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Paralyzed Veterans of America

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It's a Great Day to Be in the TPVA

With all the rainy weather we've been experiencing, I trust everyone is up to date on their "swimming lessons"! In all seriousness, please be careful when heading out—both Houston and San Antonio have received significant rainfall recently.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are coming up July 9–15. Best of luck to everyone attending! We are proudly sending 18 members, 14 caregivers, and Coach Laguna. San Antonio VA is sending Cheryl and Stevie. Let's bring home an impressive medal count—Detroit won't know what hit it. Go out there, compete hard, and give it your all!

The Advocacy Seminar will take place June 9–15 in Washington, D.C. Kerry Reyna is leading the charge on behalf of our chapter, and we know she will do an outstanding job. We look forward to hearing her report when she returns.

On June 15, we have the Flag Day Fishing Event in Corpus Christi. Good luck to everyone participating—we hope you reel in plenty of fish! This has always been a fantastic event, and we know this year will be no different.

PVA also hosted an air rifle clinic on May 30–31. While we haven't received full details yet, we're happy to report the event went smoothly.

The PVA Convention, held May 15 in Las Vegas, marked an incredible milestone—80 years strong. It's amazing to reflect on how far things have come. With all the new technology emerging, the next 80 years promise even greater advancements in wheelchairs, medical devices, and assistive tools that enhance our daily lives.

We recently held elections for the positions of President, Secretary, and Board Member Position 1. The votes have been tallied, and the official results will be announced in July.

These positions will serve for the 2026–2028 term.

The chapter is currently seeking dedicated volunteers to fill our Program Director positions. These roles are vital to the success of our programs and events. If you're interested in getting involved and making a difference, please let us know—we would greatly appreciate your support.

As always, please stay safe, take care, and enjoy all the great activities ahead!

Frank Daebelliehn
President
Texas Chapter PVA



Another Year of Excellence at Texas Para Sport

This year's Texas Para Sport competition was yet another powerful reminder of what dedication, perseverance, and community can achieve. The Texas PVA shooting team showed up strong, competed with heart, and once again proved that we belong on the podium.

We are proud to recognize the accomplishments of our athletes:

- **Pistol**
 - Mr. Delarosa – Gold
 - Tyler Robert – Silver
 - Josue Lopez – Bronze
- **SH2 Air Rifle**
 - Adessa Nolan – Silver
 - Jim Castaneda – Bronze
- **SH1 Air Rifle**
 - John Arbino – Silver
 - Leah Groggett – Bronze

Each of these athletes put in countless hours of practice, overcame challenges, and represented Texas PVA with determination and pride.

On a personal note, I am deeply honored to have earned the Gold medal and to have secured a spot on the Team USA National Development Team. This achievement would not have been possible without the encouragement and support from my teammates, coaches, and the entire Texas PVA community.

More than the medals, what truly stands out is the unity and spirit of our team. Seeing so many members of the Texas PVA shooting team come together—whether competing, coaching, or cheering from the sidelines—speaks volumes about the strength of our organization. The support we give one another is what makes these moments even more meaningful.

We also want to extend our sincere gratitude to Texas PVA. Your continued commitment to providing opportunities, resources, and encouragement for adaptive athletes makes all the difference. Because of your support, we are able to train, compete, and achieve at the

highest levels. You help create an environment where athletes can grow, succeed, and represent not just themselves, but a larger community that believes in them.

Thank you to everyone who played a role in making this year a success—coaches, families, volunteers, and supporters. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we also look ahead with excitement and determination. Texas PVA continues to shine, and we are proud to carry that legacy forward.

Here's to another incredible year and many more victories to come!

Toai Nolan





Getting the Army SRU team ready to compete in Wheelchair Basketball this coming June at the Warrior Games here in San Antonio - by Nakia Merritte



Yes, You Can!

A Guide to Self-Care for People with Spinal Cord Injury

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WEST GRAY ADAPTIVE SPORTS DAY

Come check out Houston's adaptive sports programs and learn about getting involved!

Location: West Gray Multi-service Center

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time: 9 AM- 6PM (schedule of events sent out closer to date)

What To Expect:

- No experience needed
- Equipment provided
- All ages and abilities welcome
- **Sports offered:** power soccer, standing adaptive and wheelchair tennis, wheelchair lacrosse, endurance sports, beep baseball, and more.

