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Michael Harris, Deb Madonna, Kevin Elya, Glen Kordick
take a moment to pause for a check presentation
at MPVA's 2012 Membership Picnic at the
Miracle League of Plymouth baseball park.





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On the Cover:

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) held their Annual Membership Picnic on Saturday, July 21, 2012. This year's picnic came with an added bonus as members were able to utilize the completely wheelchair accessible Miracle League of Plymouth baseball field. Check out more photos from this year's picnic on the inside back cover of this issue.

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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

MPVA's 9th Annual Salute to Veterans Gala is Just Around the Corner

It is hard to believe that while I write this article we are approximately 2 months away from our 9th Annual Salute to Veterans Gala which will be once again held at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan.

Each year around Veteran's Day, the MPVA gears up to host an event that recognizes the men and women who are serving now, have served, or have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It is our hope that those who are able to attend the Gala leave the event feeling inspired, and most importantly, gain a sense of understanding that Veteran's Day is not the only day to honor those who serve—everyday is a day to honor those who serve.

As we near Thursday, November 8, 2012, the date of this year's Salute, our office will be busy coordinating details for the event. One exciting detail that we are excited to announce is the name of this year's Keynote Speaker: Ms. Melissa Stockwell. Melissa's story is quite compelling:

On April 13, 2004, Melissa Stockwell was on a routine convoy through Baghdad when the HUMVEE she was riding in was hit by a roadside bomb. The blast took off her left leg and today she stands as an above-the-knee amputee. She spent a year at Walter Reed Army Medical Center undergoing multiple surgeries and rehabilitation. One year, one week and one leg later, Melissa was medically retired from the Army with a purple heart and a bronze star.

During her physical therapy at Walter Reed, Melissa was introduced to swimming. After learning of the Paralympic Games, Melissa set her sights on becoming a Paralympic athlete. Melissa was extremely proud to be a part of team USA, representing her great country once again.

Along with her hard work training as an athlete, Melissa stays busy as a board member for the Wounded Warrior Project and a motivational speaker. She is also a certified triathlon coach and a co-founder of the Chicago-based dare2tri Paratrathlon club and an organizer of the Blade Runner running club. We hope that you will join us on November 8, 2012 in listening to Melissa's inspiring story.

Lastly, I would like to mention that the MPVA will be hosting our 4th Annual Salute to Veterans Online Auction from November 1, 2012-November 15, 2012. There will be tons of outstanding items at various values for you to bid on. You can make a gift donation today by visiting: <http://www.biddingforgood.com/mpva>.

Gifts and sponsorships can be made tax-deductible. Proceeds from the 2012 Salute to Veterans Gala and Salute to Veterans Gala Online Auction will go on to benefit MPVA Programs. Please contact Jaclyn Kochis at (248) 476-9000 ext. 06 for a full event brochure, or email her at jkochis@michiganpva.org.





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Presents
The 9th Annual

Salute to Veterans Gala

With Keynote Speaker:
**Melissa Stockwell,
Iraqi War Veteran**

**Thursday, November 8, 2012
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

*Individual Dinner Tickets:
\$55.00 per person*

*Location:
VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College
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Be a “Salute Sponsor” in 2012! Your Sponsorship will entail:

- You or your company will be recognized on MPVA's website, www.michiganpva.org, which receives approximately 800 hits a day and is also linked with the state of Michigan's website
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- You or your company will receive tickets to attend the event and be recognized on site that evening

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Executive Director's Report

By Mike Harris

Congratulations to the Detroit Free Press for a Job well done!

I want to congratulate the Detroit Free Press (DFP) for their groundbreaking investigative report that showed the pitfalls associated with the handicapped parking program in Michigan.

MPVA worked with the DFP for five months educating the reporters about the abuses in the Michigan handicapped parking program. The goal was to "paint a picture" on why handicapped parking is important to paralyzed veterans dependent on the use of a wheelchair for mobility.

