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2012 Future Cities Winner of Best City for People with Disabilities:
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On the Cover:

The 2012 Future Cities Competition was held on January 30, 2012 at The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, MI. Northville Christian School won this year's "Best City for People with Disabilities." Please see the President's Report for more on this story.

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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

Northville Christian School Wins “Best City Disability Award” in Future City Competition

It was an intense competition, with students from 30 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 30, 2012 at the Suburban Collection 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 that combine a stimulating engineering challenge with hands-on application to present their vision of a city of the future.

It is 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 as to how young minds envision their future. At the same time, their bold designs and innovative concepts provide a refreshing optimistic appreciation of how our nation can realistically deal with the many challenges facing its cities, 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.

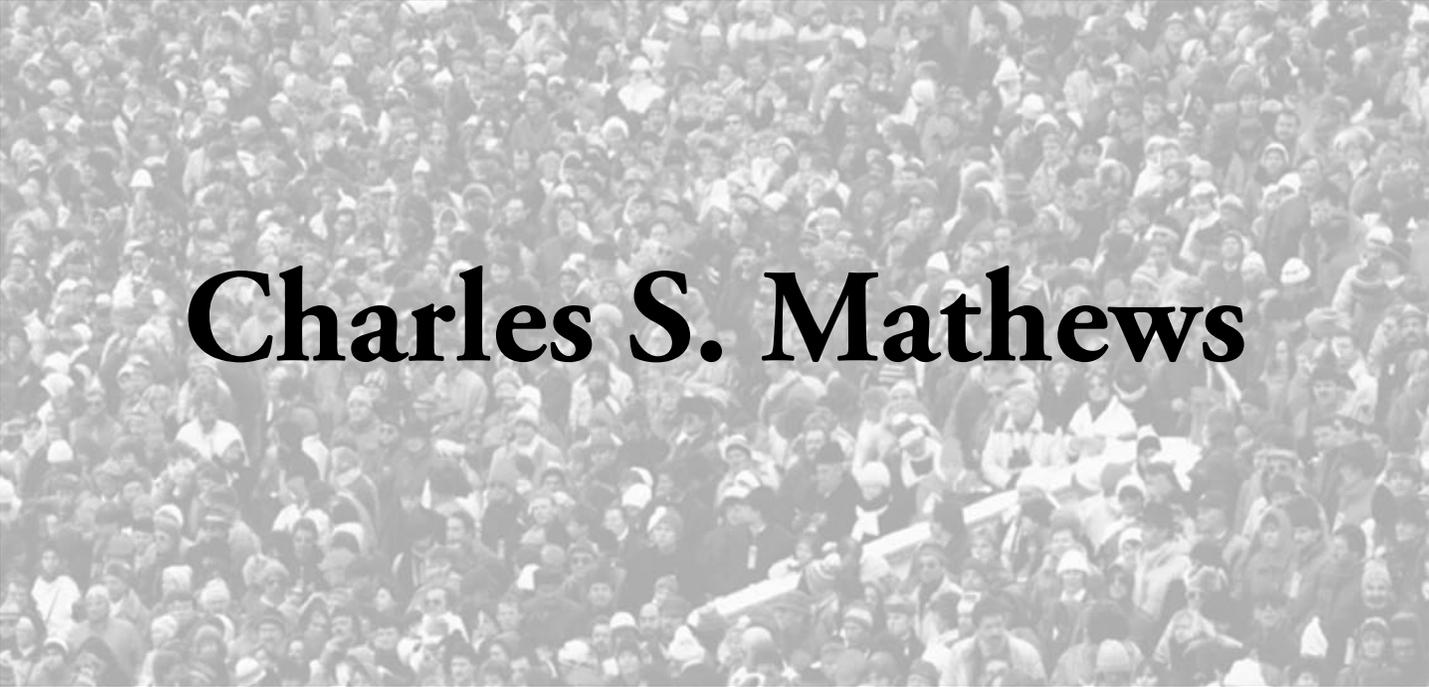
Once again, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America presented a special award to the school that created a Future City that best addressed the challenges faced by people with disabilities. We want to congratulate Northville Christian School, for winning the 2012 “Best City Disability Award.”

The “Best City Disability 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 the most 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.

Once again, I want to congratulate the talented team from Northville Christian School, and all the students who participated in this year's event for a job well done!

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS



Charles S. Mathews

We are proud you are part of the MPVA family!

