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This photo was captured by Brenda Wheater, MPVA Administrative Assistant, while vacationing this past winter at The Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park in Florida. The park acts as a rehabilitation center for injured or disabled animals that would not be able to survive in the wild.





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On the Cover:

The MPVA is rolling right into spring after a long winter. Check out all that is happening at the MPVA in this spring issue of the Rollin' Times and be sure to mark your calendar for MPVA's Awareness Day which will be taking place on April 11, 2013. For more details on MPVA's Awareness Day, see the inside back page of this publication.

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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, President, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America

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

It was an intense competition, with students from 33 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 28 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's a team-based program consisting of students, a teacher and an engineer mentor. Each team creates detailed, often fantastic, cities of tomorrow that give 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 Detroit Edison Public School Academy, for winning the 2013 “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 accommodating for people with disabilities. St. John Lutheran School in Rochester, once again 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 Detroit Edison Public School Academy, and all the students who participated in this year's event for a job well done!





MPVA Mourns the Loss of Former Executive Director Gordon Mansfield

By: Michael Harris

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the disability community lost a true friend, advocate, and supporter when Mr. Gordon H. Mansfield passed away during surgery on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at the Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center. He was 71.

Mansfield led a long and distinguished career in government and as an influential advocate for veterans with disabilities. He was acting U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) from October to December 2007 and Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs from 2004 until 2009. Prior to this, he served as VA assistant secretary for congressional and legislative affairs.

Before joining the VA, Mansfield served as the Executive Director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) from 1993 to 2000. He first joined the PVA staff in 1981 in the legislative/advocacy program. In November 1982, he was named Paralyzed Veterans' National Advocacy Director, and in 1986 he became the organization's first Associate Executive Director of its Government Relations Department. In these positions, he participated in the strengthening of civil rights for people with disabilities and the improvement of programs, benefits and services for our nation's veterans.

He also served as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1989 to 1993 under President George H.W. Bush.

Mansfield received his undergraduate degree from Villanova University and law degree from the University of Miami, and had practiced law in Ocala, Florida. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1964 and served two tours

of duty in Vietnam. His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Presidential Unit Citation. Mansfield was inducted into the Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 2007 and the U.S. Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 1997 at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

He also received the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the Presidential Distinguished Service Award, the Robert Dole Service to Our Nation Award and Disabled American Veterans Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year Award and was inducted into the Spinal Cord Injury Hall of Fame.

In August 2012, during its 66th Annual Convention, Paralyzed Veterans honored Mansfield with its 2012 Speedy Award, the organization's highest award, which was created to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of both members and nonmembers in the field of paraplegia.

Gordon's spirit and legacy will live on forever in the multitudes of lives that were touched by his compassion and commitment to the disability community. On behalf of the MPVA family, we offer our deepest condolences to Gordon's wife, Linda, and the entire Mansfield family.



Executive Director's Report

By Mike Harris, Executive Director, MPVA

Here is the latest up-date on Michigan Auto No-fault

On December 26, 2012, the Michigan Circuit Court issued an order that the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and requires that the fund publicly disclose how it calculates the assessment charged to every Michigan vehicle when drivers purchase or renew their auto insurance.

The information is critical in revealing to Michigan citizens and Lansing lawmakers the rationale behind the insurance industry claim that Michigan's current auto no-fault system is financially unsustainable and that the MCCA will soon go bankrupt without capping benefits and enforcing strict cost controls.

For years, the MCCA has continued to assert its claim of exemption from all attempts to secure this essential information – including the recently filed FOIA lawsuit by the Coalition to Protect Auto No-Fault (CPAN) – effectively blocking the ability of all concerned parties to assess the no-fault system, address its shortfalls, and collaborate on appropriate solutions to fix the system without sacrificing no-fault's core principle of immediate access to appropriate, unlimited care for catastrophically injured victims.

