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A graphic for Memorial Day featuring a background of light blue and white diagonal stripes radiating from the center. At the top, a row of seven dark blue stars is positioned above a red horizontal line. Below this line, the word "MEMORIAL" is written in dark blue, all-caps, serif font, with a red star on either side. Underneath "MEMORIAL", the word "DAY" is written in a much larger, dark blue, all-caps, serif font. To the left and right of "DAY" are three horizontal red stripes. A second red horizontal line is positioned below the stripes. At the bottom, a dark blue ribbon banner curves across the width of the graphic, containing the text "REMEMBER AND HONOR" in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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REMEMBER AND HONOR



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Message from Frank Daebehelliehn, Chapter President



Dear Frank,

Veterans with significant disabilities, like spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D), require specialized and long-term services and supports throughout their lives. Unfortunately, the number of veterans requiring this level of care greatly exceeds VA's existing capacity to provide it. The Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act (H.R. 6823/S. 3854) would make urgently needed improvements to VA Home and Community-Based Services.

Please let your members of Congress know that you would like them to support this vital legislation to help veterans with SCI/D.

Best,

Heather Ansley

PVA Government Relations

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/bgEIgbhNMbaRIwsKPwKoAg>



Age 65+ Fraud Prevention Campaign

Protecting Our Elderly Veterans Against Fraud

Have you or a loved one received a **suspicious call from an organization claiming affiliation with the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)?**

166,235

The number of Veterans VA provides pension benefits to as of January 2022 (65+). Vulnerable populations are frequently targeted for elderly scams by fraudsters.



The A,B,Cs of Pension Poaching

A financial scam targeting Veterans, survivors, and their families

Becoming a preferred method by criminals to defraud the elderly

Commonly involving financial maneuvers to defraud claimants

Tips to Share with Veterans in Your Community

Don'ts:

- ❌ **Don't** share your personal information (e.g., VA.GOV, eBenefits), or other VA login Credentials with anyone.
- ❌ **Don't** sign a blank form to be filled out later without seeing the contents.
- ❌ **Don't** deposit VA benefits directly into a family member or caregiver's bank account unless the person is court appointed or a VA accredited fiduciary.

Do's:

- ✓ **Do** be alert! Identity theft is not always committed by strangers.
- ✓ **Do** frequently change and maintain strong passwords and never use Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in the password.
- ✓ **Do** be vigilant if someone offers to hide or rearrange your assets to qualify for VA pension. You may be required to repay benefits to the government.
- ✓ **Do know VA does not charge for processing a claim or request a processing fee.**

How BDP&R Helps

When a fraudulent payment redirect case is reported or suspected, Veteran Benefits Administration's (VBA) Benefits Delivery Protection and Remediation (BDP&R) team investigates the incident and confirms the fraudulent activity.

- BDP&R determines the necessary actions to protect the Veteran's benefits
- BDP&R reports those responsible for the alleged fraud
- BDP&R immediately reinstating the Veteran's benefits, making the Veteran whole again.

BDP&R works diligently to serve America's Veterans and remains committed to protecting all Veterans and beneficiaries, specifically the most vulnerable, from fraud and abuse.

How to Report Fraud or Pension Poaching

To report suspected fraud, please email [BDP&R](#) or contact the [VA Office of Inspector General \(OIG\)](#) (800)-488-8244.

You may also file a complaint with the [Federal Trade Commission](#) by visiting consumercomplaints.fcc.gov

How Can You Help

VA is committed to defeating fraudsters who target elderly Veterans by **educating all advocates on the fraud targeting and pension poaching tactics being used against Veterans.** Please join us in making VA a hostile environment for fraudsters by encrypting emails when using Veteran information, ensuring antivirus computer updates, and locking your computer when away.



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



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Protecting America's Heroes

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April 25, 2022

VA establishes presumptive service connection for rare respiratory cancers for certain Veterans

WASHINGTON — As part of [President Biden's Unity Agenda](#) commitment to support the nation's Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs is adding nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities due to military environmental exposures to fine particulate matter.