Sign-up:



Contact:

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ADAPTIVE ATHLETICS
— at —
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80th Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada - 11-15 May 2026

Amanda, TPVA Executive Director and Kerry Reyna, National Board of Directors attended the 80th Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada - 11-15 May 2026. I can attest the conference were long days and much were accomplished. TPVA members Tammy Jones won reelection to PVA Senior Vice President and Anne Robinson won reelection to PVA Vice President. Congratulations, Tammy and Anne! Topics covered at the National Convention were PVA programs updates, budget, research and education. Next up for the TPVA chapter is the Advocacy Seminar in June 2026. See Something Say Something!

Kerry Reyna

PVA National Board Member

PVA Women Veterans Empowerment Retreat Member

PVA Government Relation



Memorial Day 2026



Hello,

I'm reaching out from the ManKind Project to share an upcoming opportunity that could make a meaningful difference for men in your community.

On December 11–13, 2026, near New Zulch, Texas (between Houston and Dallas), we are offering a Barrier-Free New Warrior Training Adventure (NWTA)—a men's personal growth weekend intentionally designed to include men living with physical, sensory, and other disabilities.

This is a fully integrated experience where all men are welcome, with strong support in place:

- 2:1 staff-to-participant ratio
- Individualized accommodations (ASL, mobility, care support, etc.)
- Pre-weekend conversations to ensure each man is supported well

We work closely with each participant to ensure safety, dignity, and appropriate support throughout the weekend.

Our intention is simple:

To make this kind of life-changing experience truly accessible to men who may have never imagined it was possible.

As we begin reaching out, we're not just looking to broadly share this—we're hoping to connect more personally.

We're specifically looking for 5–10 men in your community who might benefit from a direct invitation.

You can learn more at www.mkp.org or reach me directly at deweyspitler@mkp.org | 928-308-2616

Thank you for the work you do—and for helping us widen the circle.

With respect,

Dewey Spitler

A voice from lived experience:

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— Art Patterson





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FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

**1st
Monday**

EAST HOUSTON POP-UP GROCERY **12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

 Powell Memorial VFW 9296
1214 Maxey Rd, Houston, TX 77015

**1st
Tuesday**

ELLINGTON FIELD JRB POP-UP GROCERY **12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

 Lone Star Flight Museum
(Warbird Ready Room)
11551 Aerospace Ave, Houston, TX 77034

**2nd & 4th
Friday**

HQ IN-HOUSE FOOD PANTRY **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

 Combined Arms HQ
2929 McKinney St, Houston, TX 77003

**3rd
Wednesday**

GALVESTON COUNTY **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

 The Connection Parking Lot
9300 E.F. Lowry Expressway
Texas City, TX 77591

**3rd
Thursday**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

 The Ark Church (Secondary Parking Lot)
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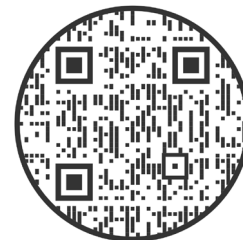
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Even towels and bedding that are threadbare can have a second life as they are used for cleaning up, and recycling.

PVA & Texas Para Sports Third Annual Shooting Program

Another great year for the PVA Texas Para Sport Shooting Program!

This year's event was a tremendous success, with nearly double the number of participants compared to last year. We are excited by the continued growth of the program and are already looking forward to an even bigger turnout next year.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this year's program was seeing participants of all ages and with a wide range of disabilities come together to enjoy the sport of shooting. The smiles on the faces of our athletes said it all as many proudly returned home with medals and memories that will last a lifetime.

Our team performed exceptionally well throughout the competition. Every shooter gave their best effort, and their hard work paid off as we captured First Place in the Team Event. It was a proud moment for everyone involved and a testament to the dedication of our athletes and coaches.

This program would not be possible without the support and leadership of Marco De LaRosa. Marco has been one of the greatest inspirations behind this program's success. As an Olympian, he generously gives his experience, time, and even personal resources to help new and upcoming shooters develop their skills and confidence.

Marco's patience, dedication, and willingness to help others are truly remarkable. His commitment to growing the sport and supporting athletes with disabilities has made a lasting impact on countless lives. On behalf of all our athletes, families, volunteers, and supporters, thank you, Mr. De LaRosa, for everything you do.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to Major Tom Groggett for expertly running the range and helping ensure that the event was safe, organized, and enjoyable for everyone involved. His hard work behind the scenes was essential to the success of the program.