Each time CPAN asked for more detailed information about MCCA finances, we were told that the Association was a private nonprofit entity and had no legal duty to disclose any additional information than what was provided on its website. Fortunately, Judge Canady saw the lack of merit in the insurance industry's position and ruled that:

"The Court agrees with CPAN's argument that,

because the MCCA was created entirely by statute, it comes within the definition of "public body" under FOIA. In addition, the Court agrees with CPAN's argument regarding the decision in Shavers v Kelley, that Michigan citizens have a right to know how the insurance premium they pay is calculated to ensure that no-fault insurance is provided on a fair and equitable basis. This concept intertwines with the theories asserted by Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) regarding the common law right to information and resulting trusts. Because the MCCA rate charged to insurers is passed on to the insured individuals as part of the premium they pay, it is reasonable to conclude that citizens essentially fund the MCCA reserves by paying that premium; thus, individual citizens have a financial interest in the rate calculation process and how it is conducted. . . .

Therefore, the Court concludes that, with regard to BIAMI's and CPAN's claims, (1) the MCCA is a "public body" for purposes of FOIA; (2) MCL 500.134 does not carve out a wholesale exemption for all MCCA records, but does subject certain information to the exemption provisions of FOIA (MCL 15.243); and (3) following the rationale articulated in Shavers v Kelley, Michigan citizens have a right to know how the MCCA rate charged to insurers is calculated, because citizens ultimately end up paying that rate as part of the premium charged by the insurers. Specifically, pursuant to the constitutional principles articulated in Shavers, the MCCA must disclose general rate calculation information such as amount of funds contained in MCCA reserves, number of

claimants, administrative costs, nature and type of investments of the reserves, amount currently paid by insurers and specific accounting as to increase/decrease in yearly rate calculated, etc. However, as the Court mentioned above, MCCA is not required to disclose personal information regarding individual claims or information that could reasonably lead to extrapolation of individual claimants' names."

MCCA Moves to Block Financial Data from Public View

The Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault (CPAN) was notified that the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) has appealed the recent court ruling that made the organization's rate-setting data open to the public. The ruling, issued by Judge Clinton Canady III, subjected the MCCA to the Freedom of Information Act and requires the fund to publicly disclose how it calculates the assessment charged to every Michigan vehicle when drivers purchase or renew their auto insurance.

"After years of trying to shed some light on the MCCA's rate setting practices we were finally granted access the information needed to have an open and honest discussion about our state's no-fault system," said CPAN President John Cornack. "The only logical conclusion to be made from the insurance industry's appeal is that they are trying to keep the public in the dark."

The MCCA is a reinsurance fund created by the state legislature in 1978. Each Michigan driver is currently required to pay \$175 annually per vehicle to fund the MCCA, which helps reimburse insurers for costs above \$500,000 for the care and treatment of seriously injured auto accident survivors. According to the MCCA website the nonprofit entity currently has about \$14 billion in assets, with about 13,000 auto accident survivors receiving care through MCCA reimbursements.

MCCA appeal comes on the heels of Governor Snyder's State of the State speech, in which he called for "thoughtful" discussions as it relates to

reforms to Michigan's auto insurance system.

"If the governor and legislators truly care about thoughtful policy discussions and government transparency then they should be very disturbed by the MCCA's actions," said Cornack. "Just when lawmakers were about to access the information needed to verify whether drivers are being charged appropriate rates to sustain the MCCA, the door is being slammed shut. Lawmakers should refuse to vote on any changes to the state's auto insurance system until the MCCA agrees to open itself back up to public scrutiny."

The MCCA is controlled by a five-member board, made up entirely of insurance companies, whose meetings are closed to the public. The Michigan Insurance Commissioner also sits on the board but is not allowed a vote.

The majority of MPVA members that have a non-service related spinal cord injury are a direct result of an auto accident. The Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage provided by Michigan No-Fault has been a tremendous help to our members. This coverage has benefited us in dealing with the many physical, psychological, and financial aspects of this life altering condition. To dismantle No-Fault insurance for some possible cost savings would be devastating for our members and for those who will be injured in weeks, months and years to come.

