The Annual Buckeye PVA Golf Outing

The Buckeye PVA Annual Golf Outing is set to be held on Monday, August 29th at Mallard Creek Golf Club in Columbia Station, Ohio!

Early bird registration for teams of four or individual players ends on Friday, June 17th and all registrations must be submitted by August 1st! This year’s golf outing will be catered by Tony K’s and will feature cash prizes and even a hole-in-one car! If you’d like to register your team for this year’s outing, contact the office at (216) 731-1017. Hole Sponsorships are still available. Let’s go have a day on the green!
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Welcome the warm weather finally; I thought it would never get here. Hope you have some time to get out and enjoy the warmth and sunshine, I know I plan on soaking up some rays.

The chapter has been quite busy since last newsletter. Ellen Schwartz has left her position as Executive Director. She had been with us for two years and during that time she has helped lead the chapter forward in amazing ways. We wish her the very best in her new endeavor. I have a feeling we will see her from time to time. The chapter has hired a new Executive Director, Jennifer McCarty. She comes to us with an impressive resume and has worked for the United Way for a number of years. At this writing she has only been with us a week but seems to be grasping our organizations programs and mission. I’m sure she will do a great job the more she learns about us.

During the 76th PVA Annual Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, our chapter received three awards. The first was the Bob Webb Outstanding Newsletter Award. Thanks to Maddi Snyder for all of her hard work on our chapter newsletter. The second award was the Sports and Recreation Award. Our chapter has won this award a number of times for our great sports program. Lastly, we were awarded the John M Price Most Outstanding Chapter Award. Thank you to our board of directors, staff and members for all their hard work that made these awards possible. Way to go team!!!

There are a number of events and fundraisers that you can get involved in this summer. The Virtual Buckeye Wheelchair Games were another huge success. I’d like to thank all the people who volunteered their time to make this another successful year. Next year we hope to hold the games in person back at Spire Institute. Stay tuned for updates. On June 25 and 26 the 2022 Buckeye PVA Wheelchair Billiards Tournament will be held in Columbus Ohio. I’m sorry to say that registration is over at this time, but look forward to participating next year or better yet come out and cheer this year’s participants on.

The 11th Annual Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter Golf Outing will be Monday, August 29th, 2022. This fundraiser will be held at Mallard Creek Golf Club, in Columbia Station, Ohio. We are looking for members to volunteer at this event by sitting at the golf range and thanking the participants for supporting us. If you’re interested please contact Maddi at the chapter office so we can have a count on who will be there.

Colonial and Buckeye Chapters are teaming up this year to have serving PVA 2022 caregiver retreat. The dates are September 30th thru October 2nd, 2022 this event will be held at The Grand Hotel, 2100 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland. Registration is open to all members and their caregivers until August 1st, 2022. Information is on the chapter website and in this newsletter. This should be a fun event.

This year is an election year for the chapter. All 9 positions of the board are open to be filled. If you think this might be something you’re interested in and want to run for election you must submit a brief 300 words or less bio to the chapter. Timeline and all other information are in this newsletter. If you have any questions please contact the office.

As always, if you have any suggestions on how we can make a chapter better please contact me the office or email carlh@buckeyepva.org

Sincerely,

Carl Harris
BPVA President
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A Note from Madalynne Snyder

Hey there, Buckeye PVA Members!

As many of you have heard, Ellen has decided to step down from her role as Executive Director to pursue a fantastic opportunity that will benefit her and her growing family well. I’ve had the chance to watch her grow as Executive Director over the last year and a half, and I can say I’m so grateful for the opportunity to learn under her guidance...Ellen, thank you so much for all you’ve done for, not only the Chapter, but me as well. You will always be family here! We love you and wish you the absolute best.

For all you Buckeye Members, don’t you fret! I will still be around to help continue the many programs that the Board, Ellen, and I have built over the years, with some new guidance from our incoming Executive Director, Jennifer! I know she’ll fit in well here in the Buckeye PVA family. I also want to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Maria Bynum, who is fitting in so nicely here over the last few weeks! As for myself, I have been newly promoted to the position of Assistant Executive Director! I feel lucky to have 2 great women in this office to work with and share the passion of what we do here at Buckeye PVA!