Sincere Condolences to the families of:

Kenneth H. Laudenslager

Larry E. Pratt

Leroy D Robbins

Elroy A. Urbanus

RETRACTION NOTICE:

The MPVA would like to apologize for naming **Mr. Gerard J. Macheske** under the Sincere Condolence section of our January/February Rollin' Times Newsletter. We sincerely regret this error and would like to wish all the best to Mr. Macheske and his family.



Executive Director's Report

By Mike Harris

Veterans Court

There is a new approach in the criminal justice system that is starting to gain momentum throughout Michigan: specialized courts for veterans who have broken the law. Judges have been motivated by a wave of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, battling post-traumatic disorder and brain injuries, and as a result, finding themselves getting into trouble with the law.

Locally, the specialized courts, known as Veterans Courts, was started by Judge Mackenzie, 52nd District Court, in 2009, with the goal of keeping veterans out of jail for non-violent offenses by entering them in a specialized program in partnership with the VA. The mission of the Veterans Court is to provide a coordinated community response through collaboration with the veteran's service delivery system and the criminal justice system.

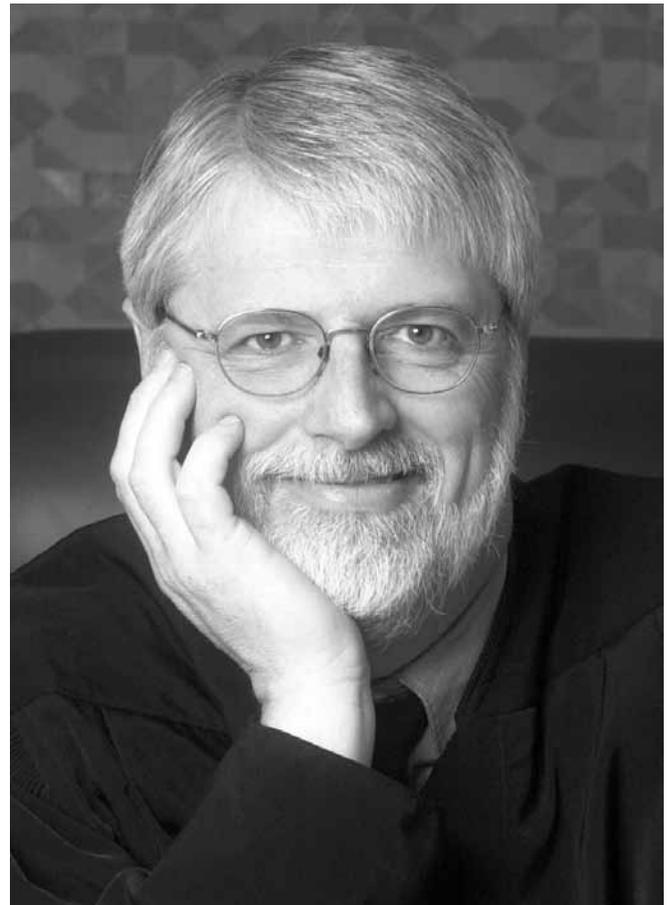
Being back in Michigan is a far cry from the mountains of Afghanistan and the deserts of Iraq. Unfortunately, being back in familiar territory does not erase the scars of war. Many soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq have been unable to leave the battlefield behind them. Once someone is discharged from military service they face special problems. These are people who went from being civilians to warriors but once they are discharged they are expected to transition from a full-time warrior back to a civilian.

Some people believe soldiers should be able to flip a light switch once they return home. Unfortunately it does not work that way.

Returning soldiers can have severe emotional problems that lead to criminal behavior. Instead of focusing on punishment, Veterans' Court is concerned with addressing the cause and attempting to resolve it. You

rehabilitate instead of incarcerate.

The idea behind the Veteran's Court is to identify former soldiers and get them the help they deserve. Veterans who go through it are not hard core criminals, just troubled by the horrors of war and have drug, alcohol or violent temper problems. The court is providing alternatives to veterans who know they have problems and want help. They are given counseling and treatment, sanctioned with fines or jail time if they step out of line, and given the direction they need to be law-abiding citizens they want to be.



Judge MacKenzie of Michigan's Veterans Court

Here is how it will work: combat veterans who get arrested for drug or alcohol-related crimes or other misdemeanors will get the opportunity to go to Veterans' Court. There, the judge can choose to sentence them to treatment for both their potential substance-abuse problems and their underlying cause, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or other combat-related stresses. Each veteran who goes through the system will be assigned a mentor, usually a veteran, to serve as a sort of sponsor/parole officer, helping them through their issues and reporting progress and setbacks back to the judge.