With that being said, MPVA urges you to contact your legislator in Lansing urging them to oppose any substantive changes to Michigan No-fault that would allow insurance companies to offer capped medical benefits for supposedly reduced premiums.

Instead, MPVA believes that legislators need to take the necessary steps legislatively that requires the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) to release financial information so both policy makers and interest groups can make informed decisions on proposed changes to the Michigan No-fault law.





By: Stephany Strickland, PVA Service Officer

This Flu Season Has Been One of the Worst Ever Reported

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) takes the threat seasonal influenza poses to our veterans, its staff, and medical system very seriously. The “flu” is short for influenza; a respiratory illness that spreads easily from one person to another. This year, the flu has spread nationwide throughout the country, causing many to be hospitalized and in some cases even death has occurred.

It is not too late to vaccinate! Vaccination is the surest way to protect against getting the flu.

Who should get a flu shot?

All people, ages 6 months and older who want to reduce their risk of getting sick, should get a flu shot. Those more at risk of illness and complications from the flu include:

- People with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease
- People older than age 50
- Pregnant women and women trying to become pregnant
- Caregivers of infants or a family member with health problems
- Health care personnel

Why the flu shot is needed every year?

- Flu viruses can change over time so every year the flu shot is updated to contain the flu viruses most likely to spread that year. The viruses may change after the flu shot is made. Even if this happens, you will still get some protection from the flu shot.

How long does it take before I am protected?

- After you get the flu shot, it takes about 2 weeks for your body to make enough antibodies to protect

you against the flu.

- Antibodies are proteins produced by your immune system that identify and help remove foreign targets such as viruses and bacteria. The flu shot helps your body build these antibodies to fight flu viruses and prevent you from getting sick.

Can I get the flu from a flu shot?

This is a common misconception. You cannot get the flu from a flu shot because it contains strains of non-living flu viruses.

If you get the flu soon after getting a flu shot, this could mean you were exposed to the flu virus before the flu shot took effect. Other reasons include:

- You have a weak immune system or other illness that causes your body to take longer to make antibodies and build immunity.
- Your body fails to make antibodies after getting a flu shot.
- The flu shot does not contain the flu viruses that are currently spreading.

What else can I do to slow the spread of flu?

Here are a few things you can do to help protect yourself from the flu:

- Avoid people who are sick
- Clean hands often
- Keep hands away from your face
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Stay home when you are sick

Know the symptoms of the flu

Symptoms of the flu include a fever (usually high), muscle aches and pains, headaches, feeling tired and

weak, chest discomfort, and coughing. People with the flu may also have a stuffy nose and sore throat. Remember, illness can start one to four days after you get the virus. Here are some things to remember:

- Early vaccination is key
- Hand washing is important
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Most importantly stay home when sick
- Seek medical attention if needed

Flu shots are available for veterans enrolled in VA health care and VA staff. Check with your nearest VA health care facility or call 1-877-222-8387 to confirm availability.

Stay healthy, Stay safe!

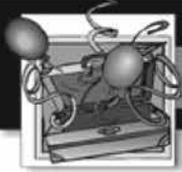


Sincere Condolences

to

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 David A. Saukas March 09
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 James E. Saunders March 14
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 Roosevelt Steverson March 30
 Bruce E. Beresh March 31
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 Carl A. Pardon March 31
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 Eugene C. Wilber March 31

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Paralyzed Veterans Sports & Recreation Schedule

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



7th Annual PVA/NWPA Billiards Tournament Series Schedule

Mid-South PVA Tournament
October 27–28, 2012
Memphis, TN

Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament
May 10–12, 2013
Palm Harbor, FL