In between all the hustle and bustle, I had the opportunity to travel to the PVA National Convention in Atlanta, GA to accept 3 National PVA Awards on the Buckeye Chapter’s behalf, along with Chapter VP, Doug Beckley. I am humbled and honored to have received the Outstanding Newsletter Award and would like to thank Ellen and the Board of Directors for setting me up for success with the Buckeye Banner.

As always, please don’t hesitate to reach out should you need anything. We are always here for you!

Sincerely,

Madalynne Snyder
Assistant Executive Director
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Meet Jennifer McCarty!

Hello everyone!

I am so excited to join the team here at BPVA. I truly appreciate the work of this organization and the positive impact it makes in the lives of its members. Thank you to everyone who has been so welcoming.

I have been working in nonprofit for more than 12 years and am thrilled to continue my career with the role of Executive Director at BPVA. I am looking forward to our upcoming events; the billiards tournament, golf outing, and the Caregivers Retreat taking place this fall in Ocean City, Maryland. It will be great to meet members and see everyone have fun!

Thank you again for the warm welcome. I will strive to propel BPVA’s mission for our Ohio members.

Best,

Jennifer McCarty
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BPVA Program for Vehicle Hand Controls

Since October 1, 2020, the Buckeye PVA has offered members in good standing of at least 90 days funding for assistance with the cost of hand controls and other adaptive driving controls in their personal automobile.

Chapter funding may be provided through application by any full voting BPVA member after all other funding is exhausted (i.e. VA). Member will be required to provide a written estimate and proof of any and all other funding.

For the Chapter to pay for installation of driving controls, there must be an understanding between the member and BPVA. The BPVA’s role is to only provide charitable funding. BPVA member must agree in writing that BPVA is only a funding source and carries no liability or obligation of any kind except for payment to the vendor for the controls. The vendor must be a NMEDA certified dealer.

At the time of application, and prior to BPVA making payment to the vendor pursuant to invoice, the member must provide the following:

1. Certificate of Insurance
2. Certification of driving evaluation on a case by case basis (done by the V.A.)
3. Current driver’s license front and back
4. Invoice from the vendor

Payment limits after all other sources have been applied is: up to $2,500 for para adaptation; up to $5,000 for quad adaptation. Payment will be made directly to the vendor.

If a member wants the Chapter to pay up to $2,500 to install the controls with self pay handling the rest, that is permissible. However, all funds would have to be paid to the dealer before the Chapter would provide funding.

This grant is available every 5 years.

Give us a call at (216) 731-1017, send us an email at info@buckeyepva.org, or head to our website at buckeyepva.org to

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In Ohio, this service is only available in the Greater Cincinnati/Dayton area, but is expanding to different locations. Stay tuned for an area near you!

To donate, call (314) 416-1300 or visit the website for more information: www.pva.org/ways-to-give/give/give-clothing.
A Note from Ellen Schwartz

Buckeye PVA Family,

I am writing you this note as I say “see you soon” to the Chapter. I will be moving on to another opportunity that fits my growing family’s needs.

I have never had a goodbye as hard as this one. In the two years I have spent with the organization, I have fallen in love with the mission and every member I have gotten to know. I have found family amongst the board and staff and lifelong connections in the community through Buckeye PVA’s donors, supporters, and volunteers. I will still be around at events, so please don’t be strangers!

In the meantime, Jennifer McCarty will be taking over as the new Executive Director. I have complete confidence in her abilities to lead with integrity and passion for the organization. You can reach her and send her a “welcome” email at jenniferm@buckeyepva.org. She will be joining Maddi Snyder in her role as Assistant Executive Director and Maria Bynum, our new Administrative Assistant, as they continue to work on growing and expanding the Chapter, all while serving Ohio’s paralyzed veterans.

Enjoy your summer, and please know how grateful I am to have crossed paths with you! Thank you for making this job more than a job for me – I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best,

Ellen S. Schwartz

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Deli Days: Coming to a Location Near You!