The following list of rare respiratory cancers will be added to VA's regulations through an Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2022:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

VA determined through a focused review of scientific and medical evidence there is biological plausibility between airborne hazards and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract — and the unique circumstances of these rare cancers warrant a presumption of service connection.

The rarity and severity of these illnesses and the reality these conditions present, is a situation where it may not be possible to develop additional evidence, prompted VA to take this action.

"Veterans who suffer from rare respiratory cancers associated with their service deserve the very best America has to offer—but they've had to wait for the care and benefits they deserve for far too long. That ends now," said Secretary Denis McDonough. "With these new presumptives, Veterans who suffer from these rare respiratory cancers will finally get the world-class care and benefits they deserve, without having to prove causality between their service and their condition."

VA will begin processing disability compensation claims for Veterans who served any amount of time in the [Southwest Asia theater of operations](#) beginning Aug. 2, 1990, to the present, or Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning Sept. 19, 2001, to the present.

Any Veteran who has or had one of the listed cancers at any time during or after separation from military service may be eligible for disability compensation benefits. VA will contact impacted Veterans and survivors to inform them about their eligibility and will provide information on how to apply.

Veterans, survivors or dependents who had claims previously denied for any of these respiratory cancers are encouraged to file a [supplemental claim](#) for benefits. If you are a Veteran, survivor or dependent applying for the first time, file a new claim [here](#).

To apply for benefits, Veterans and survivors may visit [VA.gov](#) or call toll-free at 800-827-1000.

The official version of this rule is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register April 26, 2022. However, the document is available for previewing.

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The Chapter has received notice that the VA is not paying for approved outside medical expenses. If you have experienced this problem please let us know. We'd like to help get the issue resolved but need to know if this is an isolated incidence or if it's a regular occurrence.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vernon Warner Jr
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Ernest Henderson
Nakia Merritte

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Jim Nelson
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Texas Elks Veterans Retreat



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President, Secretary and Board Member # 1

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Memorial Day Car Show

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
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**WE COULDN'T
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WITHOUT YOU!**

11th Annual
Memorial Day Car Show
12132 Leslie Rd. Helotes, Texas 78023

**MONDAY
MAY 30, 2022**

Operation Comfort would like to invite you to be a sponsor of our car show fundraising event. We are a 501C 3 veteran organization founded to support Wounded, ILL, and Injured Service Members by providing rehabilitative recreational programming.

**QUESTIONS?
PLEASE CALL**

210-826-0500

11th Annual MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW Monday, May 30, 2022

Helotes AG Building
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VA sent out this flash letter (attached) to every Veteran with a claim or appeal pending between 07/13/21 and 12/31/21. These are the dates of the Government Printing Office (GPO) backlog and US Postal Service (USPS) personnel shortages. Read the document, then continue.

Veterans only need to take action if they had a deadline that wasn't met due to untimely correspondence.

All reply actions need to be sent to the respective Texas PVA Service Office in either Waco or Houston.

Example: VA mailed a letter dated 14 July, 2021. It's a proposal to reduce letter concerning the Veteran's failure to return the previously sent Status of Dependents Questionnaire. The letter says the Veteran has 60 days to respond or they will remove the dependents back to the last date they knew of the dependents. The Veteran received the letter at his home on Sept 14, 2021. Obviously, the letter arrived after the deadline. Since the VA did not receive a response from the Veteran within 60 days from the date they sent out the letter, they automatically processed the reduction and removed the dependent from the award. This creates a debt. So the Veteran is dealing with getting dependents re-added to the award and paying back a debt until the VA can re-establish his dependents on the award.

This is just an example, there are other deadline issues (claims, appeals, etc) that the mail delays caused.

Do not try to resolve problems this caused by calling the VA directly, unless you enjoy anxiety and stress.

Work with your PVA representatives at your respective Regional Offices to resolve any issue with the mailing delays.

