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## **Fan Appreciation Night**

Great Plains PVA is blessed to have a group of dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talents to help us throughout the year with fundraisers, events, and programs. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude for all they do for us, so we decided to treat them to an evening of good food, friendship, and of course - bowling! We provided dinner, drinks, & dessert as well as a couple games of bowling. Our PVA members joined in the fun, too. It was a memorable evening!

Because we are such big FANS of our volunteers, we encouraged everyone to wear their favorite team gear. We held the event at Mockingbird Lanes where our wheelchair bowling league holds their weekly practices.

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**





## **President's Message** *by Randy Squier*

Heading into 2024...

It's coming whether you're ready or not. The new year brings the optimism of new ideas and challenges of what may be possible. Looking ahead I am asking myself what can we do better.

This year we're hoping to test a few programs and continue to improve and expand the ones in place. Perhaps pickle ball might interest some of you. Or a billiards tournament. Disc golf comes to mind also. With the new PowerShot swingless golf clubs we purchased last year, we're hoping to get out on the links and shoot a three hole tournament. Some of you are familiar with the power shot clubs as we went to Top Golf an evening not long ago. The bowling tournament the chapter hosts will be in June this year. It continues to grow as we share the possibilities with other Chapters. Our Thursday afternoon poker games continue as a way to check on members and enjoy the social aspects that are so important to all of us. All of these activities are important as a means of engagement, to socialize and to continue building camaraderie and the friendships that come from it.

I am grateful for your participation and your friendship and I wish you a prosperous 2024. Keep in touch.



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## **Will Leavitt Wins Bowling Nationals**

Great Plains PVA Member Will Leavitt won the AWBA National Bowling Tournament in 2022. He would have been presented his award and ring at the 2023 National Tournament, however, he was unable to attend. So Great Plains PVA Tournament Director Dave Nelson presented Will with his awards at our Fan Appreciation Night at Mockingbird Lanes. Congratulations on this incredible achievement, Will!



# **Executive Director's Report**

*by Mary Bushman*

Dear Members,

In 2016, after multiple years of promoting recreational wheelchair bowling, Great Plains PVA established Omaha's first wheelchair bowling league. One year later in 2017, under the direction of member David Nelson, Jr., the Chapter joined the PVA Bowling Series and hosted the 1st Annual Great Plains PVA Invitational wheelchair bowling tournament. The tournament welcomed bowlers from across the country and gave our league bowlers a chance to compete with some very skilled bowlers. For the past seven years, Great Plains PVA has embraced the sport of wheelchair bowling and hosted regional bowling tournaments that have helped establish the Chapter as a leader in the sport.

In 2023, National PVA announced it was expanding the PVA Bowling Series to include a National Tournament. We are very excited to let our members know that Great Plains PVA has been asked to host the first PVA Bowling Series Nationals. The event will be held June 27-30, 2024 at Mockingbird Lanes in Omaha and offer Singles, Doubles, and 3-Person-Team events. Chapter staff are working with the onsite Bowling Store and Pro Shop to provide exclusive tournament specials for registered bowlers. A PVA Bowling Series Year-End Banquet will be held during the weekend and hosted by the Chapter. The event will be held at the Great Plains PVA building and bowlers will be recognized for their performance at PVA Series tournaments throughout the past year.

This National Tournament is a wonderful opportunity for our chapter. We look forward to working with National PVA and once again welcoming bowlers from across the country to Omaha for an exciting 4 days of competitive bowling and fun!



**Bowling Series  
Nationals  
coming to...  
Omaha  
June 27-30!**

## **Nebraska Legislation Of Interest**

*by Amanda Vazquez, Government Relations Director*

The Nebraska Unicameral began its 2024 session on January 3rd. The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs creates a bill tracker each year with introduced legislation that impacts Nebraska veterans. I have included that tracker on the following page. In addition to tracking veterans legislation, we are also interested in bills that may have an impact on people with disabilities. I have highlighted a few below that I believe may be of interest to our members. You can find more information about these bills by visiting [www.nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov).

