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for winning the 2011
“Best City for People with Disabilities Award”
at this year’s Future Cities Competition





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On the Cover:

Detroit Edison Public School Academy students take a photo after winning the “Best City for People with Disabilities Award” at this year’s Future Cities Competition with the judging team that represented the MPVA! See the President’s Report for more information.

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Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) is one of 34 member chapters of Washington, D.C.-based Paralyzed Veterans of America. A Congressionally chartered veterans service organization, MPVA has been assisting veterans with spinal cord injuries or diseases, including Multiple Sclerosis and ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease), in Michigan since 1961.

MPVA programs include:

- Veterans’ Benefits
- Wheelchair Sports and Recreation
- Spinal Cord Injury Research
- Equipment Donation
- Advocacy to eliminate architectural barriers and protect civil rights for persons with disabilities
- Referral Services for assistive devices, housing, employment and transportation
- Literature on a variety of topics including self-care, independent living, and disability rights.
- The Pump Guide: an online directory of gas stations throughout Michigan that will pump gas at the self-serve price for persons with disabilities.
- MPVA is a nonprofit organization and receives no federal funding. MPVA relies on grants, sponsorships, and private and corporate donations to support its programs.

The MPVA headquarters is in Novi, Michigan. Our service officers are based out of the McNamara Federal Building in Downtown Detroit.

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President's Report

By Kevin G. Elya

Detroit Edison Public School Academy Wins “Best City Disability Award” in Future City Competition

It was an intense competition, with students from 40 Michigan elementary and middle schools coming together to compete in this year's Michigan Regional Future City Competition, sponsored by the Engineering Society of Detroit. This year's Michigan competition was held on January 31, 2011 at the Suburban Collection Showplace (formerly the “Rock Financial Showplace”) in Novi.

The mission of the Future City Competition is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for seventh and eighth grade students, while combining a stimulating engineering challenge with a hands-on application to present their vision of a city of the future.

It's a team-based program consisting of students, a teacher and an engineer mentor. Each team creates detailed, often fantastic, city of tomorrow that gives intriguing insights to how young minds envision their future. At the same time, their bold designs and innovative concepts provide a refreshing and optimistic appreciation of how our nation can realistically deal with the many challenges that face our cities of today, including environmental disasters, crime, urban decay and urban sprawl. The students then have to present and defend their city to a panel of judges at the competition.

Once again, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) presented a special award to the school that created a Future City that best addressed the challenges faced by people with disabilities. We want to congratulate Detroit Edison Public School Academy, Team 6, for winning the 2011 “Best City for People with Disabilities Award.”

The “Best City for People with Disabilities Award” recognizes the school that not only addresses the everyday challenges facing the disability community — but more importantly, provides a blueprint for accessible solutions to these challenges. This special award prompts the students to include the disabled community in their thought processes when creating their future cities.

At this year's National Engineers Week Future City Competition, PVA will sponsor a special award that will be presented to the school that best demonstrates that their city is accommodating for people with disabilities. St. John Lutheran School in Rochester, won this year's Michigan Regional Future City Competition, earning them the right to represent Michigan in the national contest in Washington, D.C. in February. We wish them the best of luck at this year's national competition.

Once again, I want to congratulate the talented team from Detroit Edison Public School Academy, Team 6, for their effort to create a future city that would welcome individuals with disabilities. I would also like to congratulate all the students who participated in this year's event! Job well done!





Executive Director's Report

By Mike Harris

Physicians need to be more vigilant!

If you were to conduct a poll asking the members of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) what their number one advocacy issue was, a majority of them would tell you that it has been nearly impossible to find a solution for the abuses in handicapped parking.

I am amazed at how often I see someone who does not appear to be disabled emerge from a car parked in a space reserved for disabled drivers. For instance, I once saw a man finish up 18 holes of golf, then jump into his sports car parked in the handicapped parking space.

Of course, it's important to note that some people suffer from "hidden disabilities" that I cannot see. After all, pain, limitations, and inability to function normally are all real, if also invisible. However, when I see someone as obviously vigorous and mobile as that golfer using a spot designated for disabled drivers I can only conclude that the system is being abused as the people that truly need these spots are typically unable to access them.

Our aging state population has the advantages of technology and medical breakthroughs keeping them on-the-go and on the road. It's essential that the fragile and elderly, as well as younger drivers with physical disabilities, have access to handicapped parking spaces. But those spaces are harder and harder to find for two reasons: the continuing presence of healthy drivers who disregard the needs of others, and the physician-fueled boom in issuing special disability license plates and placards.