Greg

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San Antonio membership forums will
take place on the 1st Wednesday of
each month at 2 pm



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**
P.O. BOX 4444
JANESVILLE WI 53547-4444

MARCH 25, 2022

In Reply Refer To:

Notice: There May Have Been a Delay in Receipt of Mailed Correspondence

To whom it may concern,

You may experience a delay in receipt of correspondence from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

What Happened

VA experienced delays in printing and mailing correspondence to Veterans and claimants due to supply chain and staffing shortages from our vendor.

How This May Have Affected You

From July 13, 2021 through December 31, 2021, correspondence may not have been received timely. This includes information needed to pursue a benefit or notification of a decision, which may require a time-sensitive response. Veterans Benefit Administration extended the initial response period afforded in the letter by 90 days when a proposed action may have resulted in a denial, reduction, or termination of benefits. Unless you waived your right to respond or sent the requested evidence or information, you qualified for this extension.

This notice applies to impacted correspondence sent from the Veterans Benefit Administration related to your disability compensation and pension benefits, decision reviews, and/or services related to the Veteran Readiness and Employee program dated July 13, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

What You Should Do

- If you already received and fully responded to the correspondence, no further action is needed.
- If you received a letter dated July 13, 2021 through December 31, 2021 requesting a reply but have not done so, you are encouraged to respond as instructed in your latest correspondence. You have 90 additional days to respond, beyond the timeframe indicated in the letter.
- If VA made a decision on your claim for benefits before the extended time frame expired, please notify VA, and provide the evidence or information requested. VA will take corrective action to ensure that any new evidence or information that you provide is considered.
- If you believe you should have received a letter but did not, please contact VA at 1-800-827-1000.

Sportsman's Challenge 2022

By Steve Holbert

2022 saw the return of Ronnie Lofton's Sportsman's Challenge. The weather was great and we also saw the largest turn out of Veteran competitors with 22 entries. For a quick reminder this is five events where the scores from all five events are combined and a Champion is crowned. Five scored shots are taken with rifle at 100 yards. Five shots with pistol at about 6 yards. Five shots with archery at about 15 yards. Five shots with a tomahawk at around 12 feet and finally ten shots at clay pigeons with a shotgun. With



only 10 points possible in each discipline, it takes a well rounded sportsman to be crowned champion. This year was quite exciting with a different individual scoring the most points in each event. So it was a very close, fun and competitive day topped off with a great fish fry and camaraderie. Not only did the Champion win a shotgun and a hog hunt, each top score per event won a \$50 gift card for Academy Sports. Also there were



door prizes for each and every Veteran competitor. Again another fantastic day hosted by Ronnie Lofton and his family and friends. I want to give them a big huge **Thank You!**



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Don't



Remove hangers, check the pockets and wash if possible. Don't forget we need shoes, purses, and accessories.

Even towels and bedding that are threadbare can have a second life as they are used for cleaning up, and recycling.

We continue to offer free, In Person, mental health counseling for military veterans and their families. We practice social distancing guidelines and have hand sanitizer available. We can also help with transportation needs with weekly bus passes.

Charles Jackson MA LPC

Licensed Professional Counselor

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Texas Regional Games

San Antonio April 7-10

The weather was pretty darn nice for this years Texas Regional Games. We had several Texas PVA members participate this year. If you're not familiar with the Teas Regional Games, the following paragraph is straight off their web site. Take a look at their site for more information, pictures and complete results from this years event: texasregionalgames.com

Texas Regional Para Sport (TRPS) is a not-for-profit adapted sport organization that works throughout the entire State of Texas to enhance and collaborate with Adaptive Sport Programs to provide more sporting opportunities as well as provides additional competition, education and training opportunities. TRPS and Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association (SWAA) have collaborated to bring the Texas Regional Games to San Antonio since 2011.

You don't even have to have any prior experience for any of the events. They have equipment to use and plenty of volunteers to help you learn. Be sure and come check it out next year or just visit Morgan's Wonderland to enjoy the wheelchair accessible amusement park rides. It's FREE! Events include Air Guns, Archery, Boccia, Cycling, Field Throw (shot put, discus, javelin),, Powerlifting, Swimming, Tennis, Track.