Deli Days took to Dayton this past week as the Buckeye Chapter enjoyed a Dayton Dragons Game on May 31st! The Dragons won in a great game with beautiful weather.

If you missed this one, don’t worry! Deli Days will be a series of dates through 2022-2023, where members and staff can meet to enjoy some delicious food and good conversation all over the Buckeye State.

The schedule for the next Deli Days outings are as follows:

1. Youngstown – July 2022
2. Cincinnati – September 2022
3. Toledo/Sandusky – November 2022
5. Mansfield – March 2023
6. Columbus – May 2023
7. Cleveland – July 2023

The next Deli Days event will be held in Youngstown, OH in July, 2022!

If you would like to attend the upcoming Deli Days outings, keep an eye out in your email or mailbox for more information on when we might be in your area! If you have questions about these events, please call the office at (216) 731-1017.

PVA’s 76th Annual National Convention

During the week of May 16—May 21, Paralyzed Veterans of America Chapters from all over the Country gathered together to participate in the 76th Annual PVA National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Held at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center, 33 Chapters convened to discuss changes in Chapter programs, finances, and review the previous year’s successes. The Buckeye Chapter was represented by Sr. National Vice President, Robert Thomas; Buckeye PVA National Director, Doug Beckley; and Buckeye PVA Assistant Executive Director, Madalynne Snyder. (top right photo)

On the first day of the Convention, Buckeye PVA had the honor of receiving not one, not two, but THREE National PVA awards: The Chapter Sports & Recreation Award, The Bob Webb Excellence in a Newsletter Award, and the coveted John M. Price Most Outstanding Chapter Award. These awards paid tribute to the hard work and dedication that the Buckeye Chapter has put in over the last year. We are PROUD to be such a thriving Chapter! Caregivers and spouses got to enjoy sight seeing in Atlanta, including the Coca-Cola Museum and the Georgia Aquarium! A great week was had by Paralyzed Veterans of America.
Mileage Reimbursement

Who is eligible to participate in the program?
Must be a BPVA Member in good standing for a minimum of 90 days to participate. The Committee has the option to make exceptions for extenuating circumstances.

What is the acceptable time period before the program becomes available for use?
The BPVA member must be hospitalized for a minimum of one week.

What is the acceptable distance for mileage reimbursement?
The mileage reimbursement will be given to visitors for travel to a VA hospital in the State of Ohio for the well-being of members who are hospitalized. Beginning and ending travel must be in the State of Ohio.

How much is the reimbursement?
Reimbursement will be at a rate of .20 per mile. Mileage will be determined via MapQuest based on the submission of the visitor of the beginning and ending address. Chapter will reimburse up to 2 trips per month with a $2,000 cap per year.

Reimbursement request containing the name of the member, name and address of the visitor, the date of visitation and the origin of the trip must be submitted by the 20th of the following month, with payment at the end of month. Request for reimbursement will only be valid for one calendar month following travel.

How will reimbursement be paid?
Reimbursements will be via check.

What locations are included in the program?
Reimbursement will be for Ohio VA hospitals only.

For more information contact the Chapter Office at 216-731-1017 or toll free at 800-248-2548.
The VA has several programs providing financial, medical, and other assistance to veterans such as disability compensation, veteran’s pension programs, free or low-cost medical care through VA hospitals and medical facilities, education programs, housing and home loan guarantees, job training, small businesses and business loans, and burials and memorials. However, the one which I find most often under used and misunderstood is Individual Total Disability Unemployability benefits (TDIU). It can be a challenge to explain in plain language exactly how TDIU works and when and how a veteran may be found eligible because of the different components of the benefit and how it takes employment into account.

TDIU benefits are for veterans that cannot keep or obtain gainful employment because of mental and physical impairments that are deemed service connected by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (marginal employment, such as odd jobs, is not considered substantial gainful employment for VA purposes). You must also meet the following minimum requirements under 38 CFR § 4.16:

- You must be a veteran
- You must have service-connected disabilities
- You must not have been dishonorably discharged
- You must have at least one service-connected disability rated at least at 60%, OR two or more service-connected disabilities at least one disability ratable at 40% or more with a combined rating of 70% or more.