To accomplish this, we sat in the Westland Meijer's parking lot on a Saturday morning for a couple of hours viewing the driving habits of people. We found the following: people parking in the handicapped parking locations that did not have a placard, people that had a placard who obviously were not qualified to do so, people parking on the access aisle, people leaving their shopping cart on the access aisle making it difficult for wheelchair users to access their vehicle and drivers waiting for a handicapped parking location to become available.

When we were finished, the reporter had firsthand knowledge on numerous situations of handicapped parking abuse that paralyzed veterans experience on a typical day and an understanding on why handicapped parking has always been on top of our list of advocacy priorities.

Historically, this topic has never gotten the attention that it deserves because only a small segment of society is impacted. At the MPVA we have always realized that the handicapped parking program is an important component of society's attempt to integrate people with disabilities into the mainstream of American life.

When I started working for MPVA in 1996, my first objective was to find meaningful solutions to handicapped parking that would bring integrity back to a program that was originally intended for disabled veterans returning from World War II. Unfortunately, nothing has really changed at all!

When the state legislature first authorized special disability license plates in 1973, it was estimated that the Secretary of State would issue about 6,000 placards per year. Michigan now has 249,047 handicapped license plates and 628,000 placards in use. With an aging population and people living much longer than they ever have, that number is sure to increase.

Our aging state population has the advantages of technology and medical breakthroughs keeping them on-the-go and on the road. It is essential that the fragile 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.

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 it is apparent that the person is truly not disabled as defined by the Michigan vehicle code.

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 is that simple.

It is 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 created by the access aisle is needed so enough room is available to enter/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

permit should be treated with the same vigilance as other important medical documents.

It is 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 do not belong). Prevention is easier than apprehension; it is my hope that physicians will lead the way in correcting this problem.

I want to recognize the reporters that worked on story, Jennifer Dixon, Jim Schaefer and Kristi Tanner, for having the courage to investigate an issue that normally does not receive the attention that it deserves. Their strong investigative reporting revealed shocking incidents of deliberate abuse in handicapped parking throughout Michigan.

Hopefully, the DFP investigative report can be used as a catalyst to bring about positive change by reviewing all aspects of the handicapped parking program to ensure that everyone involved (Secretary of State, physicians and people with disabilities) has an understanding of their role in maintaining the integrity of the program.

Once again, on behalf of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, we applaud the Detroit Free Press for a job well done!

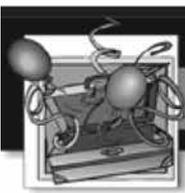




The MPVA would like to thank the supporters and participants of the 11th Annual Fred Zagata Golf Memorial! Proceeds from the event will directly support the MPVA's mission!

The MPVA would especially like to thank Len Zagata, and Nancy Zagata and Leo Batchelor!





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By: Charles Henning, Senior National Service Officer

VA Prosthetics Changes

As part of the VA's continuous effort to ensure that our nation's military veterans receive the quality healthcare that they deserve in the most efficient manner possible, there will soon be changes in the handling of some prosthetic items. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has implemented a directive that prosthetic items with a cost of \$3,000 or greater will be referred to the Network Contracting Office (NCO) in the appropriate VISN. At this time, the target date for the change to occur nationwide is mid-August 2012.

According to Greg Ulrich, Chief of Prosthetics at the Huntington, WV, VAMC the rationale for the change is to allow the NCO employees to do the market research and data analysis of the prosthetic orders. This research task had previously been the responsibility of the local prosthetics departments. Consequently, this change will relieve the local prosthetics chiefs and employees from some of the tasks that are not directly related patient services. Furthermore, this change will not alter the decision-making authority regarding the issuance of prosthetic devices. According to Mr. Ulrich, the NCO will not have the authority to deny prosthetic requests, and, as before, the decision-making ability to provide prosthetic devices still resides with the local chiefs of prosthetics. More importantly, this change is not supposed to cause delays in the receipt of prosthetic equipment.