According to the Michigan Secretary of State website, "permanent disability parking placards are blue and are valid for four years, expiring on the applicant's birthday. To obtain a permanent placard, you must have a disability that is not expected to improve. A qualifying disability is defined as blindness or any condition that significantly limits a person's ability to walk or that

requires a wheelchair, walker, crutch or other assistive device."

When people who don't need accessible parking take places meant for people who do, the result is hardship for those who are already coping with physical ailments ranging from temporary to catastrophic. It's not right, it's not fair, and it's not legal – unless that healthy person is using a permit he or she doesn't truly need. The distribution of permits is overseen by our state's doctors, and when a driver presents a physician-authorized request to the State of Michigan, the state must accept it, even if the applicant is pedaling a unicycle and juggling empty cans of Vernor's Ginger Ale while he waits in line.

This is why the most prevalent problem in the misuse of handicapped parking is that physicians are too quick to certify disabilities. Some physicians issue disabled certifications to their patients without reviewing what state law considers a disability. Every doctor should brush up on that law and feel confident in refusing a patient's request when the standards are not met. Just because a person has a disability or reaches a certain age in life doesn't automatically qualify them for the privilege of using handicapped parking.

To make that determination, physicians need to ask the following question: Can the person walk from their vehicle, do their shopping, and then walk back to their vehicle without difficulty? If so, then the standard is not met and the patient does not qualify for the handicapped parking privilege. It's that simple.

Handicapped parking was created to provide additional parking spaces for people with mobility impairments who may have two reasonable needs. First, people dependent on the use of a wheelchair need the additional parking space to set their wheelchairs beside the car and transfer to the chair from the driver's seat.

Second, people driving vans equipped with lifts need the extra-wide parking space to use the lift and get the wheelchair out safely.

Believe me, if we didn't live in Michigan, which requires us to navigate a wheelchair in extreme weather, we would be in favor of having all the handicapped parking locations located in the back of the parking lot. It's important to remember that a majority of people with the handicapped parking placard have other options if the handicapped parking locations are taken. That's not the case for wheelchair users because the additional room is needed to enter and exit their vehicle.

Doctors who are not certain of the standards should immediately review the law now before contributing to the glut of unnecessary permits already in place. The application for a handicapped permits should be treated with the same vigilance as other important medical documents. The handicapped parking program is vital to many Michigan residents with disabilities. It allows us to maintain our independence and fully participate in community life.

It's critical that handicapped parking remains available to those with legitimate needs, and we can better assure that through a combination of physician education (reducing the flow of fraudulent permits) and law enforcement (ticketing those who willfully park where they don't belong). Prevention is easier than apprehension; it's my hope that physicians will lead the way in correcting this problem.

I will be working with Ruth Johnson, who was recently elected as Michigan Secretary of State, by sending her letters on behalf of MPVA to express our interest in strategizing ways to address the abuses in handicapped parking.

I will remind her that the handicapped parking program for persons with disabilities is vital to many Michigan residents with disabilities. The program allows them to maintain their independence and stay active. By working with medical professionals, disability organizations and law enforcement, we can ensure that those who qualify for special parking privileges have the access they deserve.

MPVA Introduces Legislation

Recently, it was brought to MPVA's attention that there are no guidelines in the Michigan Vehicle Codes that require the access aisles to be physically identified with horizontally striping in handicapped parking locations. The only requirement is that handicapped parking spaces meet the proper width requirements.

The width requirements for access aisles are:

Accessible parking spaces for cars must have at least a 60-inch-wide access aisle located adjacent to the designated parking space. The access aisle is just wide enough to permit a person using a wheelchair to enter or exit their car.

Van-accessible parking spaces have at least a 96-inch access aisle located adjacent to the designated parking space. The access aisle is just wide enough to permit a person using a wheelchair lift to enter or exit their van.

MPVA has asked Representative Hugh Crawford from Novi to introduce legislation on our behalf that would require that access aisles be physically identified upon new construction or resurfacing of existing handicapped parking locations by painting the diagonal stripes, 4 inches wide and 24 inches center to center, with blue paint.

The guidelines currently in place are simply not enough to adequately do the job. For example, if you visit ten different parking locations you will find ten completely different variations on how handicapped parking locations are striped.