When a veteran satisfies these two conditions, then he/she will be entitled to a 100% disability rating, even though he does not satisfy that 100% disability rating under the schedule.

If you feel you meet the above criteria and requirements, and wish to pursue a claim for TDIU, I will first suggest speaking with your appointed Veteran Service Officer for a thorough review of your individual case and situation. If your representative finds you do meet the above qualifications, he/she will then submit an initial application (VAF 21-526EZ) to the Veterans Administration along with VAF 21-8940 (Veterans Application for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability). Depending on the whether you already have qualifying disabilities or if the record already supports you are unemployable primarily because of your service-connected disabilities, VA may schedule you for a VA examination with a provider to determine if you are unemployable primarily because of your service-connected disabilities. If you recently left a job, VA would request information about your employment and the reasons you left your employment by sending your last employer VAF 21-4192 (Request for Employment Information in Connection with Claim for Disability Benefits). A final decision will be dependent on your service-connected disabilities and whether they meet the minimum criteria for entitlement to TDIU, the results of the VA exam (are you unemployed primarily because of your service-connected disabilities, and or the information returned to VA by your last employer, if there is/ was one.

As you can see, TDIU can be a complicated benefit to pursue, but beneficial and a life changing benefit to a person who is unemployable primarily because of their service-connected disabilities.

It is also important to remember that even if a person fails to meet the minimum criteria described above yet finds him/herself unemployable because of a service-connected benefit rated less than 60 percent or a combined 70 percent rate, the VA must still consider your claim under extra schedular criteria. This simply means It is the established policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all veterans who are unable to secure and follow a substantially gainful occupation by reason of service-connected disabilities shall be rated totally disabled. Therefore, rating boards should submit to the Director, Compensation Service, for extra-schedular consideration all cases of veterans who are unemployable by reason of service-connected disabilities, but who fail to meet the percentage standards set forth under 38 CFR § 4.16. The rating board will include a full statement as to the veteran’s service-connected disabilities, employment history, educational and vocational attainment and all other factors having a bearing on the issue.

Again, if you think this is a benefit you may be eligible for and would like to apply for the benefit, please contact your local Veteran Service Officer to schedule and in person or phone appointment to review and discuss your case.
New! Accessible Home Modification Grant

Over the past 50 years, Buckeye PVA has been dedicated to improving the quality of life of honorably discharged veterans who have spinal cord injury, dysfunction, or illness, in accordance with our mission statement. Because of this, the Chapter has numerous grants available to our members, from the Holiday Food Coupon Program to the Emergency Assistance Program, and much, much more.

The office of Buckeye PVA has received countless requests for assistance in funding home modifications related to accessibility over the years. A few examples of various requests we have received are funding for accessible windows, doors, flooring, etc. Basic needs to improve the accessibility of our veterans’ homes and, therefore, their quality of life. Because of this, we are excited to announce our newest program: The Accessible Home Modification Grant.

The Accessible Home Modification Grant will be available to all Buckeye PVA members. This program will fund up to $10,000.00 for non-service-connected members and $7,500.00 for service-connected members’ accessible home modification needs. Each member will have access to the total dollar amount of the grant to use over ten years. Once the ten years are up, the grant amount will reset, and members will have the full funding available again. Buckeye PVA will issue a maximum of $100,000.00 for this program per fiscal year. Members must have exhausted all alternative VA funding efforts to qualify for this grant.

This program was spurred by feedback that has been received in the Buckeye PVA office and was inspired by the Gateway Chapter of PVA. We have learned over the years just how important it is to be united as an organization in making a difference in the lives of our veterans. As it stands, it can cost $30,000 or more to make a home wheelchair accessible. This program is revolutionary for our members, as grants offered through the VA for accessible home modifications are limited for non-service-connected veterans and veterans residing in rentals. In addition, these VA grants have numerous stipulations and often leave room for additional assistance needed by all.