Your Texas PVA Chapter member accomplishments are listed below. Sorry if I have overlooked anyone.

Candice Caesar	Gold	Archery	F 70 meter recurve bow
Eric Lindsey	Gold	Archery	M 50 meter compound bow W1
Steve Holbert	Bronze	Archery	M 50 meter compound bow Open
Nathan Gonzalez	6th	Archery	M 20 meter novice
David Cromwell	Gold	Air Rifle	10 meter SH-2 Prone
Jim Castaneda	Silver	Air Rifle	10 meter SH-2 Prone
Steve Holbert	Gold	Air Rifle	10 meter SH-1 Prone
Leah Groggett	Silver	Air Rifle	10 meter SH-1 Prone
Jim Castaneda	Gold	Air Rifle	10 meter SH-2 Standing
Jason Pepper	Gold	Air Rifle	10 meter SH-VI Prone (vision impaired)
Marco De Larosa	Gold	Air Pistol	10 meter SH-1
Steve Holbert	Silver	Air Pistol	10 meter SH-1
Nathan Gonzalez	Bronze	Air Pistol	10 meter SH-1
Irma Pennington	Silver	Shot Put	
Irma Pennington	4th	Javelin	



Rolling Inspiration Bowling Event Submitted by Dan Castillo

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, several TPVA members participated in the Rolling Inspiration with J. Robert Davis P.C. Present 5th Annual Bowl Event event held at Oak Hill Bowling Lanes. This event had 34 bowlers competing in 3 Divisions. A big thank you to Rolling Inspirations Director/Founder Chris Salas for organizing a great event! A shout out of gratitude to the 5 volunteers who assisted in registration, T-shirt distribution, lane assignments, sponsor placard placement, and handing out lunch (hot pizza) and sweet ice tea to athletes and family members.

Rolling Inspiration is a peer support group that meets twice a month. The group provides an upbeat place for individuals with spinal cord injuries and their caregivers to connect with other people who have experienced the same life-changing injury. The meetings are an excellent way for members to share resources, ideas and information, while enjoying fellowship in a relaxed setting. In addition to guest speakers and discussions on topics of interest, meetings also include quarterly social and recreational outings.

TPVA donated money to sponsor a lane for this tournament and has sponsored this event for several years!

Tournament Bowling results:

Wheelchair Bowlers:

- 1st Gabe Diaz de Leon (TPVA member)
- 2nd Gil Garcia (TPVA member)
- 3rd Mario Wright

Ramp Bowlers:

- 1st Dan Castillo (TPVA member)
- 2nd Edward Caldwell (TPVA member)
- 3rd Eddie González

Able Bodied Bowlers:

- 1st Alex Diaz de Leon
- 2nd Luke Porche
- 3rd Margarita González



Indian Springs Campground

Update April 2022



Indian Springs Campground and RV park in Kountze, TX is where our TPVA members have participated in adaptive deer hunts for over 20 years now. This picture is of the new fishing pier being installed before the dam to the lake will be rebuilt along with digging the lake out deeper. There will be two ADA piers for fishing or just being able to roll out and enjoy the lake with an up close and personal view. Remember there are four ADA accessible little cabins located there which are available to our members at extremely attractive rates.

Also Ronnie Stockholm has informed me that the wild pig problem in east Texas is as bad as it's ever been. So Ronnie has again extended the invitation to come out and sit in one of the roll in hunting blinds to try and help eradicate a few of those wild pigs.

The last information update is a Fundraiser specifically for the Campground being held May 7th in Beaumont, TX. Being this is one of the only places in TX that has roll in hunting blinds that offers free deer hunts to our members, I highly recommend you try to attend this fundraiser to show your appreciation and support for Indian Springs Campground.