Treatment will come either through the local VA hospital, which is equipped to deal with the needs of veterans facing substance-abuse problems, or local treatment facilities that already have a relationship with the court system. By agreeing to treatment and rehabilitation, they avoid jail for the crimes that landed them in the court system. The program aims to create a therapeutic environment that fosters rehabilitation.

Many veterans that end up in court did not have a good support system prior to the military and lack that support system when they are discharged from the service. Yet, while in the military many thrived because of a strong and structured support system, so it is an obvious conclusion that they can, for the most part, become productive citizens if provided with some type of support structure through the Veterans' Court if needed, with a judge, the VA and/or a veterans mentor.

Veterans' will find that, as they meet with their mentors, a sense of trust will be built. They are able to communicate as "veteran to veteran" and that is a very powerful element in the relationship that is developed. The one-on-one meetings, words of encouragement, and straight-talk advice will allow them to feel more in line with how they spoke in the military. It is explained to them that they must do the work to get their lives in order or they will find themselves in jail.

Judge Mackenzie, along with a district attorney, public defender, a probation officer and outreach workers from the VA supervises the defendant's progression throughout the probation period. It is at least 18 months and consists of mandatory treatment at the VA, frequent court appearances before Judge Mackenzie,

home inspections and random drug testing. If the veteran does not comply with the program, their case can be sent back to criminal court for prosecution. If the veteran is successful, they can walk away felony free, case demised.

In my 16 years with MPVA, I have had the opportunity to attend numerous ceremonies paying tribute to veterans. But the ceremony that tops them all took place four days prior to Veterans Day at the Novi Civic Center when 11 veterans successfully graduated from the program. As a result their probation period ended and charges against them were dropped.

All the graduates spoke how the program had restored dignity back into their life. I left the event totally moved by the experience of seeing veterans who had hit rock bottom be able to pick themselves up again and bring stability back into their lives.

My goal going forward is to meet with Judge Mackenzie to strategize on how we can expand this program throughout Michigan. As Americans, we have a moral obligation to do all we can to provide returning veterans with access to the treatment necessary to fully return them to their families and communities with a decent chance for long term long recovery.

For this to happen, we must create a bridge between the services already provided to veterans by the VA and to the local/state courts that deal with the effect of a veteran's negative interaction with his community.



Special Edition

By: Brenda Wheater, Administrative Assistant

Hello!

I would like to take this time to introduce myself and tell you a little about myself. My name is Brenda Wheater and I joined the MPVA Team on February 2, 2012, as Administrative Assistant.

I am so excited to be a part of the MPVA Team! I am looking forward to participating in the numerous events that take place within the MPVA and I am proud to be involved with such an impressive organization.

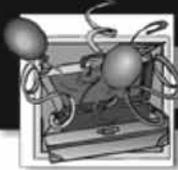
Prior to working here, I was an Administrative/ Executive Assistant within Ford, GM and a telecommunications company, ACN. While employed at ACN, the company relocated from Farmington Hills, MI to Charlotte, NC, in which I went as well. Although the south was beautiful, Michigan is where my heart is and where I belong. It's great to be back home!

In my spare time, I enjoy concerts, sporting events, golf (although I'm still learning and it's a work in progress), and traveling.

I look forward to meeting you and at least speaking with you on the phone, so please introduce yourself to say "hello." I am here to help, so please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you. My email address is: chapterhq@michiganpva.org & I can be reached at: (248) 476-9000 ext.00.

Take care and have a safe and happy 2012!