If you are a Buckeye PVA member and are interested in learning more or applying for this grant, please reach out to the Buckeye PVA office at (216) 731-1017.
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Spring/Summer Government Relations Report

Ohio State Legislation S. B. 259

Add Paralyzed Veterans of America rep to Veterans Advisory Committee. To amend section 5902.02 of the Revised Code to add a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America organization to the Veterans Advisory Committee.

This legislation has passed the Ohio Senate and now is in Committee in the Ohio House. You can track the bill at https://ohiohouse.gov/legislation/134/sb259

On the Washington Front

Check out the PVAction Force page to view our latest alerts and a list of key legislation and its status.

HVAC Holds Hearing on VA’s FY 2023 Budget Request

On April 28, PVA along with our Independent Budget (IB) partners, DAV (Disabled American Veterans), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and PVA testified in a House Veterans’ Affairs Committee (HVAC) hearing examining the VA’s budget request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. For nearly two and a half hours, VA Secretary Denis McDonough fielded questions from HVAC members on a wide variety of subjects ranging from funding for the department’s community care programs to the pending Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission.

During its portion of the hearing, the IB noted that while our recommendations and the Administration’s recommendations for FY 2023 are much closer than they have been in recent years, we continue to differ on the appropriate amount for VA health care. The IB testified about the need for additional projected medical program funding needs for VA totaling over $2.7 billion. Specifically, the cost to expand and improve services for women veterans, to implement the phase two expansion of the VA’s Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC), to address the Beaudette v. McDonough court ruling regarding the PCAFC, and the cost to fill at least 33 percent of the Veterans Health Administration’s vacant positions.

The IB also differed with the Administration in terms of funding for suicide prevention. The Administration plans to reduce spending in this area by $101 million which is largely driven by the completion of the requirements of the 2019 Executive Order 13861, the President’s Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS). The IB believes the move to reduce funding in this area is premature and could undermine the recent progress achieved in combating this complex problem.

Finally, to overcome VA’s infrastructure challenges, the IB stressed that Congress must not only provide significantly increased funding to address long-standing issues and enact comprehensive planning, budgeting, management, and oversight reforms to ensure effective use of those funds. We recommended that VA’s construction budget be at least three percent of the department’s budget to keep up with the department’s backlog of construction projects and even more if it intends for the department to get ahead on infrastructure.

VA Workforce Legislation Introduced in the Senate

On May 6, Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester (D-MT) and Senator John Boozman (R-AR) introduced bipartisan legislation to bolster the recruitment and retention of the VA’s workforce.

The VA Workforce Improvement, Support, and Expansion (WISE) Act of 2022 (S. 4156) would provide increased pay and benefits for VA’s workforce, expand opportunities in rural VA facilities, support training for current and future VA clinicians, and provide additional oversight of VA Human Resource operations and their use of hiring authorities. This legislation will also better prepare the VA to respond to current and future toxic exposure claims.
Specifically, the VA WISE Act of 2022 would:

- Allow increased pay for VA employees;
- Extend VA’s hiring, recruitment, and retention authorities, including extending temporary appointments and waiving pay limitations for employees performing mission critical work during the national health emergency;
- Direct VA to develop and implement a national VA Rural Recruitment and Hiring Plan, including best practices for recruiting health care professionals to rural VA facilities; and
- Create a Rural Health Quality and Access Fellowship program for graduate or post-graduate health care professionals to serve at a rural or highly rural VA facility.

PVA has endorsed this legislation in furtherance of our policy priority to protect access to VA’s specialized health care services.

**SVAC Examines VA Workforce Concerns**

On May 3, the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee (SVAC) held a hearing to examine VA’s workforce with particular emphasis on ways the department can improve its recruitment and retention of medical personnel. The VA has been plagued by staffing shortages for many years. The department’s reporting for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 shows the Veterans Health Administrations’ (VHA) open vacancies have risen to 56,674.