FLAG DAY FISHING

Space is limited. Please email info@texaspva.org to be added to the waiting list

The TPVA will be hosting a Free Bay Fishing Trip on Sunday June 12th-13th

Location: **Bluffs Landing Marina Bait & Tackle**

4242 Laguna Shores Road, Corpus Christi, TX

(361) 937-7100 · bluffslanding.com

1. check into the hotel or marina on Sunday June 12, any time after 3:00 PM
2. Personal time to enjoy R&R in hotel or marina area
3. Mandatory meeting @ 7:00 PM Sunday
5. Start loading onto 15 boats with pro guides @ 6:00 AM Monday
6. Return to marina by 12:30 PM
7. Lunch (optional) beginning 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

This Event will cost TPVA approx. 800.00 dollars per member.

Everyone is responsible for their own travel and meals except for Lunch on Monday. TPVA will pay for the hotel rooms

We have 15 pro guides and boats

POC: Jose Laguna/Amanda Saunders

Email jlaguna@satx.rr.com and amandas@texaspva.org
cell 210-219-0103 and 832-814-5126

Please note – there is now an Oyster Bar and BBQ Ice House at the Marina.

May & June Birthdays

Edgar Machado
Daniel Ross
Mario Rodriguez
Daniel Thornhill
Kiera Chapai
Eric Cameron
Troy Tallent
Toai Nolan
Jerome Jones
Richard Uzzel
Juan Banda
Lloyd Ford
Bruce Rodgers
Daniel Burney
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Mario Galvan-Castro
Roger Figg
Bennie Sullivan
Patrick Moore
Christopher Raymond
Brent Norris
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Kirk Black
Damon McDay
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Larry Bates
Norris Honeycutt
Raymond Burford
Jim Harris
Lorenzo Thompson
Daniel Hernandez
Bobby Barton



Houston parks and recreation-adaptive division scheduled events

West Gray weekly schedule

Monday

1pm-2pm Bocchia

5pm-7pm developmental wheelchair rugby

7pm-9pm wheelchair basketball

Tuesday

1pm-2pm tabata Tuesday (adaptive fitness)

5pm-6pm beep baseball team fitness

6pm-8pm beep baseball practice

6pm-7pm prep wheelchair basketball skills and drills

7pm-9pm juniors wheelchair basketball

Wednesday

6pm-9pm wheelchair basketball

Thursday

10am-12pm cycling

1pm-2pm dance fitness

5pm-7pm VI fit

7pm-9pm wheelchair rugby

Friday

7pm-9pm wheelchair tennis

6pm-8pm wheelchair lacrosse

Saturday

9am-11am wheelchair rugby

11am-2pm power chair soccer

2pm-4pm deaf basketball



4th Annual Women Veterans Empowerment Retreat

JW Marriott Resort ✨ San Antonio, Texas

September 24 – 27, 2022

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION—AUGUST 1, 2022

Join us for Paralyzed Veterans of America's 4th Annual Women Veteran Empowerment Retreat. Come enjoy three days in beautiful San Antonio with other women members of PVA. This event is limited to 40 attendees so be sure to register ASAP!

Participants will enjoy time in an inclusive, supportive environment with other women Veterans with sessions that focus on:

- VA Benefits & Services
- Self-Advocacy
- Leadership Skills
- Resilience
- Empowerment

A few things you can expect if you attend the Women Veteran Empowerment Retreat:

- Three days of education, opportunities, and camaraderie
- Interact and learn from experts
- Meeting other women members

PVA and our sponsors are proud to cover all expenses related to travel, hotel accommodation, meals, and programming. Additionally, we will have several fun activities that will be no cost to any of our attendees.

Caregivers welcome!

"Because of this retreat, I finally learned how to let go of things and people in a healthy way! That was so powerful to me, and I will never forget it. Learning different ways to deal with life stressors made me so excited to come home and apply what I learned... and I have!"

– 2021 WVER attendee

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If you travel over 50 miles rooms may be reimbursed by submitting a request and receipts to the Chapter.

I hope you all can be there as this is the first time since the pandemic and the start of the monthly dinners again.

