page is also available, where full members are able to apply for free caregiver services through the a partnership between the Elizabeth Dole Foundation and PVA-WI. Additionally, PVA-WI has partnered with USAA to include financial readiness content.

The PVA-WI Chapter is diligently working to build partnerships with adaptive sports organizations across the state to provide PVA-WI members the opportunity to work with adaptive sports experts while participating at our sports and recreational events. Our upcoming Adaptive Sports Bootcamp will be a reflection of these partnerships.

We have many events coming up over the next few months. We hope to see you there!

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Members: 282

New Members:

Martin Peters, Charles Smith, Robert Nebel, Daniel Furdek,
Mark Wegment, Darrel Standish, Ken Salter, Robert Richard,
Stephen Rivera, Mark Young, Kristen Nelson, David Speth,
Rickey Hurt

Associate Members: 144

Final Bugle:

Arn Anderson, David Riley, Herman Green Jr.,
Robert Schrader, Kenneth L'Esperance

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 the office at 414-328-8910.**

Scholarship Opportunity

PVA-WI has a scholarship program for our members and their family. 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. Submit an essay between 500-600 words describing how you have been impacted by a veteran living with a spinal cord injury or disease
3. Share any civic engagement activity you have performed
4. 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 QR below. These applications will be reviewed year-round on the first of every month. If you have any questions, please email.

*PVA-WI has distributed scholarship funds to
Andrew Drazy!*



President's Report Continued...

Along these lines, we offer scholarships each year to our local medical professionals so that they can accomplish their continuing medical education goals. In the medical field, we also sponsor and disburse a number of informative and educational materials related to the specifics of SCI/D issues and problems. In order to gather even more assistive data to aid researchers in formulating better methods of treatments, we also act as a conduit for obtaining test subjects for various medical research projects across the country. In short, all of our members, by virtue of their own SCI/D, have quickly learned just how important it is to be healthy. Thus, a multitude of our efforts are focused on providing the best medical care and information to our members and others in the disabled community. If we cannot ensure even better medical results, we can at least strive to maintain what we still have.

Our Chapter also offers a number of other programs beyond the advocacy and medical realms. On an ongoing basis we coordinate with PVA National to provide assistance in the areas of job training, finding and maintaining employment, organizing caregiver retreats applying for and obtaining benefits that members are entitled to, and ensuring that various legal and estate planning questions and concerns are addressed. Indeed, in January we offered a full day opportunity for members to come into the office and meet with the local National Service Officer, Ms. Brenda Stencil, and a local attorney, and have all their questions regarding government benefits and legal/estate planning issues addressed.

- Unfortunately, I realize that I have probably forgotten some of the numerous programs and activities that
- PVA-WI offers. However, I do want to underscore the fact that our Chapter also offers a number of adaptive
- recreation and sporting activities designed to capture the interest of our members, their families, and their caregivers. In just the last month, we have helped sponsor adaptive activities in the areas of: curling, scuba diving, boccia, air rifles, bowling, pickleball, cycling, golf, day trips, and many, many more activities. More importantly, coming up in the very near future the Windy City Curling Tournament (3/24 - 3/26). I also encourage you to tune into PVA-WI's calendar (conveniently located on our website) and check out the events coming up: pickleball tournament, training sessions for the Wheelchair Games, our annual Adaptive Sports Bootcamp, the National Veterans Golden Age Games, our Chapter's National Trap Shoot, the National Veteran Wheelchair Games, and more opportunities.

I would be remiss if I did not trumpet, now that the ice on our Wisconsin waterways should be history in a few weeks, the installation of our solar powered Hoyer lifts at multiple marinas around the state. Once these Hoyer lifts are affixed to a dock or other suitable structure, they will offer a safe and secure method, for anyone with any type of mobility issues, to get into and out of any type of water vehicle. We have been working with the engineering department at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) to ensure that these adaptive devices are properly installed once the weather warms up. Once these adaptive lifts are installed, we are confident that just one more aspect of Wisconsin can be enjoyed by all. Happy Boating!

I encourage all of you to take full advantage of many of the opportunities for enrichment our Chapter offers. We are just a phone call, or a tap of a computer button, away. If you have a particular interest or a special need, are looking for a connection, or would simply like to talk - we are always here to help!

#RollWithUs!