During the hearing, VA’s chief witness indicated that number has risen even further to 59,000. Issues like managing employee burnout, local pay surveys, improving the employee experience, scholarships, and student debt reduction were discussed as well as maximizing bonuses and retention incentives for certain employees. Jessica Bonjorni, VA’s Chief of Human Capital Management, said she would rate the shortages at the VHA at a seven out of ten, compared to a four or five before the pandemic. Also, while there are concerns about nurses, the biggest labor pressure is in positions such as housekeeping aides, health technicians, and foodservice workers. PVA has noted absences in many of these positions at VA’s SCI/D Centers during our annual site visits. The hearing, which was recorded, ended without reaching any conclusions on the best way to shore up VA’s workforce.

**Senate Introduces Legislation to Increase Access to Assisted Living Through VA**

On May 11, Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester (D-MT) and Ranking Member Jerry Moran (R-KS) have introduced legislation that will increase the access of veterans to assisted living services through VA. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) is an original cosponsor.

VA is currently restricted from paying room and board fees at assisted living facilities—a policy that precludes veterans from utilizing this long-term care option. The Expanding Veterans’ Options for Long Term Care Act (S. 4169) would create a pilot program for eligible veterans to receive assisted living care paid for by the VA. The pilot program would be conducted at six Veterans Integrated Services Networks (VISNs) nationwide, including at least two program sites located in rural or highly rural areas and two State Veterans Homes.

PVA is an endorser of this legislation because it would help veterans and the VA alike by giving greater access to assisted living and reducing costs for long-term care, allowing more veterans to receive needed assistance. Expanding access to VA long-term services and supports is a policy priority for 2022.

**House Veterans’ Subcommittee Examines VA Infrastructure**

On May 12, the House Veterans’ Affairs Health Subcommittee held a short hearing on improving VA infrastructure and operational efficiency but much of the discussion focused on VA’s recommendations for the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission. Witnesses provided testimony and answered questions on many subjects including VA’s current construction plans, private sector partnerships, and CHIP-IN authorities.

CHIP-IN, which is short for the Communities Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016, allows non-federal entities to donate existing facilities to the VA or build a donated facility on VA property. The pilot program is due to expire soon, and witnesses recommended
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Congress eliminate the CHIP-IN sunset date altogether. Concerns expressed about the AIR Commission include the fact that Commission members have not been confirmed yet, the extremely tight timeline that panel members would have to do their work once confirmed, and the accuracy of the information VA provided for the Commission to examine.

**Emotional Distress Damages Are Not Available Under Section 504 And The Affordable Care Act**

On April 28, in a 6-3 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that emotional distress damages are not recoverable under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In the case, *Cummings v. Premier Rehab Keller, P.L.L.C.*, an individual who is deaf and blind brought a lawsuit alleging that the defendant, a physical therapy provider, violated the laws by refusing to provide an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter at her sessions. The plaintiff argued that failing to provide an interpreter constituted discrimination on the basis of her disability under Section 504 and the ACA and sought emotional distress damages.

The district court initially dismissed the lawsuit, holding that emotional distress damages were not available under the laws. The Fifth Circuit affirmed. The Supreme Court upheld the lower courts’ rulings. The Court looked to contract law to determine what kinds of remedies were available. The majority concluded that since emotional distress damages are generally not available in breach of contract cases, they were not recoverable under Section 504 or the ACA. Based on the ruling, plaintiffs may only obtain injunctive relief, which requires a party to stop doing something, or monetary damages, like compensation for an injury. In the dissent, Justice Breyer foreshadowed the impacts of this case. He warned that the decision means that emotional distress damages will not be available when individuals suffer discrimination by doctors, teachers, or others.

In light of the decision in this case, we are concerned about the future impacts on people with disabilities in seeking to enforce their disability rights under these laws. PVA filed an amicus brief in support of Cummings in the Supreme Court.

**DOJ SETTLES WITH HOTEL, FINDING ADA ACCESSIBILITY VIOLATIONS**

On May 4, the Department of Justice (DOJ) entered a settlement agreement with the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Columbus, Ohio. The complainant’s spouse uses a wheelchair due to multiple sclerosis. The family called the hotel and the staff told them it had two accessible rooms with roll-in showers, which the family reserved. However, when the family arrived to the hotel, they discovered that neither room had a roll-in shower.