LB 852 - Provide limitations for reimbursement for durable medical equipment

LB 937 - Adopt the Caregiver Tax Credit Act

LB 1007 - Provide for medicaid coverage for certain aged, blind, and disabled individuals

LB 1025 - Adopt the Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Support Act and provide tax credits

LB 1274 - Require insurance coverage of prosthetics and orthotics as prescribed



## 2024 Military & Veterans Legislation

LB#	Sponsor	Description	Committee	Status
16	Conrad, et al	Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction and make a determination regarding an application with a criminal conviction, provide for jurisprudential examinations and appeals from denial of a license, and change requirements for membership of the State Electrical Board ( <i>Conrad PB</i> )	GMVA	Select File
252	Brewer	Change provisions relating to veterans' homes and veterans' aid	GMVA	Select File
771	Sanders, et al	Provide for the Department of Veterans' Affairs to award grants to qualifying postsecondary institutions	GMVA	General File
10	Blood, et al	Change motor vehicle and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans	Revenue	Hearing 1/26/23
126	Day, et al	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions ( <i>Day PB</i> )	Revenue	Hearing 2/22/23
188	Hansen, et al	Authorize the Commissioner of Education to issue temporary certificates to teach to veterans as prescribed	Education	Hearing 1/23/23
248	Vargas, Hunt	Prohibit discrimination based on lawful source of income under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act and create the Landlord Guarantee Program	Judiciary	Hearing 3/8/23
266	Brewer, et al	Change provisions regarding eligibility for Military Honor license plates	T&T	Hearing 1/23/23
793	Wayne	Provide duties for judges relating to problem solving courts	Judiciary	Hearing 2/3/23
826	Blood, et al	Provide for combination fishing, fur-harvesting, and hunting permits and stamps and state park entry permits for resident and nonresident veterans and active duty military personnel	N. Resources	Hearing 1/25/24
965	Holdcroft, et al	Change provisions relating to certain license plates issued to persons with military affiliation as prescribed	T&T	Hearing 2/6/24
971	Lippincott, et al	Provide for a free hunting permit for veterans to hunt on Veterans Day	N. Resources	Hearing 1/31/24
977	Blood	Prohibit discrimination based on military or veteran status	Judiciary	Hearing 1/26/24
1036	Vargas	Provide for issuance of free annual combination fishing, fur-harvesting, and hunting permits, habitat stamps, aquatic habitat stamps, and Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamps to certain veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States	N. Resources	Hearing 1/25/24
1298	Lippincott, et al	Provide for the issuance of veteran, honorary, and distinctive licenses under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	T&T	Hearing 2/6/24
1407	Sanders	Rename and change provisions relating to the Military Base Development and Support Fund	Approp	Hearing 2/7/24
853	Jacobson, et al	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions	Revenue	Introduced
869	Bostar, Jacobson	Change provisions relating to services of the county veterans service committees	GMVA	Introduced
1001	Conrad, et al	Provide for a migratory waterfowl hunting season for veterans	N. Resources	Introduced
1037	Brewer, et al	Prohibit certain conduct relating to assistance or referrals in veterans benefits matters	GMVA	Introduced
1149	Day	Provide an exemption from the motor vehicle tax for motor vehicles with Gold Star Family plates	Revenue	Introduced
1363	McDonnell	Change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, the Military Base Development and Support Fund, the Nebraska Film Office Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, and the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund	Revenue	Introduced
1417	Brewer	Create, eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, authorities, and departments and change and eliminate funds	GMVA	Introduced

2024 marks the second session (60 working days) of the two-year 108th Legislature. New bills may be introduced through day 10.

Key dates: January 3 - Day 1      January 17 - Day 10      February 20 - Day 30      April 18 - Day 60

Legislative Calendar: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/calendar/calendar.php>

Nebraska Legislature: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov>

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Day 17 of 60  
1/26/2024

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## Great Plains PVA is Home to the 2023 WheelWod Games Champion

In 2022, Daniel Schmitt became the third fittest adaptive Crossfit athlete (neuro division) in the world. It would be easy someone to rest on that amazing accomplishment, but that is not what Daniel did. He was right back to work one week after the 2022 Games and spent all of 2023 turning himself into what would be the fittest adaptive athlete in the world.