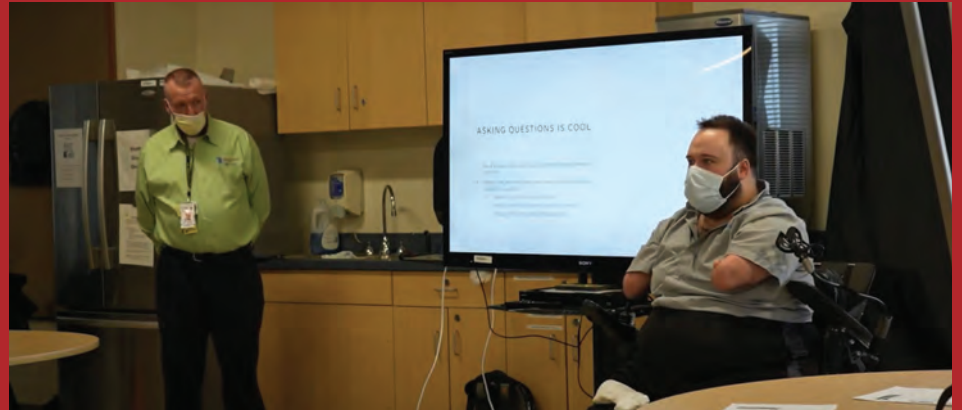
Ken Ness

PVA-Wisconsin at Work

PVA-WI supported the SCI Center's Education Fair. Julie Kronenburg did a great job with the Education Fair's Star Trek theme!



PVA-WI's, Scott Griffith and Jonathon Heider, a motivational public speaker and workshop facilitator, presented a Disability Awareness Training to the SCI Center Staff. The training content is available on our YouTube page.



PVA-WI worked with Aramark Refreshments to provide coffee for the SCI Center.



PVA-WI 2023 Stand Down Event

PVA-WI held its first Stand Down event for full members. At this event members discussed benefits with our National Service Officer, Brenda Stencil. Members also had the opportunity to learn about the benefits of having a will and living will with our Board President, Ken Ness. Additionally, Scott Griffith shared and provided Medical Smart Cards and Emergency Grab N' Go Bags. Participating members shared how much they learned from the event and scheduled further conversations with Brenda Stencil and others to receive further support. We hope you join us for the next Stand Down event to learn about the resources available to you!





Paralyzed Veterans of America - Wisconsin Chapter Presents:

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU Lego Exhibit

MAY 1 - 12, 2023 | 9AM - 3PM

AT THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL
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Scout groups are invited to come join an "Out of the World" LEGO Exhibit on Tuesday, May 9th and Thursday, May 11th from 4:30 PM-7:30PM. Scouts will get to see Star Wars LEGO pieces, and other pieces built by our member, Jeff Haagensen.

Scouts will learn how veterans cope with spinal cord injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder through Recreational Therapy. They will get to see how paralyzed veterans use adaptive equipment and then try it for themselves.



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NATIONAL MS WALK - MILWAUKEE MAY 7, 2023

- 1 Click this [link](https://bit.ly/3E3ki5p) to register for Walk MS in Milwaukee or type in your web browser <https://bit.ly/3E3ki5p>
- 2 Click Register, create an account, and search for team PVA-WI
- 3 Complete registration and join us; donations are not required for participation but are welcome to support National MS efforts

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FOR MORE INFO CALL (414) 328-8910

Volunteer With Us PVA-WI's Adaptive Sports Bootcamp May 15-16, 2023

PVA-WI is hosting the first Adaptive Sports Bootcamp to support our members in preparing for competition at the National Veteran Wheelchair Games. We will need the support of volunteers to seamlessly execute the event.

If you are interested in volunteering, please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/fjkhMfCWta> or scan the QR code below.

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National Service Officer Report

Annual Clothing Allowance Payment

By Brenda Stencil, National Service Officer

The clothing allowance is an annual lump-sum payment made when a Veteran's service-connected (SC) disability causes the use of certain prosthetic or orthopedic appliances (including a wheelchair) that tend to wear or tear clothing, or the use of physician-prescribed medication for an SC skin condition causes irreparable damage to outer garments.