The PVA is also committed to ensuring that veterans receive the highest quality care in a timely manner. At PVA, we applaud the VA anytime that it attempts to provide better services to veterans. However, as most of us know, things do not always go as planned when they are initially started. In addition, PVA has a responsibility to provide concise and detailed feedback to the VA whenever there is a change that affects our clients. We have to remember that the VA needs, and often relies on, the input that it is provided by service organizations and veterans to remedy situations. Therefore, PVA is asking that veterans closely monitor the length of time it takes to receive prosthetic orders and to report instances of having to wait sixty days or longer to receive an order to their local PVA NSO or PVA Chapter.



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the families of:

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By: Mike Harris

Help America Voting Act: Has it made a Difference!

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was passed and signed into federal law in October of 2002. The goal of the legislation was to modernize our election process in order to avoid complications such as those experienced during the 2000 presidential election.

An important part of this “modernizing” process is to ensure an equal and open voting system accessible to all American citizens.

To achieve an inclusive and equal voting standard for all fifty states, the Help America Vote Act includes the following stipulations:

- *By 2006 all polling places must have at least one voting system which allows all citizens to cast a vote privately and independently whether or not one has a disability.*
- *States must ensure accessibility at all public polling places in a manner compliant with The Americans with Disabilities Act.*

The following question has to be asked: has the HAVA made a difference in the voting experience for people with disabilities? Ten years after being signed into law I would have to say no it has not.

In 2004, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA), along with others from the disability community, participated in the voting technology fair sponsored by the Michigan Secretary of State. This was an opportunity for a cross-section of disability groups to test and evaluate disability access to the latest forms of voting machine technology by providing detailed feedback on their experiences on the voting machines on display.

The disability community overwhelmingly recommended the AutoMARK. MPVA was excited to have this ballot marking machine available to enable voters with disabilities to finally have the opportunity to vote independently and privately.

As a ballot marking machine, the AutoMARK performs as sort of an “electronic pen.” The ballot is inserted into the machine, and the voter can choose the candidates by either touching the screen of the machine or using the keypad.

Depending on their needs, voters may cast their votes without assistance using the screen, Braille keypad or foot pedal. They may also use magnification and contrast features on the screen, headphones with an audio function, a wand or personal sip/puff tube to assist in marking the ballot.

After voting is completed, the AutoMARK will verify the votes that have been made on the ballot with the voter. After verification, the voter can instruct the AutoMARK to “mark” the ballot by printing it. The ballot is ejected and can then be taken to the ballot counter. Voters maintain the privacy of their ballot throughout the process.

In 2006, Michigan placed AutoMARK terminals in voting precincts throughout the State of Michigan. Disabled voters welcomed a historic change in voting law that allowed them to exercise a right many Michiganders take for granted, casting an independent and private vote.

Although there were mechanical difficulties with the voting machine in its beginning, such growing pains are to be expected when implementing a new technology. Many of the problems experienced on Election Day were attributed to inadequate poll worker training and voter inexperience with the new equipment.

Although every polling location is equipped with the AutoMARK, each municipality was responsible for making sure it is set up and operating properly. Unfortunately, years after it has been operational, MPVA continues to receive complaints about the AutoMARK. Voter complaints have included the following: the AutoMARK was boxed up on Election Day, unplugged, jammed up, turned off, or set up so other voters could see the “secret” ballot.

During the 2012 August Michigan Primary my ballot jammed in the AutoMARK. It took someone from the City Clerk's office 90 minutes to find a solution that finally freed the ballot from the voting machine. This is inexcusable for a product that has been operational since 2006. I have had similar experiences in other election cycles.

Election officials need to be reminded that when issuing a ballot to a voter who has opted to mark their ballot using the AutoMARK terminal the ballot stub must be removed when the ballot is issued. Failure to remove the ballot stub prior to inserting the ballot into the voting machine will cause the ballot to jam. The confusion comes into play because the instructions on the ballot indicate **not** to remove the stub.

Because the election cycles occur so infrequently it is almost impossible to expect election officials to understand all the features associated with the AutoMARK. That is why the Secretary of State should have a trouble-shooter available at any given time that election officials can contact for technical support when they are not able to resolve the problem on their own.

