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A few service men and women pause for a photo at the MPVA's 8th Annual Salute to Veterans Gala which took place on November 9, 2011

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The MPVA's 8th Annual Salute to Veterans Gala took place this past November. The event was a tremendous success! See the President's Report for more details!

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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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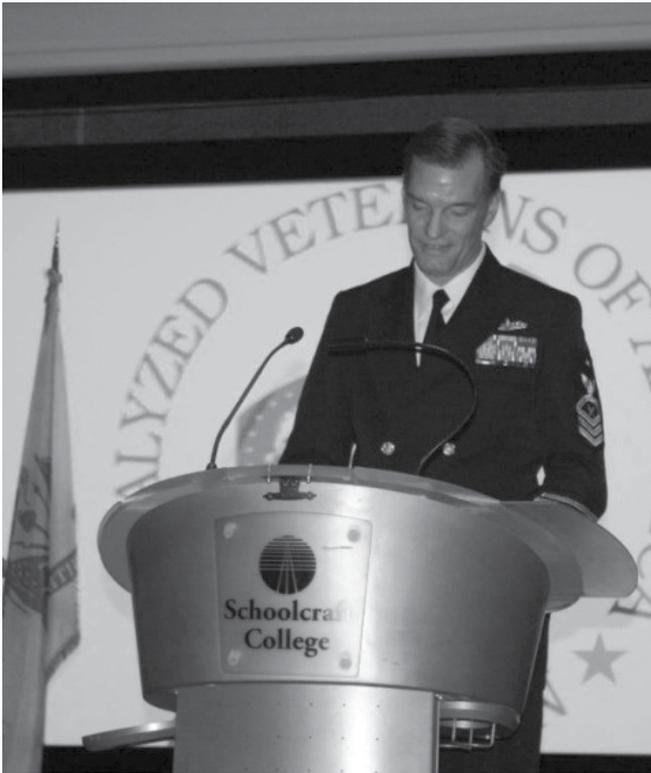


President's Report

By Kevin G. Elya

Reflecting on Veterans Day 2011

On November 9, 2011, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) celebrated Veterans Day by hosting the 8th Annual Salute to Veterans Gala at Schoolcraft College's Vista Tech Center in Livonia, Michigan.



The event was a great success as 250 guests gathered to pay tribute to Michigan's veterans of the past and present. Guests included Keynote Speaker United States Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer John Quinn (Ret.), Master of Ceremony WJBK FOX 2 Weatherman Rich Luterman, Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone, and a wide array of proudly decorated service men and women.

At the MPVA, we strive to make Veterans Day the most important annual holiday of the year. We believe that it is more than a day off from school, work, or a department store sale. It is our day to honor the more than 703,000 veterans in

Michigan and the 23 million nationwide, as well as their families, who stepped forward to defend our country. It is a day to pay tribute to those who have given so much.

Each year, we host our Salute to Veterans Gala with the hope that as many people as possible will join us in an evening of paying tribute to the many veterans who have served our country. We see it as a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

There is no group of people to hold in a higher regard than our veterans. Because of veterans, we live in the strongest, freest, greatest country in the world. Throughout history, our country has been blessed to have men and women willing to answer the call of duty and accomplish great things for the benefit of their fellow man.

There is a concern, today, for whom we regard as heroes. We look to those who hit home runs, make touchdowns or shoot three-pointers. These people are athletes, not heroes. Today's heroes are charging through the desert, fighting for the causes of freedom and peace. Today's heroes believe in freedom, and this belief is tested every day. Veterans Day, and our celebration of it at our Annual Salute to Veterans Gala, is our reminder and way of saying thank you to the brave men and women who have served before us and are serving for us today.

This year, our Salute to Veteran's Gala Keynote Speaker, John Quinn, was able to remind us of this powerful message with his inspiring story. John Quinn, who is a Detroit native, knew from a young age that he wanted to serve his country. However, he was born with cerebral palsy which left him with partial paralysis, two different sized feet, and the inability to walk prior to the age of four.

In spite of his disability, John joined the United States Navy and served for the next twenty years on battleships, aircraft carriers and destroyers. He did it all while keeping his condition a complete secret out of his desire to serve.



Recently, John published a book, *Someone Like Me, An Unlikely Story of Challenge and Triumph over Cerebral Palsy*, which describes what it is like to live with a handicap—a life filled with pain, laughter, and love. John's story and his remarks at our Salute to Veterans Gala truly embody the MPVA's mission to encourage independence and healthy living.