As of March 1, the VA is sending Veterans a notification letter detailing how to apply for this benefit. The clothing allowance benefit year spans from August 1st to July 31st of each calendar year. Veterans who apply for and are approved for clothing allowance benefits before August 1 will be compensated for the previous years' service. However, a Veteran who applies for clothing allowance after August 1 will not be compensated until the next year. See the example below:

Example: A Veteran is service-connected for an ankle condition and is prescribed an orthosis on September 10, 2012. The anniversary date is August 1, 2013. The Veteran has until July 31, 2014, to apply for the 2013 annual clothing allowance, but is not eligible to receive a clothing allowance for benefit year 2012 since the anniversary date falls after the August 1st deadline.

Multiple allowances are permitted when one of these statements is true:

- You have more than one prosthetic or orthopedic device.
- You have more than one skin medicine.
- Your device or skin medicine affects more than one type of clothing.

How do you apply? Complete one VA Form 10-8678 (Application for Annual Clothing Allowance) sections 1-11. This application can be found on the VA forms page at <http://www.va.gov/forms/> and

- must be submitted on or before August 1, 2023.
- must be signed by the Veteran.
- submitted to the VA medical center Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service closest to you (If you choose VAMC Milwaukee, you may fax to (414) 382-5331 or mail to VAMC Milwaukee, Attn: Prosthetics, 5000 W National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53295).

Note: If a Veteran's status is static/recurring and receives an annual clothing allowance he or she will continue to receive a recurring automatic payment without having to reapply each year. However, as of August 1, 2012, if the Veteran's status is static/recurring and applies or receives more than one clothing allowance, he or she MUST RE-APPLY each year. A Veteran who applies for the first time after August 1, 2012, must APPLY on an annual basis.

***The VA is working to implement the new law passed (Public Law 117-328, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023), which will require the VA to continue the clothing allowance (static/recurring) for a Veteran on an annual basis until the Veteran elects to no longer receive the allowance or the VA determines the Veteran is no longer eligible for the allowance, whichever occurs first. Veterans will be notified once the process is finalized.

Payment for the clothing allowance is paid during the period of September 1 to October 31 each year. The amount of the allowance for 2023 is \$968.52.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (414) 902-5655.

*****Other News: New Electronic Option for Benefit Decisions:** Effective January 17, 2023, you may quickly access your disability benefit decisions online instead of waiting for the VA notification letter to arrive in the mail. Log into VA.gov to view.

Thank You's

Hi Scott,

I wanted to send a quick note letting you know how well received this presentation [Disability Awareness Training] was last week. You and your guest speaker really captured the attention of our staff. Thank you so much for always being so supportive.

Thank you,

Roxanne Cliff, SCI Associate Division

Hi Amera,

Just wanted to send a thank you to everybody at the PVA for this opportunity. I am very appreciative of the scholarship I was awarded, and it will greatly assist me in my academic career. I can't wait to keep in contact with the PVA and help out whenever I can!

Thank you,

Andrew Drazy

Dear PVA-WI,

On behalf of the Clement J. Zablocki VAMC patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of the Green Bay Packer books.

Thank you for thinking of the Veterans who come to the VA Medical Center for treatment and care. Your donation will provide the Veterans with hours of reading engagement as well as nostalgic memories.

It is through the efforts of people like you that allows us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans.

Thank you for your continued support,

Bradlee J. Gietzel,
Voluntary Service Specialist


Dear Scott, Amera, and Carrie,

On behalf of the Milwaukee VA Fisher House, we thank you for coming to the Fisher House on Wednesday, January 25th to provide a home cooked meal to the families and veterans 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.

*Thank you again,
The Milwaukee VA Fisher House*

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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.

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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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Course
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Prairieside Dr.,
Waukesha, WI, 53189
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Registration can be mailed
or accessed through the
link below:


<https://paralyzedveteransofamericawisconsinchapter-bloom.kindful.com/e/2023-paralyzed-vet-golf-outing>

Entry Deadline: May 15

Online Auction Link:

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PVA-WI Annual Election 2023-2024

PVA-WI is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors until July 31st, 2023. In early August, the elections ballots will be mailed out to the voting membership for selections. Current PVA Board Members **Ken Ness**, **LeToi Adams**, **Michael Thomas**, and **Scott Griffith** are up for re-election as their term ends September 30, 2023. Nominations are now being accepted, please contact the office with your nomination.

If you are considering running for one of these open positions, you must successfully complete Paralyzed Veterans of America 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 at the Chapter Office. As members, many of you are already certified.

