

Paralyzed Veterans of America

Texas Chapter

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President Report Derrick Perkins



Friends,

That hurricane Dorian was a poignant reminder that we need to be aware and prepared for storms in our area! Things are getting more active in the tropics so make sure you have your basic and certainly your medical supplies ready to go in your Disaster Preparedness Bag. As we've seen recently in North Carolina, you don't even need a direct hit to be seriously affected by a powerful storm. PVA and Texas PVA both have disaster assistance programs to help our members just as we did in the wake of Hurricane

Harvey. However, we all need to be proactive to protect ourselves and our families. Looking forward: October is typically our busiest month and this year is no exception so take a good look at our calendar of events. There's a lot of information in the following pages and there's something for everyone. The highlight is our annual Jack Sanders Banquet which will take place in the beautiful Houston Downtown Aquarium. Space is limited so make sure that you contact the office ASAP to RSVP.

Sincerely, Derrick Perkins President

Congratulations!!

2019-2020 Educational Scholarship Award Winners

Paralyzed Veterans of America's (PVA) primary goal has been to assist its members and their families in improving the quality of their lives. This goal has been addressed through a wide variety of activities, including support of programs designed to provide education and training.

PVA established an Educational Scholarship Program to assist PVA members and their immediate families in gaining a post-secondary education. This year we want to congradulate one of our own from Texas Chapter!

EMILY TINSETH (ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY)
DAUGHTER OF WARREN TINSETH – TEXAS CHAPTER

Vice President Report Tammy Jones

Weekly Ongoing Events



San Antonio

ALMVA SCIC

Location, unless stated otherwise, ALM SCIC Rec Room Monday - 1pm Adaptive Gaming

Tues - 10am Indoor Archery Boerne Leading Edge 1pm Boccia

Wed - 9am Bowling Oak Hills Lanes 1pm Table Tennis 9 ball, etc.

Thurs - Wellness and Social Friday - 9:30am Air Rifle/Pistol

STRAPS

Location Morgans Wonderland unless stated Sunday - 9am Spurs w/c Baskball 3:30pm Power Soccer 6pm W/c rugby Monday - 6pm W/c soccer

Wed - 3:30pm Boccia

Thurs- 3:30pm Spurs W/c Baskball

7:30pm Adapted Crossfit Mind Body Soul

Austin/Harker Heights (www.texasregionalparalympicsports.org)

Sunday- 5:30-7pm Sled Hockey Northcross Mall Ice Rink

Monday- 8:30am-11am Rowing for All (every other Mon) Call Genny 210-241-2508; Texas Rowing Center

Tuesday- 1:30-4:30pm Archery; Harker Heights Rec Center

Saturday- 8:30-11am Rowing: Texas Rowing Center (www.texasrowingforall.org)

4-6pm W/c Basketball Harker Heights Rec Center

Houston Area

<u>Houston Parks & Recreation</u>
Metropolitan Multiservice Center (1475 W. Gray)

Monday- 6-9pm W/C Basketball open gym
Tuesday- 6-8pm Basketball/Rugby Off season Training Program
Wed- 6-9pm W/C Basketball open gym
7-9pm Kayak Basketball League
Thurs- 7-9pm W/C Rugby League
Friday- 7-8:30pm W/C Tennis
Saturday- 10-11am Sled Hockey Memorial City Mall Ice rink

TIRR Memorial Hermann

http://tirr.memorialhermann.org/patient-resources/adaptive-sports/

For more information on the sports below visit the website(above) or call 713-797-5928

W/C Basketball - Jr. Hotwheels & Adult Hotwheels Teams

Quad Rugby - TIRR Texans

W/ C Ultimate Frisbee

Handcycling

Paralympic Sport



ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM

Cal-Diego Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

January 27-28, 2020 San Diego Naval Base San Diego, CA

Mid-Atlantic Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

March 4-5, 2020 Colonial Shooting Academy Richmond, VA

Wisconsin Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament

March 21-22, 2020 Milwaukee Area Tech College Milwaukee, WI

Buckeye Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament*

April 16-18, 2020 Spire Institute Geneva, OH

*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

PARALYZED VETERANS BOATING/FISHING TOUR

Mid-America Bass Tournament

September 20-22, 2019 Lake Eufaula Eufaula, OK

Vaughan Bass Tournament

October 4-6, 2019 Rend Lake Mount Vernon, IL

Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament

April 3-5, 2020 Lake Harris Tavares, FL

Kentucky-Indiana Bass Tournament

April 24-26, 2020 Lake Barkley Kuttawa, KY

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament

June 5-7, 2020 James River Richmond, VA

Capital Clash Bass Tournament*

June 12-14, 2020 Potomac River Marbury, MD

*Year-end Tournament

ANNUAL PVA/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-South Billiards Tournament

