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Presidents Report

Hello Texas PVA Family,

We have started a fresh fiscal year successfully with a very successful Jack Sanders Banquet, where we were able to honor our awardees, swear in the Board of Directors, and enjoy good food and fellowship. A big thank you to Greg Tracey for being the master of ceremonies and keeping us laughing. Our year-end video was terrific, keep an eye out for it on our website, as Tammy and Laura Machado did a great job getting it together. Thank you to all of our volunteers for making the evening want to remember.

As we move into a new fiscal year, we are looking forward to the new things we have planned. The addition of the sweetheart's dance for Valentine's Day, more fishing trips, brunch for inpatients, and horseshoes at the office will hopefully put smiles on some faces and give somebody the opportunity to try something new. Our athletes are doing amazing things, several have made the Paralympic levels and looking to compete in the next Paralympics, so look for air rifle, archery and Boccia programs. The National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Orlando this year, if you've never participated, it's a great opportunity to get involved.

I would like to take a moment to thank my better half, as without him I know I would not be able to do what I do. But also, to all the spouses and caregivers, thank you, there is not a national day of recognition, but there should be, as you are all amazing. Excited wait to see how our spouses and caregivers luncheon goes.

Thank you to everyone who helped make 2016-2017 a great year and looking forward to the next.

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Executive Directors Report by Amanda Saunders

Hello Texas Chapter Members and Friends,

I hope this note finds each of you doing well. It's been a whirlwind of a couple of months and the time has just flown by. Are we seriously half way through October already??

As we continue to recover from Hurricane Harvey, please let us know if you need assistance, if you have not done so already. The chapter and PVA are here for you. We can help with anything as small as replacing spoiled food up to a grant of \$1500 to assist you with recovery.

While nobody expected Harvey to be as severe as it was, it should be a reminder for all of us to prepare, prepare and then prepare some more! I personally thought I was more than prepared for the storm. I live on a river bottom and while we are used to some flooding, we have never experienced flooding like this. I took several days to move my belongings either out of my neighborhood or to higher ground inside my house. My home is elevated 15' on stilts and water has never been anywhere close to getting inside. I packed up my animals and took a couple of day's worth of clothing and planned to return home soon.

Boy was I wrong! I assumed the water would come up a little bit and then quickly recede, as it's done in the past. I didn't bother to take any valuable possessions and all of my most important documents and pictures were in a box on the floor. It's still hard to believe that 2' of water came inside of my 15' elevated home. My main regret is not taking the box of important and irreplaceable photographs and letters from loved ones.

I am fortunate to work for such a wonderful organization that cares so much about their members and staff. Your Texas PVA Board of Directors sprung into action calling and checking on everyone in the storm's path to ensure their safety and offer assistance! I am also grateful for the team from the PVA national office that came to Texas as soon as they could get here. Your support is truly appreciated!

Please continue with me to pray for Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and Las Vegas.

God Bless America



Vice President's Report

Hello Texas Chapter,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! (Fiscal New Year). Here we go rolling into the new 2017-2018 fiscal year for Texas Chapter.....

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We have an active year ahead of us! We will be having our fundraisers in Sporting clays at Clay Mounds, in Liberty December 2, 2017 and Killin' Clays at NSSC in San Antonio March 3, 2017. We are also planning a Sweethearts Dance around Valentine's Day. We are planning spouse/caregiver appreciation events. We are planning events in the Austin & Corpus Christi areas. Continue to keep our members affected by Hurricane Harvey, in your thoughts and prayers. They have found the Island Queen II, though they need to rebuild their dock at Woody's. Tentatively, we will plan for an event in the Spring.

Just a reminder as the Board of Directors for Texas Chapter PVA we should keep the needs and wants of the organization and members in the forefront of our decision making. Reviewing the SRC and Bylaws, as to what is expected of our positions and organization is very important. Teamwork gives our members an added boost of confidence and inspires new leaders to want to step(roll) forward to join in leadership positions. Working together, through open communication we can continue as an outstanding chapter in PVA

Congratulations to all of our award winners at this year's Jack Sanders Banquet. Job well done to the decorating crew and awesome job on the video!!!!

Jon R. Disrud
Board Certified Family Attorney



I have been a licensed attorney for 27.5 years. I also have 27 years of military service, active and reserve as a Judge Advocate. I have a general law practice covering many areas but I am a Family Law specialist having experience and compassion for military members going through a divorce. I also represent military members before the Formal Physical Evaluation Board regarding military medical separations.