A special thank you goes to Jennifer Weatherford, Director of Operations and Military Programs, for her outstanding support of this event. Jennifer worked tirelessly to help secure a location for the program and obtain funding for meals for our participants. Her dedication, leadership, and commitment to serving veterans and adaptive athletes helped make this year's event a tremendous success.

The success of this program is the result of many people working together with a shared commitment to supporting adaptive sports and empowering athletes with disabilities. We are grateful for every volunteer, supporter, family member, and participant who made this event possible.

We look forward to another outstanding year of growth, competition, friendship, and achievement in 2027.

Respectfully,

Toai Nolan

#TeamNolan



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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
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206 San Pedro, Suite 201, San Antonio, TX 78205

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Website: <https://www.vettix.org/tixer/my-account/login>

San Antonio membership forums will take place on the 1st Thursday of each month at 12 pm. Houston membership forums will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12 pm.

April - May - June Birthdays

David McCreery
Rebecca Johnson
Svend Svendsen
Maurice Bullard
Marcus Montieth
Robert Lefevé
Peter Simmons
David Bradshaw
William Neuls
Scott McDonald
William Sutherland
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Anne Collins
Edward Sterner
Philip Stewart
Peter Shaver
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Joe Cruz
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Chad Stuart
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Shawna Jerry
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Jerome Jones
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Johnie Stewart
John Collins
Paul Smith
Juan Banda
Charles Garcia
Debbie Williams
Eric Cameron
William Spivey
James Burkes
Troy Tallent
Mario Rodriguez
Daniel Thornhill
Bruce Rodgers
Claudie White
Thomas Powell
Jennifer Sexton
Lloyd Ford
Frank Daebelliehn
Jesse Vasquez, Jr.
Edgar Machado
Clayton Monroe
Daniel Burney
George Williams
Ryan Cano
Maurice (Mike) Meehan
Polly Long
Juan Reyes
Kiera Chapai
Brandie Jeter
Hashinto Takeshi
Clinton Crumpton
Thomas Anderson
Jonathon Smith
Angela Sublett

Toai Nolan
Berry Medeiros
Jack Elson
Gary Mercer
David Vasquez
Branden Robles
Ginger Rhodes
Johnny Carabajal
Bennie Sullivan
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Jerry Hall
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Norris Honeycutt
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Roger Figg
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Edward Nierengarten
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Victor Ventura
Willie Simmons
Leslie Hester
Charles Randolph
Patrick Moore
Kirkland David
Carlton Brooks
Carlos Nesmith
William Latham
Julio Gomez
Najla Switzer
Lyn McCalister
Daniel Hernandez
Juan Maldonado
Stephanie Flores
Christopher Raymond

Douglas Reeves
Michael Johnson
Chauncey Spencer
Leah Groggett
William Roberts
Gilbert Muro
Robert Munoz
Jerry Jackson
Carol Havelka
Larry Bates
Jaime Garcia
Cindy Prestidge
Raymond Burford
Mario Galvan-Castro

April Winners:

David Bradshaw

Mary Beard

Robert Trevino

Vicente Turrubiates

Kristal Pickney

May Winners:

Frederick Garraway

Juan Banda

Daniel Burney

Clinton Crumpton

Toai Nolan

June Winners:

To be determined

Membership Rewards Program

Hello Texas Paralyzed Veterans of America Members! Your BOD just implemented a new membership rewards program. It's a very simple program. During your birth month, just contact the Chapter Office or one of your Board of Directors and let them know you want to participate. At the end of each month a drawing will be held, and five lucky members will each receive a gift card worth \$200 to spend however you wish.

As long as you're on the phone with us, let us know how you're doing. Get an update on the latest Chapter news and events. You can also make sure your phone number and address are up to date. Remember we're an organization made up of members trying to help other members. We need to know who you are, where you are and what kind of concerns or ideas you may have. Plus, you may be able to volunteer some time with us.

Remember if it's your Birthday Month, all that it takes for a chance at a \$200 Birthday gift is just a phone call. If you don't call in, you won't be entered.