October 11-12, 2019 Clicks Billiards Memphis, TN

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament Chuck Willis Mem

March 20-22, 2020 Diamond Billiards Midlothian, VA

Mid-America Billiards Tournament

April 3-5, 2020 Slick Willies Pool Hall Oklahoma City, OK

Buckeye Billiards Tournament

June 5-6, 2020 Wickliffe Lanes Wickliffe, OH

Mountain States Billiards Tournament

June 20-21, 2020 Widefield Corner Pocket Billiards Fountain, CO

ANNUAL PVA/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Great Plains Bowling Tournament

August 1-4, 2019 Thunderbowl Council Bluffs, IA

Mid-Atlantic Bowling Tournament

September 13-15, 2019 Bowl America Glen Allen, VA

Nevada Bowling Tournament

December 5-8, 2019 Sunset Station Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, NV

Mid-America Bowling Tournament

April 9-12, 2020 Firelake Bowling Center Shawnee, OK

Vaughan Bowling Tournament

May 21-24, 2020 Bowlero Romeoville, IL

PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

North Central Shooting Sports Tournament

September 6-8, 2019 Crooks Gun Club Sioux Falls, SC

Mid-Atlantic Shooting Sports Tournament

October 25-27, 2019 Conservation Park of Virginia Charles City, VA

Nevada Shooting Sports Tournament

March 13-15, 2020 Clark County Shooting Park Las Vegas, NV

Cal-Diego Shooting Sports Tournament

Redlands Shooting Park March 27-29, 2020 Redlands, CA

Lone Star Shooting Sports Tournament

Desoto Gun Club Dates TBD Waxahachie, TX

Vaughan Shooting Sports Tournament

June 5-7, 2020 St. Charles Sportsman Club Elburn, IL

Iowa Shooting Sports Tournament

June 12-14, 2020 Otter Creek Sportsman Club Cedar Rapids, IA

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Tournament*

June 26-28, 2020 Brown County Sportsman Club Green Bay, WI

*Year-end Tournament

BOCCIA

PVA National Boccia Tournament

October 22-26, 2019 The Pavilion at Lamay St. Louis, MO

Bayou Boccia Tournament

November 8-9, 2019 Harrison County Shelter Gulfport, MS

Buckeye Boccia Tournament*

April 16-18, 2020 Spire Institute Geneva, OH

Mid-Atlantic Boccia Tournament

May 6-8, 2020 Fort Monroe at Community Center Hampton, VA

Vaughan Boccia Tournament

June 26-28, 2020 Fountain View Recreation Center Carol Stream, IL

*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

HANDCYCLING RACING

PVAR Hi Performance Off Road Camp

August 27-26 , 2019 Crested Butte, CO

Off Road Handcycling Championships

August 23-25, 2019 Crested Butte, CO

Off-Road Fall Expo

October 4-6, 2019 Chesterfield, VA

Army Ten Miler

October 13, 2019 Washington, D.C.

CODE OF HONOR QUAD RUGBY INVITATIONAL

Dates TBD Location TBD

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



2019 Annual Dove Hunt







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Jackie's Brickhouse 1053 Marina Bay Dr, Kemah

Friday, Oct 18th and Saturday, Oct 19th

\$150 Entry

(Teams paid before 9/10 will be entered in a drawing for FREE entry fee)

CHICKEN, PORK SPARE RIBS & BRISKET. 80% payout OPEN \$25

11:00 AM OPEN (NO DESSERT)

12:00 Chicken Turn In (two (2) separate ½ fully jointed chickens (to include breast, wing, thigh and drumstick). SKIN ON

1:30 Pork Spare Ribs (9 individual pork spare ribs)

3:00 Brisket (9 Full Slices)

(Standard Turn-In Times Apply Up To 100 Teams)

AWARDS AND PRIZE \$\$\$ FOR TOP 3 IN EACH MEAT CATEGORY \$2500 Guaranteed prize money (with 35 paid teams) PLUS Added Money!!