We are very thankful for the amazing turnout we had at this year's event. We would be remiss if we did not take time out to say thank to some very special people who helped to make the event possible. Because of the support of the MPVA staff, MPVA Board of Directors, MPVA members, MPVA Advisory Committee, volunteers, and sponsors, this year's dinner exceeded all expectations. Every contribution made truly makes a difference.

To our sponsors and supporters, the MPVA thanks you for your generosity and support towards our Veterans Day dinner and our Salute to Veterans Online Auction, which was also an enormous success (a very many thanks go out to our friends at Cassell & Associates for your outstanding assistance in setting up our online auction!). Given the tough economic times, our supporters and sponsors could render their regrets and quietly back off. But, you did not! Your support this year, and always, has been nothing short of magnificent. Thank you!

The MPVA would like to especially thank the following groups and individuals for supporting our 2011 8th Annual Salute to Veterans Gala:

Senior Chief Petty Officer John Quinn, Rich Luterman, Cassell & Associates, Brigadier General Fausone, Patty Soma, SWOCC Studios, Cheryl Angelelli, Sue Burstein-Kahn, Linda DeVore, Brian Sheridan, Katie Rose Turnwald, The VistaTech Center, MSgt. Karen Christon (Ret.), Post 216 of Milford, Bill Helwig, Achatz Handmade Pie Co., Adult Well Being Services, ALS of Michigan, American Legion Post 216, Brain Injury Association of Michigan, Edward Jones, Eisenhower Center, Fausone Bohn, General Motors, Health Partners, HVPC LLC, Littler Mendelson, NuStep, Providence Hospital, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, St. Frances Cabrini High School, SWOCC Studios, The Creative Mobility Group, The Sam Bernstein Law Firm, The Senior Alliance, UAW Region 1, Walk The Line To SCI Recovery, and Wright & Filippis.



Please see the inside back cover of this issue which features photos of the Salute to Veterans Gala.



Executive Director's Report

By Mike Harris

Air Carrier Access Act 25th Anniversary

In November, the Department of Transportation celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Air Carriers Access Act of 1986. This civil rights law laid the foundation for making air travel more accessible for persons with disabilities, and to this day continues to protect the rights of passengers with disabilities.

The Air Carrier Access Act is not new. Most people with disabilities probably do not realize that this law even exists. While the American with Disabilities Act has been well publicized, somehow the Air Carrier Access Act has not received the same attention by the media.

The Air Carrier Access Act protects your rights as an air carrier passenger with a disability while you are booking reservations, buying tickets, waiting for a plane, boarding, flying, leaving the plane, and picking up your bags. The Americans with Disabilities Act protects your rights and guarantees your access while you are in the airport.

The Air Carriers Access Act opened the doors to aviation travel for millions of passengers with disabilities in the United States who were otherwise left grounded by inaccessible aircraft, airports and other facilities. It gives them the security of knowing that airlines would have to serve them equitably and accessibly when traveling domestically and aboard U.S. Carriers.

The act was passed by the congress in direct response to a narrow interpretation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 by the U.S. Supreme Court in *U.S. Department of Transportation v. Paralyzed Veterans of America*. The Supreme Court ruled that private commercial air carriers are not liable under Section 504 because they are not "direct recipients" of federal funding to airports. President Reagan signed the act into law on October 2, 1986.

Prior to the passage of the Air Carrier Access Act, air carrier policies and practices concerning passenger with disabilities were considered a controversial and troublesome subject. Many passengers with disabilities objected to airline policies that they viewed as being inconvenient, unnecessary and discriminatory. Passengers expressed concerned about the seeing inconsistency of airline polices, asserting that it is often difficult for them to know, from one airline to the next or even from one terminal or flight crew to the next on the same airline, what conditions would be imposed on their ability to travel.

For example, the majority of airlines required an attendant to accompany all passengers who use wheelchairs, whether these passengers were capable of caring for themselves in flight or not. Most airline personnel did not even inquire about a wheelchair user potential or preference for self-direction because the possibility that paralyzed veterans or countless others with mobility impairments could travel alone was probably unimaginable.

All this changed with the passage of the Air Carrier Access Act of 1986.

The Air Carrier Access Act ranks among the most significant civil rights triumphs in our nation's history. Unlike 25 years ago, when passengers with disabilities frequently suffered degrading and discriminatory treatment from airlines, today air travelers can be assured of fair and equal treatment regardless of disability.

This means that airlines may not refuse transportation to anyone on the basis of disability for any reason not related to safety or, with a few limited exceptions, require advance notice that a person with a disabilities is traveling.