Chapter office 713-520-8782 info@texas.pva.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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San Antonio

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2nd Friday of the month Topgolf 10-12

5539 N Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78249

3rd Friday of the month Mac Wylie Golf Center 10-1

9701 Rochelle Road, San Antonio, TX 78240

Registration: Jeffrey Ulrich, PGA jauskigolf@yahoo.com 214-208-3040



Ongoing Sports Practices

Archery Tuesday

1pm-3pm

Archery HQ

Boccia Wednesday

1pm-3pm

SCI Rec Room

Bowling Thursday

11am-12pm

The Lanes at Oak Hills

Trap Shooting Thursday

1pm-3pm

San Antonio Gun Club

Air Guns Friday

10am-11am

SCI Rec Room

9 Ball & Table Tennis Friday

1pm-3pm

SCI Rec Room

Female Veterans - We Need Your Help with a Virtual, PTSD Research Study



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Who Can Participate?

- Female Veterans, **18 years or older**, with **PTSD symptoms** who want to participate in a novel treatment for PTSD.

If this describes you, you may be eligible to participate in a **virtual study** over the span of **10 weeks**.

Participation is completely confidential with a qualified, female mental health specialist.

Eligible participants **will be compensated** up to \$120 for their time.

Study participants will:

- Complete **online surveys** about mental wellbeing
- Attend 1-hour, individual sessions for 10 consecutive weeks** focused on PTSD recovery
- Help researchers better understand the **treatments for PTSD and possible brain injury from interpersonal violence (including MST or other unwanted sexual experiences)**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:

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IRB Protocol # H-51134 Expires 7/14/2026

Houston parks and recreation-adaptive division scheduled events

West Gray weekly schedule

Monday

1pm 2pm Boccia

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

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Annual contributions for 2026-2027 will be as follows:

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Submitted by: Greg Treacy

The VA: Health and Benefits mobile app now allows eligible Veterans to conveniently view their active Certificate of Eligibility (COE) Home Loan Letter in the app. By improving both ease of access and timeliness, this enhancement makes it easier for Veterans to take the next step toward homeownership.

The COE feature was deployed through a phased rollout from March 2-5 to ensure a smooth transition. Activation began with 5% of users on March 2, expanded to 25% on March 3, 50% on March 4, and concluded with full deployment to all users today. This phased approach was intended to ensure minimal disruption throughout the implementation process.

Note that eligible Veterans can only view their active COE through the app. If a Veteran does not have an active COE and wants to use their benefit, or wants to make changes to their active COE, they should work directly with their mortgage lender or through VA.gov.

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Houston TPVA Membership

Dear Fellow TPVA Members,

My name is Juan Banda, your Houston Satellite Director and a proud TPVA Life Member since 1988. Over the years, I've had the privilege of serving on the TPVA Board of Directors and volunteering in many capacities to support our community.

Lately, I've noticed a significant decline in participation from our local TPVA members—and that's something we want to change. Staying connected is important, not just for fellowship, but for strengthening our voice and supporting one another.

Texas PVA hosts a luncheon for patients in the SCI unit every third Wednesday of the month. We would like to warmly extend this invitation to all local TPVA members as well. This is a great opportunity to reconnect, share experiences, and build a stronger community together. We will begin serving meals to patients at 11:30 a.m. The membership meeting will follow, with lunch immediately afterward.

Please be sure to RSVP by calling the Texas PVA office at (713) 520-8782.

Your RSVP is very important—it allows us to plan accordingly and ensure that a meal is prepared and available for you.

Please note that we are currently only able to accommodate members who have their own transportation.

We truly hope to see you there every third Wednesday of the month. Your presence matters, and together we can make our local TPVA community stronger than ever.

Warm regards,

Juan Banda

Houston Satellite Director





Hello all, my name is Doug Reeves, and I served in the US Navy from 1974 to 1979. I was discharged as an MR2.

Recently I was lucky enough to attend the 40th National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic. The clinic was in Snowmass Colorado. What a beautiful location! There were many events to choose from. I decided to try skiing. I skied prior to my injury that left me paraplegic. Four years ago, I was riding my motorcycle (2006 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic). I stopped at a red light when a distracted driver rear ended me. He was traveling 65 mph. Back to the clinic. So, I skied twice in the week I attended. I had a blast. The volunteers helping me were great. It snowed both days when I was on the mountain.

I also choose curling. I had never curled before, but I enjoyed watching it during the Olympics. Again, I had a blast. Just like the skiing volunteers the curling folks working with the vets were outstanding. Surprisingly I was pretty good at it.