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JT

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WELCOME HOME • In 2015, the ENVSC signed a formal agreement to partner with the VA to help end veteran homelessness. This program is referred to as the Welcome Home initiative. Along with pledging funds, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission is enlisting the help of their 800,000 Members in all 50 states. Together, we can provide the tools and support necessary for homeless veterans to transition successfully into healthier and more stable lives.

VETERANS LEATHER PROGRAM • For many patients in VA hospitals, time can move slowly between visits from family and friends. In addition to holding events and providing friendship to veterans in VA hospitals, Elks also provide the tools for veterans to take up a new skill. The Veterans Leather Program relies on the charity of hunters across the nation to donate hides so they can be turned into leather used for therapy programs for recovering veterans. Elk volunteers salt and prepare the hides before taking them to a central location in each state. Here, they are collected and delivered to tanneries for finishing. The finished leather is turned into thousands of leather products such as craft kits for hospitalized veterans therapy. Leather is also used to provide professionally-crafted gloves for veterans in wheelchairs, which are distributed at veterans' sports clinics and gatherings throughout the country. They can also be ordered from your local Elks lodge.

Important info from Greg Treacy:

The VA has been sending out the attached form to all Veterans receiving Compensation or Pension because there have been so many Veterans not reporting dependency changes when they have changes. This mailing is usually done every 8 years, but with the numbers increasing the VA has to react. Members must notify us about dependency issues such as a Death, Divorce, Marriage, Child birth, Child went in military, Helpless Child, etc. When the Veteran does not return the VA-mailed form after 30 days, they automatically propose to reduce the Veteran's award back to the date of the last documentation of dependent status. This has both PVA VARO Service Offices in Texas going crazy. Plus the problems with COVID, the Government Printing Office, and the US Postal Service didn't help us either.

We're trying to be pro-active to keep our members from ending up with a pay problems. Forms are on the next 2 pages

VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -

SECTION IV: CHANGE IN CHILD(REN)'S STATUS (CONTINUED)

11A. CHILD'S NAME

11B. HOW STATUS CHANGED

<input type="radio"/> DEATH OF CHILD	DATE OF DEATH (MM/DD/YYYY): <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>
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<input type="radio"/> STEPCHILD IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD	LAST DATE STEPCHILD WAS A MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD (MM/DD/YYYY): <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>
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SECTION V: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the information I have given on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