Most new aircrafts are required to be built with the needs of disabled travelers in mind, and as a result more aircrafts have accessible lavatories, priority space for storing a passenger's collapsible wheelchair, and moveable armrests. Airlines must provide timely assistance with boarding, deplaning and making connections, and permit service animals to accompany passengers on flights.

One of the most important provisions of the Air Carrier Access Act is the requirement for each airline to have a Complaint Resolution Official (CRO) available at each airport, in person or by phone. This is the airline's expert on compliance, with the authority to intervene and correct a situation in order to ensure compliance with the act. When a violation has already occurred, the CRO must provide a written report to the passenger describing what happened and the steps taken to resolve the situation. In their statement they must advise you of your right to contact the Department of Transportation if you need further assistance or wish to file a formal complaint.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has established a toll-free hotline to assist travelers with disabilities that operates from 7am to 5pm EST Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The hotline will provide general information to consumers about the rights of

air travelers with disabilities, respond to request for printed consumer information, and assist air travelers with time-sensitive disability related issues that need to be addressed in "real time." Air travelers who experience disability related air travel service problems may call the hotline at 1-800-778-4838 (voice) or 1-800-455-9880 (TTY).

It is an unfortunate fact of modern life that air travel has lost virtually all of the glamour many of us once associated with flying. Airports are frantic places where getting through security can be a real nightmare, decent food and courtesy seem to be in ever diminishing supply, flights are cancelled without notice or adequate explanation, and departure gates are likely to change just about the time you arrive at the service desk.

That why it is important to know the rights that the Air Carrier Access Act guarantees to you as a person with a disability. Expect the airlines to accommodate you, and if they don't, or if they are reluctant to do so, insist they do. By knowing your rights and doing your part through simple communication you can ensure that you have an enjoyable flying experience.

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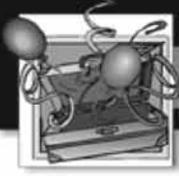
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By: Mindy Ruben, Marketing Director, Encompass HealthCare, PLLC

Encompass Healthcare open for Disabled Patients

Encompass HealthCare is a one-of-a-kind 5,500 square foot wound healing facility that treats disabled patients suffering from non-healing wounds, bed sores, pressure ulcers, and other serious medical conditions arising from spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries (TBI's)—all in an outpatient setting. Founded by Bruce Ruben, MD, this medical center is unique because it offers a one-stop medical center where patients can receive help for their non-healing pressure ulcers, stasis ulcers, bed sores, and other maladies utilizing hyperbaric oxygen, IV antibiotics, nutritional assessment and treatment, lymphedema management, offloading surface evaluation, circulation evaluation and more... all in one location where all other patients are forced to follow the fragmented and frustrating road of typical hospital-based-treatment. The Center was physically designed for disabled persons to access hospital-level services **7 days a week without the hospital.**

Commonly treated problems are acute urinary tract infections, pneumonia, soft tissue infections, bed sores, and pressure ulcers. Medical solutions offered are IV antibiotics, skin grafts and flaps, pressure mapping and off-loading solutions, nutritional expertise, circulatory improvements, and hyperbaric oxygen treatments. These modalities reverse the internal medical problems to allow the body to do what it should to heal wounds. According to founder and medical director Bruce Ruben, MD, "There should be one medical office in this world

where disabled persons can go to access their doctor and treatment with dignity and without a single barrier in the way."

This center is built specifically for quadriplegics, paraplegics, and the wheelchair/disabled patient: automated door entries, 4 foot high countertops and coat hooks, roll-in shower, a lift system, off-loading exam tables, and a gurney. Leading the center is Encompass HealthCare Medical Director Bruce Ruben MD, who has pioneered the transition of hospital level services to the outpatient and home setting. "Treating spinal cord injured patients and TBI patients in our center is critical because these populations are at greatest risk of incurring hospital related complications due to their compromised medical conditions," says Ruben. "Our outpatient office eradicates this risk." Patients can self-refer. Making appointments is easy: simply call us directly at 248-624-9800. Dr. Ruben is a Wound Medicine® specialist achieving board-certification in Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, and in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine.

The office address is: 2300 Haggerty Rd. Suite 1190, West Bloomfield. Encompass HealthCare's website can be found at: encompasshealthcare.com.





The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA), a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 and all contributions made to MPVA can be made tax-deductible.