By passing this legislation, Michigan striping requirements for handicapped parking will become uniformed with the federal guidelines. This ensures that people dependent on the use of a wheelchair for mobility will be able to access their vehicle without encountering any barriers. Architects, plan reviewers, and builders will have more confidence in knowing that their observance of a state law will also keep them in compliance of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.





From The Development Office

By Jaclyn Kochis & Patricia Soma

50 Years In the Making

As we are busy getting geared up for this year's Annual Open House, the staff at our Chapter Headquarters has been reminiscing about our accomplishments as this year marks our 50th year of service in Michigan.

In April, PVAs across the nation will be celebrating PVA Awareness Week (April 11-15, 2011). During this time, all 34 PVA Chapters are encouraged to reach out to the communities that they serve and spread awareness about our mission of enhancing the lives of veterans and individuals with spinal cord injuries and diseases.

Looking back at past Rollin' Times issues and photo albums from previous Salute to Veterans Galas, Open Houses, and Membership Picnics, you get a sense that the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) has been somewhat like an extended family to our members and friends. We have worked together to make our state more accessible, we have advocated for better technology and services for the disabled, we have built sports and recreation programs that have enhanced the well-being of countless individuals, and most of all, we have been able to change some of the negative stereotypes that existed in the disabled community.

In 1961, the year that the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America was established, our nation was just beginning its civil rights movement. In November of that same year, President Kennedy deployed over 18,000 military advisors in Vietnam. Just thinking about these two historical events demonstrates how far we have come since our first year of service.

In the past 50 years, the MPVA has been at the forefront of the civil rights movement in Michigan, as well as

the nation. We have changed the template of our cities and advocated for accessible sidewalks, stadiums, court houses, and more. In addition, we have been the voices that have pushed to better the medical field and its' understanding of the treatment and therapy needed by those who have suffered a spinal cord injury or disease. Our Vietnam veterans know the hardships that existed upon returning from service with an injury, and so many of you are the voices that have worked with us over the past 50 years to advocate for better services and awareness.

Although we have come so far in 50 years, there is always more that we can do. I hope that you join us on April 14, 2011 at our Annual Open House to celebrate our many accomplishments. But, most of all, I hope you join us so that you can learn more about our cause, and from there, I hope that you help us set the foundation for our next 50 years of service. Better yet, we hope you are with us for our next decade of service because we hope that 50 years from now there will not be any need for the Paralyzed Veterans of America.



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*Michigan Paralyzed
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Open House*

Celebrating 50 Years of Service!

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) will be celebrating 50 years of service in Michigan during PVA Awareness Week. The MPVA is inviting all to come out and join us at our Chapter Headquarters in order to find out more about spinal cord injury or disease, MPVA services and programs, and to show support for our veterans and residents with disabilities. This is also a great opportunity for you or your company to strengthen your own relationship with existing clients and potential clients.

Questions? Interested in being a sponsor for this event?

Contact: Jaclyn Kochis at (248) 476-9000 ext. 06



Government Relations & Advocacy

By Bonnie L. Welbaum, Director of Government Relations & Advocacy

Government Relations News for Spring 2011

We are inching towards spring weather and the little bit of sun that we are getting feels so great! Here is my update on current news items that are at the top of mind for our veterans this spring:

VA Budget Request for Fiscal year 2012

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki reported his ideas for making every dollar count in the \$132 billion dollar proposal for the next fiscal year's budget. Funds will be scrutinized to be sure they are being used wisely to improve the quality of life for veterans and their families. There will be many new management policies and systems put in place to maximize the effectiveness and to eliminate any waste. For the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012, major provisions are as follows:

- Health care allocations include \$6.2 billion for mental health, including \$68 million set aside for suicide prevention
- New constructed medical facilities will be awarded \$344 million
- \$208 million in benefits awarded for Veterans' caregivers
- \$509 million assigned for research

While improving the quality of VA health care, initiatives are being made to emphasize healthy living and disease prevention. More than \$70 billion will be spent on mandatory benefits programs; this category consists mostly of VA disability compensation and pension payments. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Shinseki is also sticking by his goal of eradicating the backlog of claims for disability compensation and pension that still plagues the VA. He is aiming to have VA claims awarded within 125 days at 98% accuracy by the year 2015.

In addition, Secretary Shinseki would like to have streamlined forms, social networking, and "telehealth" – the delivery of health-related services and information via telecommunications technologies. In terms of budgeting, Information Technology will receive \$3.2 billion to bring the VA into the 21st century. They will also work to develop a virtual lifetime electronic record which will provide portable electronic health records for service members, veterans, family members, and eventually all Americans.