Certification requires three items of proof:

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

Please note - the is process does take some 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

September 17, 2023

**PVA-WI Annual Membership
Banquet**

**Location:
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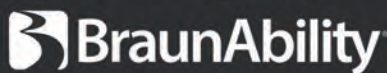
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Sporting Events Continued

PVA-WI supported an adaptive scuba diving event executed by Milwaukee VA SCI Center and LifeWaters nonprofit. PVA-WI members that participated had an amazing experience! Please scan the QR on this page to view a video of board member Derrick Trentin sharing about his scuba diving experience.



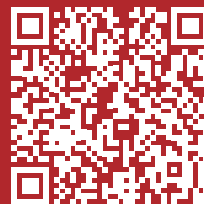
ALS & MS Resources

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Scan QR Code to listen



MS: Fighting Fatigue

Fatigue is one of the most common symptoms of MS, and it's a prominent focus of a variety of research studies aimed at treatment and management, as well. To read the full article visit *Momentum*, the magazine and blog of the National MS Society: <https://momentummagazineonline.com/fightingfatigue/>

6 Tips to Manage Fatigue:

1. Learn ways to manage stress, including relaxation training, joining a support group or psychotherapy
2. Avoid overheating
3. Develop a regular exercise program
4. Learn energy-saving ways of walking (with or without assistive devices) and performing other daily tasks
5. Regulate sleep habits
6. Simplify tasks at work and home and conserve energy use

PVA Awareness Month

April is PVA Awareness Month!

PVA Awareness Month is a 30-day observance (from April 1 - April 30) to raise awareness of veterans with spinal cord injuries and diseases, like MS and ALS, and all people with disabilities, as well as the program and services that support them. As part of the month-long activation, PVA will share inspirational stories and shine a light on programming, members, and partners that support the achievement of the PVA Mission.

PVA fights for catastrophically disabled veterans, their families and caregivers at every twist and turn along their life journey. It advocates before Congress to ensure their claims are filed, their benefits are secured, and that they receive specialized veteran-centric health care. PVA also works to ensure its members' voices are heard and are given equitable access to meaningful careers, adaptive housing, automobile grants, accessible communities, assisted reproductive technologies, and more. And when a veteran has transitioned on, PVA works to ensure their families are supported.

New Nurse Practitioners in SCI

Meet the new Nurse Practitioners Jason and Sarah!

Sarah has worked at the VA for over 10 years. She was previously the lead RN in the Mental Health Outpatient clinic. She has been an RN for 13 years and left Milwaukee VAMC to go to Janesville CBOC. Here, she worked in primary care for 17 months before transferring back to Milwaukee VAMC as a Nurse Practitioner. Sarah missed Milwaukee VAMC and felt that the SCI is where she was meant to be. Sarah loves being a primary care provider and loves to learn! Sarah also stated, "I know someone personally who has treated here as a patient, and they were treated wonderfully. I hope to be able to continue providing that care to patients." Sarah says she is an old lady at heart and loves photography. She also enjoys crocheting and knitting as these hobbies help her de-stress. She also has a seven-month black lab and a few cats.

Jason worked in General Vascular Surgery, Neurology, and Neurosurgery for Aurora. He is currently moonlighting at some Aurora Urgent Cares as well. Jason decided to work at SCI to give back to veterans and help those who have helped him. He stated, "I have always wanted to work and care for patients as a whole and not just one diagnosis." Jason plays a bunch of sports, such as, rugby, basketball, volleyball, softball, and tennis. He has also coached volleyball, rugby, and basketball. He is fan of the Badgers, Bucks, Brew Crew, and Packers.



Activity

Memorial Day Word Scramble

1. NOROH _____
2. NICAERMA FGLA _____
3. DBLA GLEAE _____
4. DLRIEOS _____
5. NPNDEEINDECE _____
6. TAIONN _____
7. EVABR _____
8. YERIBTL _____
9. BEMREERM _____
10. AYRIMTLI _____
11. TROIPAT _____
12. DFOEMRE _____

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Brave

Nation

Freedom

Independence

Bald Eagle

Patriot

Military

Honor


Remember

American Flag

Liberty

Memorial Day

May 29, 2023



Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.
~"In Flanders Field", John McCrae

Supporting PVA-WI

PVA-WI has a variety of ways that individuals, groups or companies can show their support. Please review the multiple opportunities to continue to support the PVA-WI mission and our work.

If you have any questions please email info@wisconsinpva.org or call the office at 414-328-8910.



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 have to satisfy the requirements.



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Legacy Society

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