Among our many programs for veterans, MPVA provides free benefit filing services and last year we assisted nearly 2,000 veterans or their family members in filing for VA benefits. Our free service resulted in over \$5,000,000 in new or increased benefits paid directly to those Michigan homes. We also support research on spinal cord injury, working with doctors and patients to improve physical rehabilitation. MPVA wheelchair sports and recreation take place statewide through our sports partnerships. Our advocacy benefits every disabled resident as we inspect public places for accessibility. Our goal is to increase the quality of life for our members and others living with catastrophic spinal cord injury or illness.

We hope you will want to visit our website at www.Michiganpva.org for news and recent events, and for information about our progress in advocacy on behalf of our mission. Our free service www.ThePumpGuide.com directs drivers to nearly 900 Michigan gas stations ready to provide full service fuel-ups at self-service prices for qualified disabled drivers.

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By: Stephany Strickland, PVA Service Officer

Increase in Certain Burial and Funeral Benefits for Veterans

VA burial allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not service-related, the reimbursements are generally described as two payments: (1) a burial (including cremation) and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot interment allowance.

Service-Related Death: VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. VA will pay up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 10, 2001. If the veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.

Nonservice-Related Death: VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses, and a \$300 plot-interment allowance.

Veterans' Benefit Act of 2010 Update: For deaths which occur after October 1, 2011 the VA will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses, and a \$700 plot-interment allowance.

Who Is Eligible?

You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- you paid for a veteran's burial or funeral, AND
- you have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer, AND
- the veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable

In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

- the veteran died because of a service-related disability OR
- the veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death OR
- the veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay OR
- the veteran died in a VA hospital, in a nursing home under VA contract, or while in an approved state nursing home.

How Can You Apply?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Benefits. You should attach a copy of the veteran's military discharge document (DD 214 or equivalent), death certificate, funeral and burial bills, (they should show paid in full) to the VA or your service officer.

Just a final reminder that the increased rates apply for deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2011. If you have any further questions regarding your VA Benefits, please do not hesitate to contact us at (800) 795-3608.





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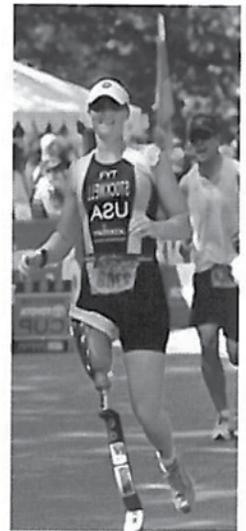
**WHO DOES THIS EVENT
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This is MPVA's largest annual fundraising event. Proceeds for this event go towards MPVA programs & other organizations serving Michigan's veterans. Visit www.michiganpva.org to see all of the photos and sponsors from the 2011 "Salute!"

**About The Keynote
Speaker:**

Melissa Stockwell

- Iraqi War Veteran
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Valuable Dates for 2011:

 **Martin Luther King Day**
January 16, 2012
Office Closed

 **Washington's Birthday**
February 20, 2012
Office Closed

 **Membership Meeting**
Thursday, January 26, 2012 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**
The MPVA will host their Annual Open House on Thursday, April 12, 2012! Please mark your calendar as this event is free to the public. There will be educational vendors, light refreshments, and recognition of MPVA supports!



Sports & Recreation

By: Cathy Sellers, Head Coach USATF

Parapan American Games Guadalajara, Mexico

A great performance was had by all of the athletes who attended the Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. Of the athletes, 16 were experiencing the games for the first time. In total, 56 medals were won: 25 gold medals, 15 silver medals, and 16 bronze medals—a tremendous accomplishment for our new and returning athletes!

Among the many highlights was teenager, Chelsea McClammer, who was the leader in the medal count with 5 gold medals and 1 bronze medal. Her teammate, Amberlynn Weber, captured 3 gold medals and 1 bronze medal. Ray Martin picked up 2 gold's and 2 silver's. Meanwhile, another teenager, Gianfranco Iannotta, earned 2 bronzes and 1 silver.

The games also brought forth 2 gold medals and 2 silver for Thomas Chasanoff while Zach Abbott earned 3 bronze and 1 silver. Markeith Price was a double bronze medalist. Eric Hightower collected one of each while David Prince pulled in 2 gold.