Furthermore, the 2012 budget includes almost \$940 million to be spent on specific homeless programs for veterans and their families. This is a 17% increase over the current budget. Close to 925,000 people will benefit from almost \$11.5 billion for VA education, training and vocational rehabilitation, along with employment programs including educational benefits that the VA administers for the Department of Defense.

Major construction for VA and health related facilities were budgeted for \$590 million for 2012. Minor construction for corrections, safety, and accessibility will receive \$550 million. The VA is requesting more than \$250 million for maintenance and operation of its 131 national cemeteries where a VA spokesperson said they expect to inter more than 115,000 people in 2012. The budget plan also allocates \$46 million for funding and improving state veterans cemeteries and tribal government veteran's cemeteries. For more information about the VA's proposed fiscal year 2012 budget at www.va.gov/budget/products.asp.

State of Michigan Budget Spring 2011

Michigan residents are reacting to Governor Snyder's first round of state budget changes with his plan to tax individual pension plans. Of the 41 states that levy an income tax, only Michigan, Alabama, Mississippi and Pennsylvania exempt most or all public and private

pension income from taxation. Public pensions are not currently taxed in Michigan, and private pensions are tax exempt up to \$45,120 for individuals and \$90,240 for couples filing jointly. Snyder has promised to scrap the Michigan Business Tax and replace it with a 6 percent corporate tax. That change would result in a \$1.5 billion tax cut for Michigan businesses, since the new tax would apply only to firms that issue stock, and most business owners would be taxed only on their personal income. Snyder also must erase a projected deficit that has been estimated as high as \$1.8 billion.

On Medicaid, Snyder will not cut state costs of the federal health care program by reducing the amounts doctors are paid for treating Medicaid patients. A record 1.9 million people in Michigan rely on Medicaid for health care. He did not promise there would be no Medicaid cuts, only that there would be no cuts to reimbursement rates paid to doctors. Governor Snyder wants a simpler tax system, and plans to scale back or eliminate credits and exemptions built into tax law for a wide range of industries, from filmmakers to manufacturers to certain large retailers. *Information courtesy of The Detroit News.*

Valuable Resources You May Not Know About:

As I write this column, I am reminded that there are so many valuable resources out there that many people may not be aware of. Here are three valuable resources that I would like to mention to our Rollin' Times readers:

Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has a

national suicide prevention hotline to ensure veterans in emotional crisis have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. It is partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans can call the Lifeline number, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), and press "1" to be routed to the Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline.

National Resource Directory for Your Use

Resources for wounded warriors, service members, veterans, families and caregivers looking to find national resources supporting recovery, rehabilitation, and community reintegration can visit the National Resource Directory. It covers benefits, compensation, education and training, caregiver support as well as employment, housing and transportation topics and organizations which offer these services. Visit: <http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/>

Directory

Did you know that you can obtain a fairly accurate idea of the benefits you may be entitled to by visiting the website www.military.com? This website features a "benefits calculator" and it is designed to quickly connect you with your benefits based on your service and duty status. Find more information about your federal, state, and special military benefits by visiting: <http://benefits.military.com/reg/Veterans-Benefits.do>.



Sincere Condolences to the family of:

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By: Charles Henning, Senior National Service Officer

COMPENSATION OR PENSION BENEFITS

In this month's article, I want to discuss the difference between VA Compensation and VA Pension Benefits. It is amazing to me how most veterans do not really understand the differences in both of these benefits.

The differences between both of these benefits are as follows:

Disability Compensation

Disability compensation is a monetary benefit paid to veterans who are disabled by an injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated during active military service. These disabilities are considered to be service-connected.

Disability compensation varies with the degree of disability and the number of a veteran's dependents, and is paid monthly. Veterans with certain severe disabilities may be eligible for additional special monthly compensation. The benefits are not subject to federal or state income tax.

The payment of military retirement pay, disability severance pay and separation incentive payments, known as SSB (Special Separation Benefits) and VSI (Voluntary Separation Incentives) affects the amount of VA compensation paid to disabled veterans.

To be eligible, the service of the veteran must have been terminated through separation or discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. For additional details, visit the website at www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/.

Receiving Disability Benefit Payments

VA offers three disability benefit payment options. Most veterans receive their payments by direct deposit to a bank, savings and loan or credit union account.