14A. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN (REQUIRED)	14B. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>
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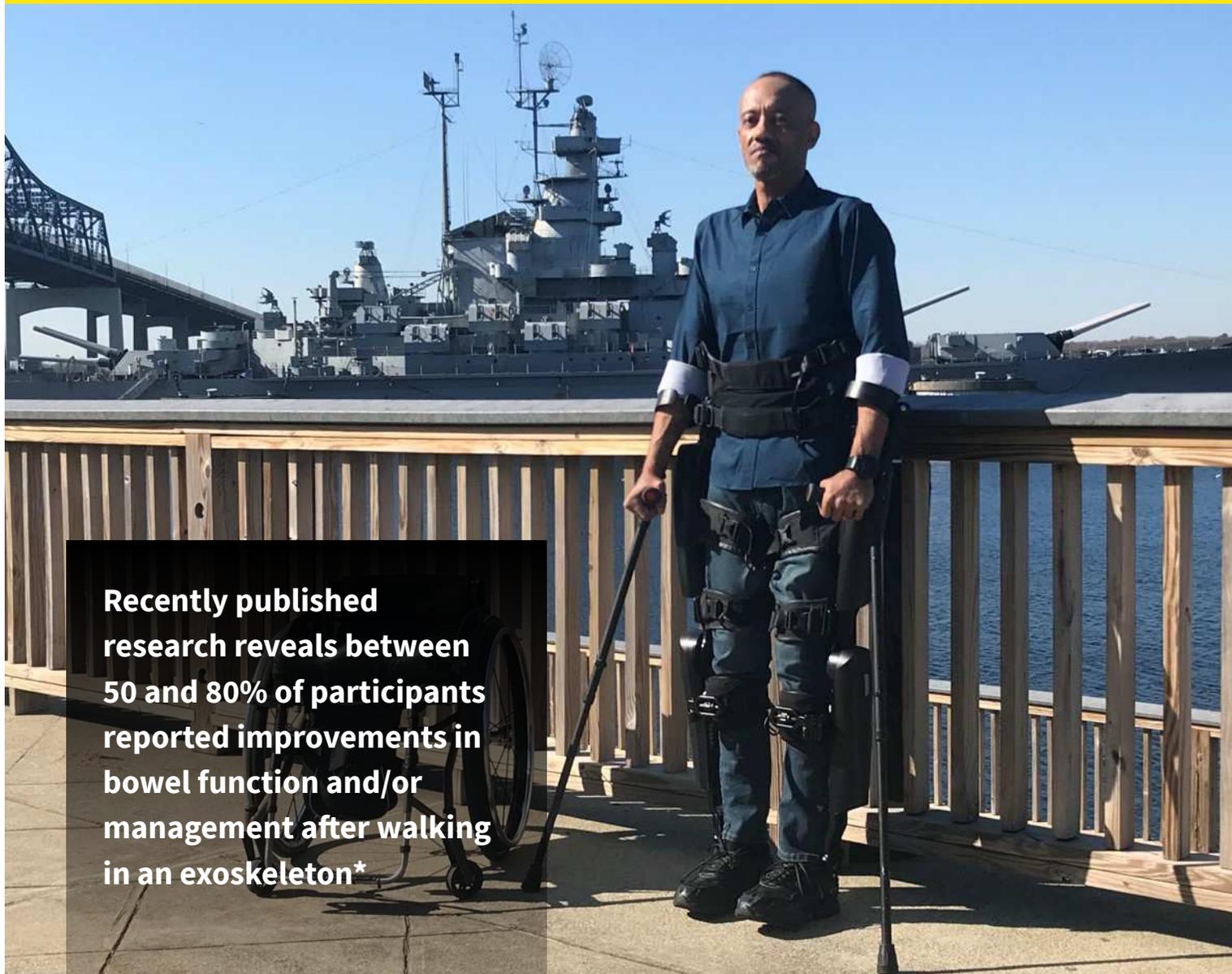


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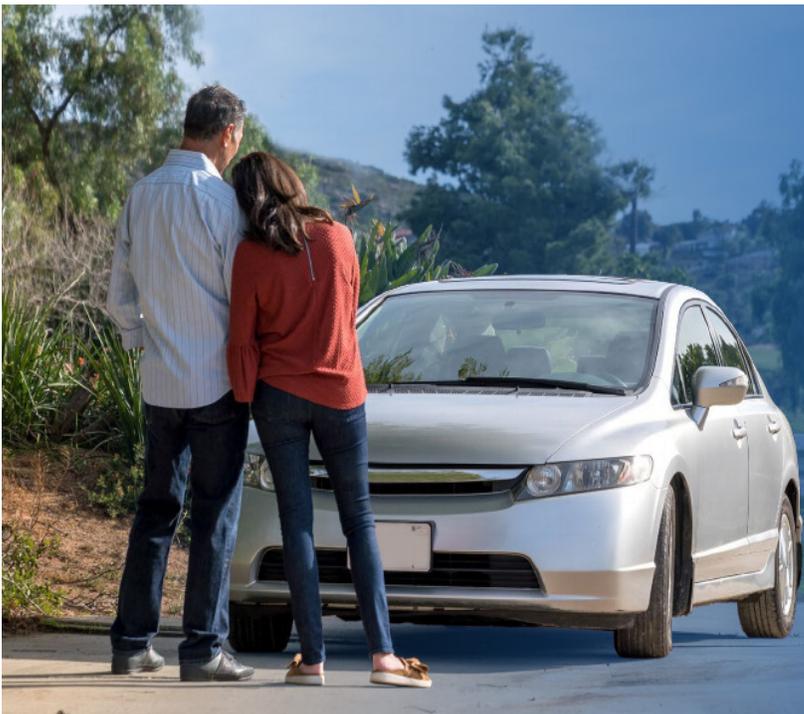
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