We would like to congratulate all of the athletes that participated in the Parapan American Games! The final results are listed below:

The 2011 Parapan American Team with results

1. Michael Murray (20) 1500-Bronze (4:33.40)
2. Jarryd Wallace (44) 100- Gold (11.31)
3. Khalid Jlidat (58)Javelin-4th (41.00)
4. David Brown(11) 100-3rd Semi (11.95), 200- DNF
5. Amberlynn Weber (54) 100-Bronze (18.46), 200-Gold-(31.80), 400-Gold (62.03), 800-Gold-(2:07.66)
6. Zena Cole (51) Discus-Gold (5.22)
7. Kristen Messer (33) 100-Gold (21.90) WORLD RECORD
8. Cheryl Leitner (52) 100-5th (23.76), 200-5th (47.74)
9. Matt Brown (42) Discus- Gold (41.29)
10. Blake Leeper (43) 100- 3rd (11.35), 400-7th (60.88)
11. Dennis Ogbe (58) Discus- Silver (44.94),Shot- 4th (12.10)
12. Sam Craven (34) Shot-Gold (10.60), Discus-Silver(28.19)
13. Scot Severn (53) Shot- Silver (7.95), Javelin- 3rd (18.06), Discus-Silver (22.14)
14. Katy Sullivan (42) 100- 1st (18.27)
15. Shaquille Vance (42) 100-Gold (13.44), 200-5th (26.22)
16. David Prince (44) 100- 4th (11.51),200- Gold (22.70),400-Gold-(52.12)
17. Erik Hightower (54) 100- Gold (15.08), 200-Silver (25.98),400-Bronze (50.00)
18. Scott Winkler (55) Shot-Gold (11.00), Discus-Bronze (30.59)
19. Mallerie Badgett (33) 100-5th (23.92)

20. Kate Callahan (57) Shot- 5th (7.15), Discus- Bronze (22.68) Javelin-6th (15.73)
21. Robyn Stawski (33) Javelin- Bronze (9.54)
22. Zach Abbott (53) 100- Bronze (15.99), 200- Bronze (28.03), 400- Bronze (53.46),
23. Rudy Garcia-Tolson (42) 100- Silver (14.13), 200- 7th (26.98)
24. Brad Ray (54) Marathon- DNF, 800-8th (2:01.97), 5000- 4th (13:16.65)
25. Ray Martin (52) 100- Silver (18.00), 200- Gold (32.02), 400- Silver (1:02.80), 800- Gold (2:14.63)
26. Chris Hammer (46) 1500- Gold (4:09.09)
27. Josh Swoverland (54) Marathon- 5th (1:56.09), 400-8th (53.16), 800-5th (1:44.37), 1500- 4th (3:23.94)
28. Markeith Price (13) LJ- Bronze (6.18), 100-5th (11.64), 200- Bronze (23.38)
29. Sydney Bolen (35) 100-4th (19.09), 200- 4th (42.82)
30. Carleigh DeWald (34) 100- Silver (22.36)
31. Chelsea McClammer (53) 100- Gold (19.39), 200- Gold (34.55), 400- Gold (1:03.13) 800- Bronze (2:10.75), 1500- Gold (4:06.65), 5000- Gold (14:07.74)
32. Rob Brown (44) 400- 5th (57.32)
33. Kortney Clemons (42) 100-3rd (14.20), LJ-3rd (4.45)
34. Carlos Leon (53) Discus- 3rd (21.46), Shot-3rd (6.50)
35. Tanner Gers (11) LJ- Gold (5.73), 100 DQ, 200 (26.70)
36. Angela Madsen (56) Jav- 6th (17.12), Shot- Silver (8.14)

US Track & Field National Team Czech Republic Trip August 18-20, 2011

The US Track & Field National team traveled to the Czech Republic in this past August. The picturesque Olomouc, Czechoslovakia was the home of one of the best throwing competitions in the World. Taking a group of military athletes along with some experienced throwers, we went in to compete with the Europeans and athletes from the Middle East. In total, there were 25 countries represented amongst the competition.

Team USA captured 11 gold medals, 5 silver medals, and 5 bronze medals throughout the weekend. Scot Severn led the USA team in gold medals with three in the shot, discus and javelin. Brandon Pelletier won both the 100 and 200 meter races and finished third in the 400 meter race in the T46 class.

The USA dominated in the discus with Matt Brown winning the F42, Scot Severn taking the F53, Dennis Ogbe dominating the F58, Scott Danberg winning the F40 and Jose Nieves setting a personal record to win the F55 class.

Double medalists were Dennis Ogbe in the shot and discus F57. Carlos Leon finished second in the shot and the third in the discus in the F53 class while Jose Nieves took the F55 class in the discus and javelin. Scott Winkler won the F55 shot and finished fourth in the discus.

The Women throwers took care of business with Angela Madsen and CeCe Mazyck finishing second in the shot and the javelin respectively. Catherine Callahan took third in the discus F57.

This trip would not have been possible without the grant the VA has given to the US Paralympics to develop newly injured military athletes and further the careers of disabled US Veterans.





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