Raffles & live auction (custom AR15 & a YETI Cooler)

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Early set up Thursday & out by noon on Sunday. No electric but water is available. Cooks meeting @ 6 pm Friday. 30X30 spaces (need bigger please call to make arrangements)

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE PROGRAMS OF THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER





Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter BBQ Entry Form



Name:
Team Name:
Address:
City-State-Zip:
Phone Number: Email:
Team Members:
FEE \$150.00(Teams paid before 9/10 will be entered in drawing for FREE entry fee)
ChickenPork Spare RibsBrisket
Open (No Dessert) \$25.00
Total Amount Paid:
Do you have an RV? YesNoIf yes what size is itFt.
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA—TEXAS CHAPTER, JACKIE'S BRICKHOUSE, OR ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE COOK-OFF WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEFT OR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT, OR BODILY INJURY OF ANY KIND. DECISION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND JUDGES ARE FINAL. BY ENTERING THIS CONTEST, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES. IF NOT PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA — TEXAS CHAPTER AND/OR JACKIE'S BRICKHOUSE HAS THE RIGHT TO ASK YOU & YOUR TEAM TO LEAVE THIS COOKOFF. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR COOKING THIS COOKOFF AND SUPPORTING THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA — TEXAS CHAPTER
SIGNATURE OF HEAD COOK:
Make Checks Payable to: Paralyzed Veterans of America – Texas Chapter

Mail to:

PVA, Texas Chapter P.O. Box 989 Crosby, TX 77532

HR 4099

"TPVA members- our civil rights are under assault!

U.S. House Resolution 4099 which is yet another attempt to dilute the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It absolves business owners of serious responsibility to remove barriers to access to their businesses. Included is an example form letter with highlighted sections explaining what needs to be filled out on the blank lines/space in the actual form letter. I would encourage you to complete the form letter and either scan/email or snail mail to your Congressional representative. You can figure out who your congressional member is by visiting Congress.gov Once completed, print out a signed copy of the letter, include it with your monthly volunteer hours worksheet and you'll get five volunteer points. You can only get credit for one letter. If you have any questions please contact the legislative director at 210–556-4907."

For Sample Letter, TPVA Letter or a copy of the HR4099, please contact the TPVA office in Crosby, TX.

Contact Kris or Amanda at: Email: info@texaspva.org Phone: 713-520-8782

Discovering Provider Awareness of Assistive Technologies and Clinical Guidelines

You may be eligible to participate if:

- · You are 18 years of age or older
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Helping You Help a Veteran

Do you know a Veteran who seems to be struggling? Maybe she has difficulty sleeping? Or he doesn't like being in public places or crowds? The effects of deployment can show up in many ways. And these problems can show up weeks, months, or even years after a service member returns from combat.

You may be in a special position to help a Veteran to reach out for help. Coaching Into Care is a national VA call center for family and friends of Veterans who want to help. CIC works to educate, support and empower family members and friends so that you can encourage the Veteran in your life to seek care.

Coaching Into Care has a team of dedicated professionals who specialize in helping callers get the right information about how to help Veterans and how to navigate the VA system. Our call center staff includes social workers and psychologists who all work together so that you can lend a helping hand.

People often call *CIC* because they know a Veteran they are worried about. If this sounds like you, we are ready to talk to you about your goals for getting support for a Veteran, or for yourself. Our free coaching service can help you figure out how to motivate the Veteran in your life to seek services. We can talk with you about ways to begin difficult conversations and come up with a plan that feels right to you. There is no one "perfect" thing to say to get someone into care, but with patience and support, we will help you navigate through this difficult time.

All services are free and confidential! We look forward to hearing from you soon.



To learn more, call 1-888-823-7458

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September Birthdays 2019

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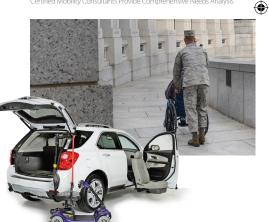
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Waco

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We're going fishing!!!