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Exoskeletal-Assisted Walking in Persons with SCI: Impact on Quality of Life

Purpose of the Study

To determine the effects of exoskeletal-assisted walking in the home/community on the quality of life of Veterans with SCI. Physical, mental and social well-being changes will be evaluated with total body fat mass determination and quality of life questionnaires. If eligible, your time commitment would be approximately 10 months.



Protocol #15-11

Do You Qualify?

This study is open to Veterans only.

For eligibility, please consider the following questions:

- Are you a Veteran?
- Do you have a spinal cord injury at or below C6?
- Do you have hand grip function?
- Do you use a wheelchair as your primary mode of mobility?
- Is your spinal cord injury greater than 6 months old?
- Are you at least 21 years of age?
- Is your height between 63 and 75 inches?
- Do you weigh less than 220 pounds?
- Are you legally able to sign for your own consent?
- Are you interested in learning more about the study process?

If you said "yes" to all of the questions above please contact the study team at the numbers provided.

There are several additional eligibility criteria related to your bone health and medical status that will be evaluated by the study team prior to being able to engage in all study procedures.

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National Veterans Health Benefits Specialists (fomerly NSO's)

Anyone with a claim needs to submit a VA Form 10-1394 with supporting documentation to their closest NSO and get it to me if Houston VARO is their Regional Office or Dan Meckel if Waco is their Regional Office. We can hand carry claims to Finance.

Greg

Attached is the resolution approved at our last Convention addressing the problem of some VA Prosthetics Departments illegally denying eligible disabled veterans reimbursement for power steering as Automobile Adaptive Equipment.

This has been a growing problem and not just with power steering, but other adaptive equipment as well.

If any of you have received denials for reimbursement for automobile adaptive equipment, please let your Area Manager's, A.A. and me know no later than C.O.B. on October 18, 2017. Your information should include the name of the facility that provided the denial and what the adaptive equipment item is, if it was not power steering.

Thanks,
Anthony Steele,
Central Region Director

PVA Resolution - VA Prosthetics Denying Reimbursements for some Automobile Adaptive Equipment

WHEREAS, 38 U. S. Code Section 3901 Definitions states in part, "The term "adaptive equipment" includes, but is not limited to, power steering, power brakes, power window lifts, power seats, and special equipment necessary to assist the eligible person into and out of the automobile or other conveyance. Such term also includes (A) air-conditioning equipment when such equipment is necessary to the health and safety of the veteran and to the safety of others, regardless of whether the automobile or other conveyance is to be operated by the eligible person or is to be operated for such person by another person; and (B) any modification of the size of the interior space of the automobile or other conveyance if needed because of the physical condition of such person in order for such person to enter or operate the vehicle.", and

WHEREAS, Some VA Prosthetics Departments are Illegally Denying Eligible Disabled Veterans Reimbursement for Power Steering as Automobile Adaptive Equipment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that National PVA take all steps necessary to force the VA to follow federal law and provide reimbursement for all of the adaptive equipment defined in 38 U.S. Code Section 3901

Dear CiCi

Dear Cici,

I am wheelchair bound vet, and I live in an area of Houston that escaped the wrath of hurricane Harvey. My wife/caregiver and I were trapped in the neighborhood because of high water on the roads, but we were relatively safe. It did get me to thinking about a lot of things, though. How can we be better prepared for disasters?

Vince

Dear Vince,

There are several answers to this basic question. Although Houston as well as San Antonio and the hill country see a fair amount of flash flooding, there are other catastrophes that can happen. No matter the circumstance, the Boy Scout motto is a good one to heed: Be prepared!

We don't usually know when disasters can or will strike. A simple thing we can do is to have a "Go bag" packed at all times. The bag should contain medical supplies and other necessities you use on a daily basis (catheters, foleys, meds, diapers, etc.) along with a change of clothes and underwear. The supplies should be checked and periodically to see if they need to be changed out. Some vets/caregivers do this on a monthly basis, marking a date on their calendars as a reminder to do so.

The next thing to have in a waterproof pouch/bag is all your papers — copies of your DD214, your rating letter, a list of your prescription meds, your living will, advanced directives and any other important documents you think necessary.

Time is a precious element when evacuation orders are given, and the better prepared you are, the more you can save valuable time and perhaps can save your life.

In future issues, we'll focus more on advanced directives and wills, so stay tuned, and thanks, Vince, for asking this really important question.