The other issue that needs to be addressed is the lack of knowledge by the disability community that this new technology is even available. The feedback that I am receiving from election officials is that no one is using the AutoMARK. The reason is obvious: no one is aware that this technology now exists in each polling location throughout the State of Michigan.

The Secretary of State cannot just rely on a single channel of communication hoping that your target audience will get the message. You must utilize multiple channels; such as, disability publications, radio, television, the internet and Secretary of State mailings; for example, including an insert in the mailing that goes out each year for the renewal of handicapped parking license tabs). Public Service Announcements can be played at all Secretary of State Branch Offices throughout Michigan while people are waiting to be served.

To sit back, remain silent and do nothing would be an injustice to all the people who committed their time and effort to ensure that the requirements of the Help America Voting Act were met so the integrity of electoral process would be inclusive for all Michiganders.

As the proportion of older Americans increase, the number of voters who may face challenges exercising

their right to vote due to mobility and other impairments will surely grow. In 2008, 16 percent of voters were 65 years or older while 40 percent of voters will be at least 65 years old in 2040.

Michigan election law designates the Secretary of State as Michigan's "chief election officer" with supervisory control over local election officials in the performance of their election related duties. The Secretary of State must ensure that all voters, including those with disabilities, have access to an effective voting process. PVA has a long history of advocating the right to vote.

Our members know firsthand, as do all veterans who served our country, that the sacrifices that must be made to safe guard our democracy. We ask now that the Secretary of State ensures that MPVA members and others with disabilities are able to vote with same dignity as all other Michiganders.

People with disabilities have historically voted in lower numbers than the general population, partly due to the difficulties they have encountered casting their ballots. Politicians pay attention to who does and does not vote. For example, a very high percentage of seniors citizens vote at each election, so elected officials pay greater attention to issues that impact them, such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, which are important issues to aging Americans. Because people with disabilities do not usually vote in high numbers, politicians do not take their issues as seriously.

This needs to change!

There are more than 35 million voting age persons with disabilities. Just think, if people with disabilities voted in the same ratios as other groups did, their influence could change the results of the election. Voting is power, and measuring the size of any group vote can significantly impact that group's political muscle.

If you plan on going to the polls this year to cast your vote, make sure that you inform the election official that you wish to cast your vote by using the AutoMARK. The only way the AutoMARK will ever gain credibility is if the people within disability community start using it. If you want to view a video (5 parts) step by steps instructions on how to use the AutoMARK voting machine go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmSt0VqQAOk>.





Sports & Recreation

By: Coach Phil Chester

32nd Annual National Veterans' Wheelchair Games

Hundreds of athletes from all over the country, including Puerto Rico, Great Britain and Guam competed in the 32nd Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games on June 25-30, 2012 in Richmond, Virginia. More than 500 novice and experienced athletes met to compete in a week of archery, swimming, weightlifting, basketball, quad rugby and more. It is considered the largest annual wheelchair sports competition of its kind in the world.

Once again, the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America sponsored the attendance of 10 veterans (8 athletes and 2 coaches) who were able to enjoy the spirit of healthy

activity and fellowship. Though our team started off slow, they were able to pull together and by the end of the week winning eighteen medals: nine gold medals, five silver medals, and four bronze medals.

The team was led by co-captains Ray Brown and Gary Grubbe followed by the successful lineup of athletes consisting of: Kevin Bradley, George Coward, Dave Cuttsinger, Don McLaughlin, Judy Ross and Robert Williams. I was able to serve as coach with co-coach, Harry Wilcox. We were also joined by the support of Frankie Cuttsinger, Andrea Grubbe and Harry's wife, Pam Wilcox.





The week was concluded by an outstanding closing ceremony held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. This year's event was truly a success and we are very



much looking forward to next year's Veterans Wheelchair Games which will be taking place in Tampa, Florida.

Lastly, we would like to give a special thanks to Mike Harris and Brenda Wheater at the MPVA Chapter office for all of their coordination with this year's games.



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MPVA's 2012 Membership Picnic at The Miracle League Field of Plymouth





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