The 2023 competition season started in the middle of May with a three-event Open. Daniel qualified out of the Open and moved onto the four-event semi-final in June. The top-6 from the semi-final were invited to the WheelWod Games in early December, and Daniel was among those 6. The 2023 WheelWod Games was an 11-event competition spread out over four days in Raleigh, North Carolina. Daniel won 5 of the 11 and only finished worse than 2nd in one of those events!

Daniel started training with us 2014. I remember he was unable to squat to a box when he first started...he has come a long way since then. Now, nine years later, he can call himself the fittest adaptive athlete on Earth!

### 2023 November Challenge

This was a 10-round, double couplet team workout that I had to join because of odd numbers. Ethan and Seth pulled out the win, besting WheelWod Games competitors Travis and Daniel by 88 seconds. Below is the format and results of the November Challenge:

- **Format**
  - 10 Rounds for Time:
    - 5 Rounds of,
      - Machine Work (Simultaneous)
      - 21 Shoulder to Overhead, Each (Switch Every 7)
        - \*5 Minute Rest\*
    - Then 5 Rounds of,
      - 10 Over Obstacle (Simultaneous)
      - Vertical Pulls, Each
- **Description**
  - Machine Work = 400 Meter Handbike or 600/400 Meter Echo Bike
  - Shoulder to Overhead = Barbell Push Press, Smith Overhead Press or Medball Wall Walks
  - Over Obstacle = Box Jumps, Box Step Ups or Curb Hops
  - Vertical Pulls = 21/12 Pullups, 21 Pulldowns or 6 High Rope Pulls
- **Results**
  - 1. Ethan Eckelbarger & Seth Kotouc – 31:24
  - 2. Travis Hasenkamp & Daniel Schmitt – 32:52
  - 3. Tim Hobbs & Me – 33:11
  - 4. Chris Parnell & Barry Ridout – 34:15

### 2023 December Challenge

The December Challenge was an ascending/descending rep couplet of dips and the SkiErg. Travis Hasenkamp ended the year winning the final competition as the only one to go sub-8 minutes. His time of 7:44 bested Chris Parnell by 16 seconds and he had to put his head down and push that last ski to do it! Below is the format and results of the December Challenge:

- **Format**
  - For Time; 14 Minute Cap:
    - 30 Dips
    - Meter Ski (150 - Seated, 200 – Standing)
    - 20 Dips
    - Meter Ski (300 - Seated, 415 – Standing)
    - 10 Dips
    - Meter Ski (450 – Seated, 630 – Standing)
- **Results**
  - 1. Travis Hasenkamp – 7:44



- 2. Chris Parnell – 8:00
- 3. Ethan Eckelbarger – 8:37
- 4. Barry Ridout – 8:52
- 5. Seth Kotouc – 9:08
- 6. Bruce Froendt – 10:57
- 7. Daniel Schmitt – 11:01
- 8. Tim Hobbs – 12:38
- 9. Pete Farrish – Cap + 180 Meters

#### 2024 January Challenge

The first challenge workout of 2024 is a ten-minute test written so that it will be hard to get much beyond one full round, if that. Below is the format of the 2024 January Challenge:

- **Format**

- As Many Reps As Possible in 10 Minutes of,
  - 115k VitaGlide (seated w/o grip), 1,150 meter Echo Bike (seated w/grip) or 1,750 meter Echo Bike (standing)
  - 30 Bench or Chest Press
  - Calorie Row (6 – one arm seated, 8 – two arms seated, 18 - standing)
  - 20 Bench or Chest Press
  - Calorie Row (6 – one arm seated, 8 – two arms seated, 18 - standing)
  - 10 Bench or Chest Press

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*Daniel Schmitt won 1st place (neuro division) at the 2023 WheelWod Games!  
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## Upcoming Events

### January

1st:	Happy New Year!	
11th:	BOD Meeting	1:00pm
25th:	General Membership Meeting & Lunch	11:00am

### February

8th:	BOD Meeting	1:00pm
14th:	Happy Valentine's Day!	
19th:	Presidents Day - Closed	
24th:	Ladies Night Out	4-7pm

### March

10th:	PVA & WWP Game Night - Battle of the Branches	TBD
12th:	Power Soccer Practice	6-8pm
14th:	BOD Meeting	1:00pm
17th:	Happy St. Patrick's Day!	