Sincerely,
Cici



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Satellite Directors

Houston

The VA has announced that the Veterans Identification Cards will be released in November 2017. The VA has announced there is no anticipated cost for the Veterans ID card, even though they are authorized to charge a fee. In the meantime, we have updated this article to include instructions for printing a VA Proof of Service Letter so you can show an official letter from the VA proving your military service. Congress passed the Veterans Identification Card Act, a new bill that would create a government issued Veterans ID card, something many veterans have been requesting for years. The bill was unanimously passed by both the House and the Senate. President Obama signed the bill into law on July 20, 2015. The Veterans Identification Card Act authorized the VA to begin issuing Veterans ID cards to all veterans with an honorable discharge. However, delays have pushed back the initial issue date until 2017. Information submitted by Houston NSO - Kimberly Springfield.

San Antonio

We are having our PVA Site Survey this month. November 2 is our next member forum, meal at 5p with the forum starting at 6pm. We have applied to participate in the San Antonio Veterans Day Parade, November 11. If you would like to join us meet at 10am at Ave E Street, we'll roll out at 12pm. Our Thanksgiving celebration will November 16 11-2, at the SCIC Rec. Room. Outpatients, Inpatients and SCIC Staff are invited to join us. We will be decorating the SCIC on December 2, contact Hope Cooper if interested. Contact Jason T, Josue L., David B., if you want to any information on hunting opportunities. REMINDER - Halloween themed Bowling Tournament 10/27/17 at 11:30pm, Oak Hills Lanes, let Jose/Tinyada know if you're interested.

Corpus Christi

The Island Queen has been found, YEA!! Woody's had to rebuild everything even their dock. They said as soon as they can rebuild their dock they'll be taking excursions again. Stay tuned for our next fishing trip, Port Aransas.



Submitted by Steve Holbert

The Houston area shooters made it out to a range in October. We shot a round of Sporting Clays at the Blackwood Gun Club. The weather was still on the warm side (real hot) but we still had a good time. It's hard not to when your breaking some clays! We even had a newbie with us this time. I recruited Kevin Kelly as an able bodied assistant to help us out a bit. So not only was it his first time at sporting clays, it was his first time helping out five guys in wheelchairs trying to shoot clay pigeons. I threw him right into the frying pan there. He didn't even make it into any of the pictures because he was taking them all. His help was invaluable and I can't thank him enough. Thanks again Kevin! There is still plenty of room for more participants during these Houston area range days so give the office a call and let us know who you are if you'd like to be included. Our shoots are kind of impromptu so we need a good call list to make sure we've got enough guys to make a shoot worth while. The next one is tentatively planned for November the 16th at American Shooting Centers.

Derrick about to blast that clay pigeon



50th Annual Jack Sanders Banquet - October 6th

Anne Robinson & Greg Treacy

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San Antonio VA Employee of the Year Tinyada Robinson

David Bradshaw

Receiving President's Award for Garland Jennings



Spirit of the Games Award Marco De La Rosa





Sports & Recreation Directors Report by Kedgerick Smith

Houston area members:

Norris Honeycutt, Steve Holbert, Ron L:ofton, Ray Foster and Derrick Perkins



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20 Points

Participate in TPVA sponsored Veterans Day Events, TPVA sponsored Memorial Day Activities

15 Points

Participate in PVA/TPVA Paralyzed Awareness week (PAW) or PVA Awareness month (PAM) Events

Participate full term as an approved member on any TPVA Committee

Participate in the Christmas Inpatient/Staff purchasing & distributing to inpatients/staff

One time annual per year award for members working part-time (less than 40 hours per week) or attending higher education part time (less than 12 hrs a semester or equivalent) student status

10 Points

Promote TPVA/PVA Awareness during the year at a community forum other than PAW or PAM, (prior approval of TPVA BOD)

Attend a Chapter BOD Meeting—BOD members excluded

Recruit a voting TPVA member (must inform the Membership Director or President)

Participate in an organized TPVA fund raising event

Write an article for the Chapter News Letter or Website, must be published—BOD Members excluded

Sign up a local school for PVA Poster/Essay Contest. Points awarded each year the school participates.

5 Points

Attend a TPVA function - membership meetings, sporting events or community event

Volunteer at a TPVA function, the VA Hospital, the Chapter office or Satellite office

Represent TPVA at a local community event (requires BOD approval)

- Contribute to the TPVA Newsletter, website, blog or other forms of external communication
- Communicate with an elected official—send copy along with the volunteer sheet

1 hour of practice equals 1 point in a registered sport (i.e. USA Sports, Blaze Sports, Texas Regional Paralympic Sports, STRAPS, state, regional or national sport governing body) with Coaches signature or Point of Contact with phone number/email on Volunteer Points Form.