Mid-America PVA Tournament
March 15–17, 2013
Oklahoma City, OK

Mountain States PV A Tournament
May 31–June 2, 2013
Colorado Springs, CO

Mid-Atlantic PV A Tournament
April 19–21, 2013
Midlothian, VA

Buckeye PVA Tournament
June 21–23, 2013
Independence, OH

New England PV A Tournament
May or September 2013
Brockton, MA



17th Annual PVA National Trapshoot Circuit Schedule

Lone Star PVA Tournament
October 19–21, 2012
Fort Worth, TX

Mid-America PVA Tournament
May 24–26, 2013
Sedgwick, KS

Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament
November 8–10, 2012
Manassas, VA

Colonial PVA Tournament
May 21–23, 2013
Baltimore, MD

Arizona PVA Tournament
November 16–18, 2012
Tucson, AZ

New England PVA Tournament
June 21–23, 2013
Cape Cod, MA

Florida Gulf Coast
PV A Tournament
March 7–9, 2013
Odessa, FL

Wisconsin PVA Tournament
July 27–29, 2013
Green Bay, WI

Nevada PVA Tournament
March 15–17, 2013
Las Vegas, NV

Northwest PVA Tournament
August 2–4, 2013
Sumner, WA

Cal-Diego PVA Tournament
April 5–7, 2013
Redlands, CA

Keystone PVA Tournament
August 30–September 1, 2013
Jefferson Hills, PA

Vaughan/National
PV A Tournament
April 26–28, 2013
St. Charles, IL

North Central PVA Tournament
September 6–8, 2013
Sioux Falls, SD

Oregon PVA Tournament
May 17–19, 2013
Hillsboro, OR

Southeastern PVA Tournament
September 20–22, 2013
Savannah, GA



PVA Handcycling Schedule

Melbourne Marathon
February 3, 2013
Melbourne, FL

USA Cycling National Championships
May 25–27, 2013
Chattanooga, TN

Cigar City Crit and TT
March 16–17, 2013
ampa, FL

Wichita Omnium
June 1–3, 2013
Wichita, KS

Redlands Cycle Classic
April 4–7, 2013
Redlands, CA

US Paracycling National Championships
July 3–7, 2013
Madison, WI

UCI P1 Road Para-Cycling
April 20–22, 2013
Greenville, SC

Sadler's Challenge Fairbanks to Anchorage
July 14–20, 2013
Fairbanks & Anchorage, AK

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33rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games

July 13–18, 2013
Tampa, FL



7th Annual PVA/AWBA Bowling Tournament Series Schedule

Nevada PVA Tournament
November 29–December 2, 2012
Las Vegas, NV

Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament
April 26–28, 2013
Largo, FL

Mountain States PVA Tournament
August 22–25, 2013
Colorado Springs, CO

Cal-Diego PVA Tournament
September 27–29, 2013
Norco, CA

2nd Annual PVA Air Rifle & Air Pistol Program Schedule

Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament
February 15–16, 2013
Richmond, V A

Buckeye PV A Tournament
May 17–18, 2013
Geneva, OH

Cal-Diego PVA Tournament
July 8–9, 2013
(Date subject to change)
San Diego, Point Loma, CA

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

PVA BASS Tour Schedule

Lone Star PVA Tournament
October 5–7, 2012
Garland, TX – Lake Ray Hubbard

Florida Gulf Coast
PV A Tournament
March 22–24, 2013
Kissimmee, FL – Lake Toho

Kentucky/Indiana
PV A Tournament
May 3–5, 2013
Gilbertsville, KY – Kentucky Lake

Vaughan/National PVA Tournament
May 8–10, 2013
Mt. Vernon, IL – Rend Lake

National PVA Tournament
June 7–9, 2013
Waldorf, MD – Potomac River

New England PVA Tournament
September 6–8, 2013
Moultonboro, NH – Lake Winnepesaukee

Mid-America PVA Tournament
September 20–22, 2013
Eufaula, OK – Lake Eufaula

A look back at last year's Annual Awareness Day!
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Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Annual Awareness Day

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) will be celebrating 52 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 becoming an event sponsor?

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

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Valuable Dates for 2013:



MPVA Awareness Day

Thursday, April 11, 2013
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, Chapters 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 11, 2013, 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 25, 2013

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)