The couple was forced to find another hotel to accommodate her wheelchair.

After an investigation, the DOJ found that the hotel violated the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) since the advertised “accessible” rooms were not actually accessible. Furthermore, due to architectural barriers, certain aspects of the hotel did not meet ADA standards.

Under the agreement, the hotel must make a series of modifications for better access, including for individuals who use wheelchairs. The hotel must add a room with an accessible tub and remove architectural barriers by modifying its parking spaces, building entrances, public restrooms, front desk, drinking fountains, and interior routes. In addition, hotel personnel must undergo training to ensure all guests with disabilities receive equal service.

Separately, PVA is working on efforts to improve access to hotels by urging DOJ to move forward with regulations on bed height. We are also working to produce additional resources for PVA members and the hotel industry regarding best practices for serving wheelchair users.

**U.S. ACCESS BOARD HOSTS VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON LOW TRANSFER SURFACE HEIGHT FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT**

The U.S. Access Board held a virtual public information meeting on accessible medical diagnostic equipment (MDE) and the adjustability of transfer surfaces for patients who use wheelchairs.
The Board hopes to gather information on the minimum heights that MDE with transfer surfaces, including examination tables and chairs and diagnostic imaging medical equipment with tables, can be adjusted to accommodate the broadest range of users.

The Board published a set of MDE Accessibility Standards in January 2017. However, there was a lack of consensus on what the low height for transfer surfaces should be, and the Board specified a temporary range of 17 – 19 inches with a sunset provision to allow time for further study. An analysis of a database on wheelchair seat heights was commissioned to estimate the number of people with seat heights within this specified range. That study estimates that 4.5 percent of wheelchair users have a seat height of 17 inches or less, 21 percent have a seat height of 18 inches or less, and 42 percent have a seat height of 19 inches or less.

The Board is particularly interested in information about low transfer heights for adjustable MDE products that are currently on the market and any changes or innovations in their design and engineering that may have occurred since the Board issued its MDE standards. Additionally, the Board seeks information on the incremental costs for the design or redesign and manufacture of examination tables and chairs and diagnostic imaging medical equipment with tables that can provide a low transfer height of 17 inches.

Written comments may be submitted via email to mde@access-board.gov until May 27, 2022. PVA will be submitting comments on behalf of the organization.

**SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act**

On April 28, Ohio Senators Sherrod Brown (D) and Rob Portman (R) introduced S. 4102, the SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act, to make long overdue improvements in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program that offers federal benefits for low-income disabled, blind, and elderly persons. SSI was created in 1972 to provide very modest financial support for the poorest Americans and comes with strict limits on earnings and assets. SSI provides a maximum monthly benefit of $841 per individual or $1,261 for couples where both individuals are eligible for the program. However, some beneficiaries receive far less. The average monthly benefit for all recipients is currently $625.50.

The legislation would update the asset limits, which would enable beneficiaries to have more savings in case of an emergency without affecting their benefits. Under current law, individuals receiving SSI are limited to $2,000 in assets. For married couples, the limit is $3,000. S. 4102 would raise those caps to $10,000 and $20,000, respectively. This would also remove the SSI marriage penalty since the current asset limit is not double that for a single person. In addition, the bill would adjust these thresholds annually for inflation based on Consumer Price Index data, much like Social Security benefits.

Senator Brown put forth a more expansive SSI proposal earlier in the 117th Congress, the SSI Restoration Act. That measure would have lifted the program’s income restrictions and brought monthly benefits to 100 percent of the federal poverty level and indexed them to inflation. Under current law, beneficiaries can have up to $20 in unearned income per month, while their first $65 in earnings is exempt from the program’s rules. Beyond that threshold, SSI benefits are reduced by 50 cents for every dollar of income. Those thresholds have not been changed since 1972.

**News of Note**

**VA Launches New EHR System to Columbus, Ohio, Medical Facilities**

On April 30, the VA launched its new electronic health record (EHR) at the VA Central Ohio Healthcare System in Columbus, Ohio. The VA reported this is the third rollout of its EHR modernization efforts.