My last event was fly fishing. I had never fly-fished before. I found it to be very challenging. After an hour or so I caught my first fish. It was lunch time at that point. That fish became part of our lunch. After lunch I continued fishing and caught 5 more.

My sister met me at the clinic as my helper. We both had a great time during the clinic. We took in the sights and the food. We ate at the stew pot. There were several types of stews. We ate there 3 times, had 2 dinners and a lunch that included an Old Fashion Beef stew, Guinness Lamb stew, Habanero Pork and salads. Next year I'll try the Alpine Elk stew.

As always, the comradery between the veterans is so special. Overall, it was a great time. If you can get to the clinic I highly recommend it.

Doug Reeves PVA member





State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

The State of Texas offers the option to register with the STEAR program, a free registry that provides local emergency management planners and responders with information related to your needs during an emergency.

Who Should Register?

- People with disabilities
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- Serve as a role model
- Offer emotional support and maintain confidentiality
- Provide information about the resources available locally and nationally
- Serve as a conduit to a contact person on the Peer Support Program team at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center; this person will follow through with any needed referrals

A PS is a sensitive listener who will use their communication skills to facilitate the New SCI veteran's own recovery and self-exploration so that they may make good decisions for themselves.

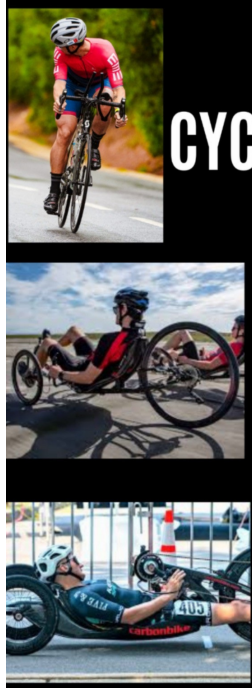
If you are interested in becoming a PS, please email Sonia Suarez at Sonia.suarez@va.gov. Those interested in being a PS will have to go through an interview process with MEDVAMC SCI team, complete training through VA's Volunteer Program, and sign in and out when visiting with inpatient Veterans at the hospital.



Are You Interested?

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ALS CLINIC

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The Clinic is held on Mondays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC SCI Ward Outpatient Clinic.

For Veterans to get on the ALS Clinic schedule, Veterans must be enrolled in VA Health Care, then contact ALS Clinic Coordinator NP Richel Aliboso 281.660.7538 or email Richel.Aliboso2@va.gov

Also, Veterans can contact me since I attend the Clinic every week.

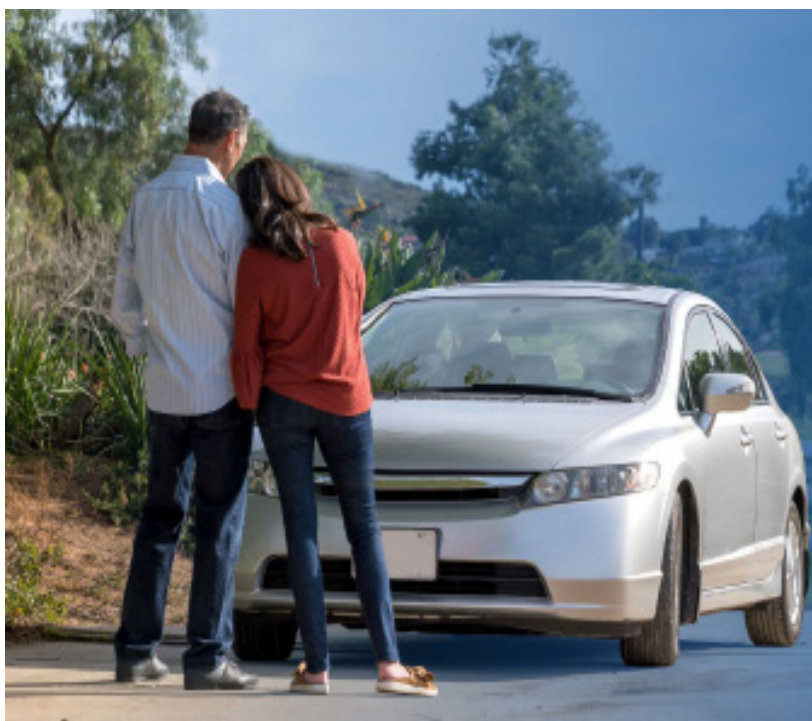
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