BIRTHDAYS



MARCH

Joseph C. Haller	March 01	Gordon Beerbower
Harold E. Edwards	March 03	Jody M. Iovan
Brian S. Felice	March 03	Edwin Z. Mays
William H. Ramsay	March 03	Robert J. Angiano
Marilyn J. Kittrell	March 04	Stacey Boyd
Brian E. Sweet	March 05	Bradley R. Gomoluch
Linda S. Froberg	March 07	William J. Jones
Richard L. King	March 09	Kenneth R. Landenberg
James D. Rudolph	March 09	Jason M. McKinney
David A. Saukas	March 09	Roosevelt Steverson
Howard P. Glover	March 10	Bruce E. Beresh
Kenneth G. Timpe	March 10	Kate Dosoo
William H. Parent	March 11	Ronald E. Jervis
Christopher L. Clark	March 14	Carl A. Pardon
Steven T. McKay	March 14	Kevin J. Stone
James E. Saunders	March 14	Eugene C. Wilber
Clark W. DeLoach	March 15	
Stephanie A. Shepard	March 15	
Stephen J. Egged	March 16	William B. Bresette
Cal Howarth	March 16	Elmer L. Hardy
Gary L. Wood	March 16	Lester Woodworth
Michael W. Ballard	March 17	Dale W. Verrill
Gary L. Calhoun	March 17	Deborah K. Ward
Michael R. Romanowski	March 17	Paul Baumgardner
Peggy A. Campbell	March 18	Gordon E. Lantz
Richard J. Idolski	March 18	James T. Rajda
Dennis W. Barton	March 19	David A. Feldman
Jane E. Brown	March 19	Thomas A. Huber
David T. Highland	March 19	William J. LaPratt
Clark B. Shuler	March 19	Henry J. Verner
Marshall C. Wittliff	March 22	Carl F. Hedley
Brian K. Chalmers	March 23	Willie J. Henry
Phillp W. Chester	March 23	Patricia A. Soma
Duaine F. DePotie	March 23	Alan J. Pomranka
Derry L. Williams	March 23	William D. Cutsinger
Michael J. Ziebell	March 24	Tamara Mendiola
Gary L. Mallory	March 25	Paul R. Schoonover
David S. Williams	March 25	Ben L. Sincler

APRIL

March 26	Ronald S. Sams	April 13
March 27	Michael F. Harris	April 14
March 28	Santiago O. Gascon	April 15
March 29	Walter J. Miller	April 15
March 30	Catherine Morrison Graham	April 15
March 30	Joseph M. Connelly	April 16
March 30	Mary L. Dixon	April 16
March 30	Forrest D. Snow	April 16
March 30	Timothy G. Agajejian	April 18
March 30	Jonas Hicks	April 19
March 31	Bobby R. Newsome	April 19
March 31	Pat Covington	April 20
March 31	George W. Kennon	April 20
March 31	John C. Gretziner	April 21
March 31	Christian Key	April 21
March 31	Arvid Bowens	April 22
	Nicole Roofner	April 22
	Theodore A. Fisher	April 23
April 01	David H. Williams	April 23
April 03	Robert E. Williams	April 23
April 03	Kevin W. Bennett	April 24
April 05	Robert D. Boyd	April 24
April 05	Christopher Kemp	April 24
April 06	Tommy J. Meadows	April 24
April 07	Vince Pellerito	April 24
April 07	Paul J. Simasko	April 24
April 08	Willie Dexter	April 25
April 08	Katie R. Turnwald	April 25
April 08	Barbara A. Schoen	April 26
April 08	Paul E. Bazner	April 27
April 09	William J. Falzon	April 28
April 09	William D. Newland	April 28
April 09	Mark L. Carnes	April 29
April 10	Donald A. Sinclair	April 30
April 11		
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From The Development Office

By Jaclyn Kochis

Veterans Helping Veterans

This past winter, a group called The Jam for Vets (JFV) Project, led by JFV's Executive Director, Mr. Matt Thomas (a retired United States Navy Lieutenant), approached the MPVA and asked us if we would like to partner with them for an upcoming event. Matt explained to us what JFV does and then set up a fundraiser that was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Clawson, MI on February 11, 2012. Proceeds collected at the event will go on to support the MPVA's mission.

We would like to thank The Jam for Vets Project, Matt Thomas, the Knights of Columbus in Clawson and everyone who attended the February 11th event for generously supporting the MPVA! Please take some time to read about The Jam for Vets Project below.



The Jam for Vets (JFV) Project

By: Matt Thomas

The mission of The Jam for Vets (JFV) Project is to raise funds through musical events and donated musical services, and donate those funds to charitable military service organizations that aid U.S. military members who have been injured in the service of their country.

The Jam for Vets Project is Michigan based tax exempt, 501 (c)(3), nonprofit corporation. JFV recruits and organizes veterans, or those who support veterans, who also have musical talent and enjoy spending their time creating music for a great cause. JFV's target audience is veteran supporters likely to attend events including pre-deployment going away parties, holiday parties, and fundraiser parties/events at places like the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We believe we have identified the exact right mixture of mission, personality types of volunteers, and market demand to have viral explosive growth given the right networking, advertising, structure, and leadership to facilitate such growth. A long term goal is to have a detachment in every county in the United States. The primary reason for such a large goal is to have the maximum possible impact on supporting our mission.

The JFV hosts a collection of volunteer band members who are primarily amateur musicians. First and foremost, we believe strongly in our mission. We typically have served in the U. S. Armed Forces, probably have a family and/or career, and we really love the idea of getting together to play music of all types. Not all of our members fit this profile.