**Omaha Power Soccer Club practices will be held on Tuesday evenings 6-8pm beginning March 12th through May 7th.**

## CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS

### January

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Jerry Trumble \* Charles Fattig \* Shawn Stencil \* James Tichota

### February

Dominic Lovison \* Neeley Gentry \* Teddy Danials \* Dana Hall \* Sidney Rightmyer \* Clayborn  
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### March

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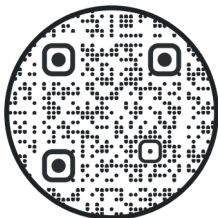
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# Washington Update

Check out the [PVAAction Force](#) page to view alerts and a list of key legislation.

## PVA RELEASES 2024 POLICY PRIORITIES

The second session of the 118th Congress is officially underway. This year, we will continue to work with our champions on pushing forward legislation and regulations that support our priorities. Congress will be in session fewer days this year than last year because of the pending November elections. Regardless, we will work to push access forward this year and believe we will see some of our key priorities over the finish line.

Our priorities for this year are as follows:

- Protect Access to VA's Specialized Health Care Services
- Expand Access to VA Long-Term Services and Supports
- Improve VA Benefits and Health Care Services for Paralyzed Veterans and their Survivors
- Protect the Civil Rights of People with Disabilities
- Improve Access to Social Security Benefits
- Increase Employment Prospects for Veterans with Disabilities

For more details on each of the priorities, please [click here](#).

## CONGRESS PASSES CR TO FUND GOVERNMENT THROUGH MARCH

This week, Congress approved another two-tiered, continuing resolution (CR) that keeps the federal government running into early March. The first-tier funds the departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Energy, Veterans Affairs, and Agriculture through March 1. The second-tier funds all remaining government agencies through March 8. It cleared both chambers in a bipartisan manner.

## CONGRESS MAKING PROGRESS ON A VETERANS PACKAGE

Congress is making progress on an omnibus package for veterans that was intended to be an end of year package. Leaders of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees and their staff have been working for months on a baseline package which is currently in its first draft.

The final version of the bill is likely to differ from the draft due to cost and other barriers. The full details of the current package are unknown but we understand it will include several different pieces of legislation that cover an array of issue areas that are important to PVA members. Areas likely to be addressed include improving access to VA provided home and community-

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based services and additional supports for caregivers, as well as provisions around education, and other benefits.

PVA is actively working with other veterans organizations and the committees to keep the package moving forward. As more progress is made on these efforts, we will keep you informed.

### **DOJ PUBLISHES PROPOSED ADA REGULATION TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO MDE**

On January 12, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to update the regulations for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to improve access to medical diagnostic equipment (MDE) for people with disabilities. MDE includes weight scales, exam tables and chairs, x-ray machines, and mammography equipment. PVA has been urging DOJ to move forward with the proposed rule for a number of years.

The proposed regulation would adopt technical standards that clarify how public entities that use MDE, such as hospitals and health care clinics operated by state or local governments, can meet their existing obligations under the ADA. For a high-level summary of the NPRM and information on how to submit comments, [read the fact sheet](#). PVA will be submitting comments and will work with other disability community stakeholders to evaluate the proposal.

### **DOT EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR RFI ON TRANSIT FACILITY ACCESS, COVERING VERTICAL ACCESS**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) for comments on whether to change the accessibility requirements for transportation facilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The DOT is specifically looking at changing requirements for vertical access, like elevators and long ramps between platforms; communications, such as in how people who are deaf and/or blind can receive information about upcoming trains; and

wayfinding, considering how people can use technology to navigate transit stations. Questions on vertical access seek comment on unreliable and frequently out of order elevators, potential requirement for facilities to have two elevators, and using ramps for accessible paths of travel. DOT will also accept comments on any other standards that govern rails stations, bus stops, and transfer stations, such as parking lots, fare vending machines, and accessible paths of travel. Comments can be submitted [online](#). The deadline was extended until February 20.