When submitting TPVA Volunteer points sheet submit the points, as well as, the hours you volunteered at the event. The chapter will use the points and the hours will be used to send to PVA.”

Additionally, The TPVA Event Funding Request forms to be submitted 30 days prior to event for timely BOD consideration.



OCTOBER

James Apple
Elizabeth Inman
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Don Brock
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Cal Onweller
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Steven Holbert
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MS Directors Report by Elizabeth Duncan



Multiple Sclerosis and Cold Intolerance

by Elizabeth Duncan

My last article was on MS and heat intolerance. Heat does not affect my MS. I enjoy sitting in the sun or under a tree in the summer. What affects my MS is the cold. I am *cold intolerant*. I cannot sit under a fan without getting cold or be in weather 70° or lower. It makes my muscles stiff. There are other people that find that cold-weather affects their MS causing muscle cramping, stiffness, and tightness.

When it comes to extreme weather, both heat and cold can affect your MS.

Why does cold affect some people with Multiple Sclerosis

Experts don't really know why but new data is showing on the role of vitamin D in MS. It's been established that in the winter vitamin D levels are lower because of lower exposure to the sunlight. Vitamin D levels may have an impact on relapses and we might feel our MS symptoms more when our vitamin D levels are at their winter lows.

Tips for coping with cold weather and Multiple Sclerosis.

1. There is a condition called Raynaud's phenomenon. This is when the capillaries in the finger and the toes over react in the cold, turning them blue and very painful. So, keep your hands and feet warm.

2. Go outside on a warm day, soak up some sun and get some vitamin D.

3. Don't overdo the heat inside. Remember extreme heat is not our friend either.

4. Warm yourself from the inside by drinking a cup of hot chocolate or hot tea, to take the chill off.

There are many MS related situations we need to learn to get through, so with some planning about your winter activity you can have a little control over your symptoms.

I am going to take a trip to Iowa in November, for a week. I know I'll need to dress warm and when I get back I'll be glad I live in Texas!

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6 - Jack Sanders Banquet Magnolia Pancake Haus 10333
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Chapter office

7- TPVA Board meeting 10 am

12 - ALM SCIC Women w/SCI Support Group

22-26 - PVA Fall BOD Marriott Rivercenter
Volunteers Needed

26 - Oktoberfest Houston MED VA MC

NOVEMBER

2 - SAS Membership Forum ALM SCIC Rec room
Dinner 5:00pm Forum 6:00pm

9 - ALM SCIC Women w/SCI Support Group

11 - Veterans Day

16 - Thanksgiving Luncheon ALM SCIC

16 - Thanksgiving Houston MED VA MC

DECEMBER

7 - SAS Christmas Party Magnolia Pancake Haus
10333 Huebner Rd San Antonio, TX 78240 RSVP
Chapter office

13 - TPVA Board teleconference

14 - ALM SCIC Women w/SCI Support Group

19 - Inpatient/Staff Christmas gift buying ALM
SCIC

22 - Inpatient/Staff Christmas Distribution ALM
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14- Christmas Houston MED VA MC

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Amendment Addressing Passengers with Disabilities Added to TSA Modernization Bill

On October 4, 2017, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee marked up S. 1872, the “Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Modernization Act.” At the markup, the Committee accepted a PVA-supported amendment on improving the screening of passengers with disabilities. The amendment was sponsored by Chairman John Thune (R-SD), Ranking Member Bill Nelson (D-FL), Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), and Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA).

The amendment includes several provisions that would improve the travel experience for people with disabilities. One provision would require TSA to work with disability and veterans’ service organizations to develop specific training requirements for TSA personnel regarding the proper screening of passengers who use wheelchairs, indwelling medical devices, prosthetics, and service animals. As part of this process, TSA would be required to revise its current training to implement needed changes.

Another provision would require TSA to record each disability-related complaint, identify the most frequently concerns raised or accommodations requested, and determine the best practices for addressing the most frequent complaints and accommodation requests. The amendment would also require signage at security checkpoints informing passenger with disabilities of their right to request assistance with disability-related complaints. Importantly, it would also improve accountability by requiring TSA to report to Congress on an annual basis metrics related to the experiences of passengers with disabilities.

PVA will continue to work with Committee staff in the coming weeks to ensure additional protections for passengers with disabilities in transiting security are addressed before the bill heads to the Senate floor.