Matt Thomas, Executive Director for the Jam for Vets, and Michael Harris, Executive Director for the MPVA, speak to the audience at the KofC Hall in Clawson on February 11, 2012.

Some are not veterans, but believe in the mission. We gladly welcome them. If we were not doing this, we would be making noise in our basement or garage and annoying the neighbors, for free, and having a blast. We also welcome existing bands that wish to donate their services.

In order to realize our potential, we are in search of volunteers across the State of Michigan to help us recruit musicians, talk to venues, and organize events, so that we can continue to put on events like the recent Valentine's Jam where MPVA was the beneficiary. We plan to continue to work with and support the MPVA going forward.

If you ever wondered how you could make a difference in the lives of injured veterans, but weren't sure how to get started, this is a great opportunity. Reach out to us, and we'll put you to work. And, you simply will not find a more fun way to give back!

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By: Charles Henning, Senior National Service Officer

VA Clothing Allowance Amendment

In this month's article, I would like to share with you information about multiple clothing allowances through the VA. There has been a recent change with the VA on this type of entitlement.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) amends its regulations regarding clothing allowances. The amendment provides for annual clothing allowance for each qualifying prosthetic or orthopedic appliance worn or used by a veteran for a service-connected disability or disabilities that wears out or tears a single article of the veteran's clothing and for each physician-prescribed medication used by a veteran for a skin condition that is due to a service-connected disability that affects a single outer garment. The amendment also provides two annual clothing allowances if a veteran wears or uses more than one qualifying prosthetic or orthopedic appliance, physician-prescribed medication for more than one skin condition, or an appliance and a medication for a service-connected disability or disabilities and the appliance(s) or medication(s) together cause a single article of clothing to wear out faster than if affected by a single appliance or medication.

This recent change on clothing allowances dictates "veterans whose service-connected disabilities require prosthetic appliances and skin medications deserve financial assistance for the extra clothing they have to purchase, and the Federal Appeals Court has ruled that veterans may be entitled to more than one clothing allowance and the VA is adjusting their regulations to allow this".

The application used to apply for the Annual Clothing Allowance is VA Form 10-8678. Currently, the VA is working on modifying this application to allow veterans to indicate they are applying for more than one annual clothing allowance.

When you apply for the clothing allowance, make sure you indicate you are applying for multiple Annual Clothing Allowances. On the application, there is one question that asks what disabilities you have, what appliances were prescribed and issued, and what doctor or facility prescribed the device or medication. You can attach a statement indicating you are applying for two allowances.

If you have any questions, concerns or need help in completing the Annual Clothing Allowance, please contact the Detroit Paralyzed Veterans of America office for assistance and speak with one of our service officers. The Detroit Paralyzed Veterans of America Service Office number is (313) 471-3996 or (800) 795-3608.