You're invited / Tuesday, October 8th, 9 am to 1 pm (4 hour trip) Galveston Bay

Food and drinks are served on the boat at no cost to you. Please RSVP as soon as possible and let us know if you will need hotel accommodations. For those travelling from the Houston area we will cover one night hotel and those travelling from further areas can request two nights.

I hope you can join us! This is a fun fishing trip and there's plenty to see and do on Galveston Island.

Please RSVP as soon as possible and contact the chapter office if you will need a hotel room.

Call Amanda 713-520-8782 x2

FYI – the restrooms on the boat are not accessible

Don't forget to take Dramamine if you are prone to motion sickness

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Authority of Health Care Providers to Practice Telehealth - By Timothy Hicks, Area Manager

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its medical regulations by standardizing the delivery of care by VA health care providers through telehealth. This rule ensures that VA health care providers can offer the same level of care to all beneficiaries, irrespective of the State or location in a State of the VA health care provider or the beneficiary.

The new federal rule will allow VA doctors, nurses and other health-care providers to administer care to Veterans using telehealth, or virtual technology, regardless of where in the United States the provider or Veteran is located, including when care will occur across state lines or outside a VA facility. Previously, it was unclear whether VA providers could furnish care to Veterans in other states through telehealth because of licensing restrictions or state-specific telehealth laws. This new rule exercises federal preemption to override those state restrictions, paving the way for VA to expand care to Veterans using telehealth enabling Veterans nationwide to receive care at home, the rule will especially benefit Veterans living in rural areas who would otherwise need to travel a considerable distance or across state lines to receive care. The rule also will expand Veterans' access to critical care that can be provided virtually — such as mental health care and suicide prevention — by allowing quicker and easier access to VA mental health providers through telehealth. Most of us are used to and will only accept our medical care via a face to face meeting with our physician whether it requires a drive or a ride with a friend or a love one to do so. For others who may be looking for a faster to receive care for routine medical issues in the convenience of your home using your phone or tablet is even more of an option now that VA has adopted the practice because of new law.

Telemedicine is a modern-day version of the doctor's house call where you see your physician via your video or smartphone conferencing. And as previously mentioned, while on-demand telemedicine isn't an end all be all approach to complete medical care, and probably not a good idea when you have complicated needs, it often works well when you have a straightforward complaint, such as a cold, allergies, rashes, sprains, strains or joint pains. With passage of the new rule and forthcoming VA implementation, it is safe to assume that many veterans will opt to use this form of care, therefore, it is important to become familiar with some of the benefits and drawbacks of telemedicine. Some of the upsides of telemedicine include convenience or ability to have access care anywhere, anytime and in many cases your doctor can quickly assess you from the comfort of your home and answer questions about medications. And, if you need additional care, your physician can then schedule you for an in-office visit or to an urgent care center or specialist. In addition to saving time traveling to an appointment, you don't have to spend additional time sitting in a waiting room.

For those concerned about privacy issues, VA policy stipulates that telemedicine systems must abide by all HIPAA guidelines and offer you the same level of privacy you receive when you see a doctor in the clinic.

One of the drawbacks of telemedicine include the mode of care is not suitable for all cases. Yes, a veteran can get a fast evaluation using telemedicine, but you can't get a full, routine physical exam. And in those cases where physical type tests or labs are required, a remote consultation will not be sufficient. Your primary care physician will need to arrange for you to physically visit a facility in those case or when you require care for more serious and involved medical issues.

As with any electronic communication, there is always the possibility to experience electronic glitches. When using telemedicine, you are dependent on technology, and thus you're at the mercy of anything that can interrupt your connection such as bad weather, loss of power or even outdated software.

This final rule achieves important Federal interests by increasing the availability of mental health, specialty, and general clinical care for all beneficiaries. This final rule is effective June 11, 2018. If you are interested in learning more about the program, you can read more about the VA telehealth program by visiting http://news.careinnovations.com/blog/va-issues-rule-on-authority-of-health-care-providers-to-practice-telehealth or speak with your primary health care provider.



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