In some areas, veterans who do not have a bank accounts can open a federally insured Electronic Transfer Account, which costs about \$3 per month. This account provides a monthly statement and allows for cash withdrawals.

Veterans with disability ratings of at least 30% are eligible for additional allowances for dependents, including spouses, minor children, children between the ages of 18 and 23 who are attending school, children who are permanently incapable of self-support because of a disability arising before age 18, and dependent parents. The additional amount depends on the disability rating and the number of dependents.

Eligibility for Disability Pension

Veterans with low incomes who are either permanently and totally disabled, or age 65 and older, may be eligible for monetary support if they have 90 days or more of active military service, at least one day of which was during a period of war. Veterans who entered active duty on or after September 8, 1980, or officers who entered active duty on or after October 16, 1981, may have to meet a longer minimum period of active duty. The veteran's discharge must have been under conditions other than dishonorable and the disability must be for reasons other than the veteran's own willful misconduct.

Payments are made to bring the veteran's total income, including other retirement or Social Security income, to a level set by Congress. Un-reimbursed medical expenses may reduce countable income for VA purposes.

Protected Pension

Pension beneficiaries, who were receiving a VA pension on December 31, 1978, and do not wish to elect the

Improved Pension, will continue to receive the pension rate received on that date. This rate generally continues as long as the beneficiary's income remains within established limits, or net worth does not bar payment, and the beneficiary does not lose any dependents.

Beneficiaries must continue to meet basic eligibility factors, such as permanent and total disability for veterans. VA must adjust rates for other reasons, such as a veteran's hospitalization in a VA facility.

Medal of Honor Pension

VA administers pensions to recipients of the Medal of Honor. Congress set the monthly pension at \$1,194.

Improved Disability Pension

Congress establishes the maximum annual improved disability pension rates. Payments are reduced by the amount of countable income of the veteran, spouse, and dependent children. When a veteran without a spouse or a child is furnished nursing home or domiciliary care by the VA, the pension is reduced to an amount not to exceed \$90 per month after three calendar months of care. The reduction may be delayed if nursing-home care is being continued to provide the veteran with rehabilitation services.



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Sports & Recreation

By Scot Severn, Sports & Recreation Director

2011 International Paralympics Committee (IPC) World Championships

The International Paralympics Committee (IPC) held the 2011 World Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, in January. Team USA travelled to the event with 53 athletes and 20 Staff members. The World Championships were basically a dress rehearsal for the 2012 Paralympics Games to be held in London, England. This team had the largest number of military personnel ever with six veteran athletes, one active duty athlete, and one veteran coach.

Team USA collected 34 medals (9 gold, 10 silver, 15 bronze), placing fourth overall in total medals won. China was first with 58 medals, Great Britain was second with 38 medals, and Russia was third with 35 medals. Team USA's accomplishment of collecting 34 medals was the largest count since the 2000 Paralympic Games in which the USA captured 49 medals.

The men and women's medals were as follows: the women had 20 medals (8 Gold, 6 Silver, 6 Bronze), 8 American Records, and set 6 Championship Records. The men garnered 14 medals (1 Gold, 4 Silver, 7 Bronze), and 1 American Record.

Among the highlights, Jerome Singleton edged out athlete Oscar Pistorius for the victory in the men's amputee T44 100 meter. South Africa's Oscar Pistorius, arguably the most famous amputee athlete of our time, hadn't lost in the 100 meters in a major competition since the Athens 2004 Paralympics Games.

"I'm very pleased with the performance of all our athletes at these world championships," said head coach Cathy Sellers. "The number of personal best times and distances we had here shows that we're improving and we've built a solid base for the launch toward the 2012 Paralympic Games in London."

Please see the outside back cover of this issue that features photos of this event.



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Valuable Dates for 2011:

- **Membership Meeting**

Thursday, March 24, 2011

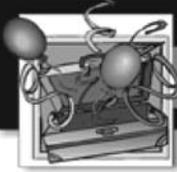
Luncheon begins at 12:00 noon, and the meeting begins at 1:00 PM

(All meetings are on Thursdays at the Novi MPVA office unless otherwise notified)

- **PVA Awareness Week**

PVA Awareness Week will be taking place through April 11-15, 2011! The MPVA will host their Annual Open House on Thursday, April 14, 2011! Please mark your calendar as this event is free to the public. There will be educational vendors, light refreshments, and recognition of MPVA supports!





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