Paralyzed Veterans Sports & Recreation Schedule

For more information contact PVA Sports at 800-424-8200 or www.pva.org/sports



6th Annual PVA/NWPA Billiards Tournament Series Schedule

Mid-South PVA Tournament

November 4-6, 2011
Memphis, TN

Mid-America PVA Tournament

March 9-11, 2012
Oklahoma City, OK

Virginia Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament

April 20-22, 2012
Midlothian, VA

Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament

May 18-20, 2012
Palm Harbor, FL

Mountain States PVA Tournament

June 8-10, 2012
Colorado Springs, CO

Buckeye PVA Tournament

July 20-22, 2012
Independence, OH



2012 PVA Handcycling Schedule

Top End/PVA Euro America Championships

February 5, 2012
Melbourne, FL

Redlands Bicycle Classic

March 22-25, 2012
Redlands, CA

Clocktower Classic

April 26-29, 2012
Rome, GA

Survivor Harbor Race

June 9-10, 2012
Baltimore, MD

Grandview Heights Grand Prix

TBA, 2012
Lancaster, PA



16th Annual PVA National Trapshoot Circuit Schedule

Lone Star PVA Tournament

September 30-October 2, 2011
Fort Worth, TX

Arizona PVA Tournament

November 4-6, 2011
Phoenix, AZ

Virginia Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament

November 11-13, 2011
Manassas, VA

Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament

March 8-10, 2012
Odessa, FL

Nevada PVA Tournament

March 23-25, 2012
Las Vegas, NV

Cal-Diego PVA Tournament

March 30-April 1, 2012
Redlands, CA

Southeastern PVA Tournament

April 13-15, 2012
Savannah, GA

Texas PVA Tournament

April 20-22, 2012
San Antonio, TX

Oregon PVA Tournament

May 18-20, 2012
Hillsboro, OR

Mid-America PVA Tournament

May 25-27, 2012
Sedgwick, KS

Colonial PVA Tournament

June 1-3, 2012
Baltimore, MD

National PVA Tournament

June 8-10, 2012
St. Charles, IL

Northwest PVA Tournament

August 3-5, 2012
Sumner, WA

North Central PVA Tournament

September 7-9, 2012
Sioux Falls, SD

Wisconsin PVA Tournament

September 22-24, 2012
Green Bay, WI



32nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games

June 25-30, 2012
Richmond, VA



Sports & Recreation

By Scot Severn, Sports & Recreation Director

Wheelin' Team 457 Winter Bowling Tournament

Wheelin' Team 457 hosted a bowling tournament at Gerlach Lanes in Lapeer at the end of January and the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America acted as a sponsor for the event. The event was superb as Gerlach's Lanes are one of the most outstanding bowling alleys we have ever been to. Everything from the door to the lanes is wheelchair accessible.

My wife, Brenda, and I were lucky enough to bring home the top team award, while Gordo Schwab for top able bodied bowler and Gary Grubbe for top ramp bowler.

We would be remiss if we did not mention Don McLaughlin who did a great job of organizing the event. Everyone had a great time!

We hope to host this event again next year and have everyone bring one more person each and really rock the joint!



Paralyzed Veterans Sports & Recreation Schedule

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6th Annual PVA/AWBA Bowling Tournament Series Schedule

Nevada PVA Tournament

November 29–December 5, 2011
Las Vegas, NV

Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament

April 28–30, 2012
Largo, FL

Northwest PVA Tournament

May 18–20, 2012
Kenmore, WA

Mountain States PVA Tournament

August 23–26, 2012
Colorado Springs, CO

Cal-Diego PVA Tournament

September 28–30, 2012
Bakersfield, CA

PVA Bass Tour A B.A.S.S. SANCTIONED EVENT

2012 PVA BASS Tour Schedule

Southeastern PVA Tournament

October 21–23, 2011
Augusta, GA – Clarks Hill Lake

Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament

April 13–15, 2012
Kissimmee, FL – Lake Toho

Kentucky/Indiana PVA Tournament

April 20–22, 2012
Gilbertsville, KY – Kentucky Lake

National PVA Tournament

May 18–20, 2012
Mt. Vernon, IL – Rend Lake

National PVA Tournament

June 8–10, 2012
LaPlata, MD – Potomac River

New England PVA Tournament

September 7–9, 2012
Moultonboro, NH – Lake Winnepesaukee

Mid-America PVA Tournament

September 28–30, 2012
Eufaula, OK – Lake Eufaula



Study of Health Management in Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury

We are currently recruiting individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI) to participate in a research study that teaches self-management skills. The research program is meant to offer skills and knowledge to help people with SCI manage their health and SCI more effectively. It involves in-person meetings, phone interviews and completion of questionnaires.

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are an adult with SCI and are at least 6 months past injury
- Are between the ages of 18 and 80
- Speak English as your first language
- Live in the community
- Are willing to commit to participation over a 6-month time frame



If you are interested in learning more, please contact the study coordinator at 734-763-0534

Funding provided by Paralyzed Veterans of America Research Foundation for the Study of *Self-Management of*

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Open House

SAVE THE DATE!

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or call (248) 476-9000 for more information!

WHEN:

Thursday, April 12, 2012

WHERE:

MPVA Chapter
Headquarters
40550 Grand River Ave.
Novi, MI 48375

TIME:

10:30 AM to 3:30 PM



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March/April 2012

Valuable Dates for 2012:



MPVA Open House

Thursday, April 12, 2012
10:30 AM-3:30 PM

PVA's across the nation will be celebrating PVA Awareness month during the entire month of April. In doing so, Chapter's will spread awareness about PVA's mission to enhance the quality of life for veterans and individuals who have sustained spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D). On April 12, 2012, the MPVA will open up their Chapter Headquarters located at: 40550 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 48375, to the public and host an array of sponsors who will have information on products and services on spinal cord injury, veterans' services, and much more! Snacks and light refreshments will be served! This event is free to the public — so be sure to join us!



Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 26, 2012
Speaker: Dr. Ruben of Encompass
HealthCare, PLLC

Nominations for Board of Directors
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)