### **IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY STUDENT LOAN DISCHARGE**

The U.S. Department of Education has been making improvements to the Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge of people with student loans and they want to get the word out to all eligible veterans. Several steps in the forgiveness process have now been streamlined to increase engagement.

There are three ways student loans can be discharged by the Department of Education due to TPD: through the VA, the Social Security Administration, or by a medical professional. For more information on eligibility for TPD forgiveness, you can review the criteria [here](#).

The Department of Education and VA have systems that communicate with one another so veterans rated 100 percent service connected should have seen an automatic discharge of their loans already. If you are rated at 100 percent and have not seen your federal student loans forgiven, or if you are a veteran that has seen your loans discharged, please reach out to Julie Howell, PVA's Associate Legislative Director, at [JulieH@PVA.org](mailto:JulieH@PVA.org).

### **NEWS OF NOTE**

#### **PVA Joins SVA National Convention**

During the first week of January, PVA was invited to participate in the National Convention (NatCon) for Student Veterans of America (SVA), the largest veteran

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service organization focused on student veterans, in Nashville, TN. PVA participated in several panel discussions including an education session on various veterans service organizations and their missions, as well as a policy think tank discussion where students were given the chance to think of creative solutions to issues they face. The event was a great opportunity to get the word out about PVA and the services we offer the veteran community.

#### **CFPB Wins Settlement for Some Veterans**

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) recently sent \$6 million to veterans who were harmed by illegal lending practices. In a press release, CFPB noted that five companies “misled veterans and other consumers into selling their pension and disability payments, which is illegal under federal law.” You can read the press release [here](#). As a reminder, as fraud increases around veterans and service members, always research the financial companies you work with. You can use the CFPB website as a resource.

#### **IRS Piloting Service for Free E-Filing**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is piloting in 13 states the opportunity to use their free e-file system. This system is intended to make sure that taxpayers are taking advantage of the tax credits, including the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#), and deductions available to them and receiving the fullest tax refund possible. More information, including which states are participating in the pilot, can be found [here](#).

### **WEBINARS, ACTION ALERTS, & HEARINGS**

#### **Advocacy Webinar on Adaptive Housing Now Available**

On December 14, we hosted a webinar, “Adaptive Housing: Various Resources for an Adaptive Home and an Independent Life,” focusing in on the many resources available to disabled veterans across the country. Julie Howell, Associate Legislative Director, was joined by PVA’s Architecture Department, the VA, and Habitat for Humanity to talk about resources and programs around

adaptive housing.

A recording of the webinar can be viewed [here](#) and the slides can be [viewed](#) on PVA’s webinar page.

#### **PVAction Force: Support HISA Improvements**

Did you know that VA’s Home and Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) grant rates have not changed since Congress last adjusted them in 2010? Meanwhile, due to inflation the cost of home modifications and labor has risen nearly 50 percent during the same timeframe. This is the only VA housing modification program available to veterans with non-service-connected disabilities. [Reach out to your members of Congress](#) and let them know they must pass the **Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act (H.R. 2818/S. 3290)**, which would raise the HISA rates to appropriate levels and tie them to a formula that raises rates annually.

#### **Upcoming Veterans’ Committee Activities**

Please visit the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Veterans’ Affairs Committee webpages for information on upcoming hearings and markups.



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*Disabled applications must be mailed to:*



**U.S. Department of  
Veterans Affairs**  
3800 Village Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68516-4737





Paralyzed Veterans of America

Great Plains Chapter

# HOST A CLOTHING DONATION BIN!

## ABOUT US

*Great Plains PVA is a non-profit organization that offers programs and services designed to improve the quality of life for paralyzed veterans and other individuals with disabilities.*

## WHY CHOOSE US

Proceeds from these donations directly support the programs and services Great Plains PVA offers to veterans including assistance with benefits, advocating for health care needs and greater accessibility, and opportunities in adaptive sports & recreation.



## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



### HOW

Hosting a bin at your business visibly reflects your support of Paralyzed Veterans of America!



### DETAILS

Our clothing donation bins are serviced regularly, are well-maintained, and each carry their own insurance.



### CONTACT

If you are interested in hosting a bin, please contact:  
Randi Young at 402-706-5320  
randi@thrifworld.com

## GET IN TOUCH



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