

## OUR MISSION.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter strives to improve the quality of life of honorably discharged veterans who have spinal cord injury, dysfunction or illness including but not limited to multiple sclerosis and ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) through advocacy, medical research, sports and recreation, education and communication.

PVA will use that expertise to be the leading force for:

- Quality health care for our members
- Research and education addressing spinal cord injury and dysfunction
- Benefits available as a result of our members' military service
- Civil rights and other advocacy opportunities which maximize the independence of our members

To enable PVA to continue to honor this commitment, we must recruit and retain members who have the experience, energy, dedication, and passion necessary to manage the organization and ensure adequate resources to sustain the programs essential for PVA to achieve its mission.

*Thank you for  
supporting our mission!*

If you are interested in becoming involved or need information about membership, please contact us.

## WHO WE ARE.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter (BPVA) is one of 34 chapters of the Washington D.C. based Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). As a Congressionally chartered veterans service organization **not an agency of the federal government**, the BPVA has been assisting veterans with spinal cord injuries or disease, including Multiple Sclerosis and ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) in Ohio since 1972.

BPVA services include:

- Veterans Benefits
- Wheelchair Sports & Recreation
- Spinal Cord Injury Research
- 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

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## RESEARCH & EDUCATION.

BPVA supports the development and treatment of those with spinal cord injuries/dysfunction. Ultimately, BPVA's Research and Education program is dedicated to supporting a cure for spinal cord dysfunction (SCD) and spinal cord injury (SCI) and to enhance the quality of life for those with SCD and SCI until a cure is found.

Additionally, BPVA's community outreach program educates individuals about spinal cord injuries and helps to fund several scholarships for Ohio students who are working to obtain degrees in nursing, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. Nationally and at the chapter level, PVA is one of the top supporters of spinal cord research.

## BPVA IN THE COMMUNITY.



BPVA has become a major voice in the veterans community as it helps to meet the needs of millions of Americans with disabilities (veterans and non-veterans). BPVA is committed to assisting and supporting all individuals with disabilities through the following avenues: research, education, sports, advocacy, legislation, and veterans benefits.

## SPORTS & RECREATION.

BPVA has always recognized wheelchair sports as a powerful tool for rehabilitation and social interaction for our members and others with disabilities. We offer both indoor and outdoor activities throughout Ohio. Participants vary in age, ability, and experience.



Some of BPVA's individual and group sports opportunities include:

Wheelchair Basketball  
Billiards  
Bowling  
Hand-cycling  
Hunting  
Fishing  
Kayaking

State and National Competitions

## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

With your donations, BPVA can continue to improve the quality of life to our veterans by providing:

- Quality health care
- Continued medical research
- Help with medical bills
- Transportation to appointments
- Acquiring wheelchairs
- Participation in sporting events
- Providing shelter to family members
- Help with utility costs
- Ability to accomplish everyday tasks

And so much more.

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS.

BPVA continues to monitor state and national issues that affect its members and people with disabilities in Ohio. Members are informed on current issues so they can respond to their legislators. BPVA works closely with elected officials on a variety of veterans and disability issues.



Please remember those who have served our country and are now disabled by spinal cord injury or disease by making a donation through our website at:  
[www.buckeyepva.org](http://www.buckeyepva.org)

Or by mail to:  
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