The launch at the VA Central Ohio Healthcare System includes its VA clinics in Grove City, Marion, Newark, and Zanesville, Ohio. The next two EHR system deployments are scheduled for June 11 at the Roseburg VA Health Care System in Roseburg, Oregon, and VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics in White City, Oregon.
Older Americans Month

May is Older Americans Month and is being recognized by the Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Community Living under the theme "Age My Way." To help celebrate this annual event, please visit the OAM website for materials, resources, and activity ideas.

Military Caregiver Month

Military Caregiver Month is observed in May to honor more than five million caregivers in the U.S. Resources for this occasion can be found at the Elizabeth Dole Foundation’s HiddenHeroes.org, where readers can learn more about their Respite Relief Fund.

The COVID-19 Pandemic and Caregiver Discrimination Under Federal Employment Laws

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has issued supplementary policy guidance on unlawful discrimination against persons with caregiving responsibilities during COVID-19. In addition to updating earlier EEOC policy guidance, there is a fact sheet as well as a best practices document for employers, all of which discuss caregiver discrimination in a broad range of circumstances beyond the pandemic.

WEBINARS AND HEARINGS

The ADA in Small Cities and Towns

The Great Lakes ADA Regional Center and the ADA Network Knowledge Translation Center will host a webinar, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in Small Cities and Towns, on May 17 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET.

Presenters will discuss how people with disabilities must have an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from a town’s services, programs, and activities. Presenters will also discuss the ADA requirements for town facilities, communications with the public, and policies and procedures governing town programs, services, and activities.

Registration is free and required by May 16.

Upcoming VA Committee Activities

Please visit the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee webpage and the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee webpage for information on upcoming hearings and markups.
2022 Buckeye PVA Chapter Elections

CHAPTER ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP!

Elections for the Board of Directors (BOD) of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter (Buckeye PVA) will be held this year. All nine positions are open for election. Any member in good standing may run for office, but you must be certified before appearing on the ballot. Certification is simple and mainly requires submitting your DD 214 to National PVA. Contact Carl Harris (carlh@buckeyepva.org) for assistance.

Nominations are being accepted by mail or email this year. If you are interested in helping the Chapter continue to improve our services to SCI/SCD veterans, please consider entering your name into the nomination by notifying the office and submitting a brief biography (300 words or less). We have members all over Ohio, and your bio will help them learn something about you before voting. Bios can be submitted to the Chapter Office at 2775 Bishop Road, Suite B, Willoughby Hills, OH 44092, or to Maddi Snyder at maddis@buckeyepva.org.

Being on the BOD at Buckeye PVA is a volunteer position. A board member may be reimbursed for adequately approved travel and expenses. There are generally 12 meetings per year, and all members are expected to attend each meeting. Some of these meetings may be attended by video or teleconference if you live outside the Cleveland area. As needs arise, you will also be asked to work on various committees and chapter functions. Access to an internet-enabled computer is required in that the board does much of its communication by email. A buckeyepva.org email account will be provided to each board member. Contact any current officer or member of the board if you have questions concerning board responsibilities.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **June 1, 2022** – Nominations Open to Membership.
  - **July 5, 2022** – Deadline for submitting nominations & biographies.
    - **July 11, 2022** – Ballots will be sent out.
    - **August 15, 2022** – Ballot return deadline.
  - **August 27, 2022** – Special General Membership Meeting to announce results.
  - **September 15, 2022** – BOD Meeting with old and new BOD members.
    - **October 1, 2022** — New Board takes over

*If you have any questions, please contact the Chapter office at 216-731-1017.*
RESEARCH STUDY:

Craig Caregiver Assessment of Rewards and Effort (C2ARE) Validation

The Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center is currently recruiting family members of Veterans with spinal cord injury as participants for a research study funded by the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation. The purpose of this study is to further understand issues faced by family members through the use of a questionnaire tool. We aim to better address family members needs overall, and in turn, improve the quality of life for individuals with SCI. Participants will answer a brief questionnaire that can be done in person or over the phone. Participants will be compensated $30 for their time.

If you are interested in hearing more about the study, please contact:
Emily Johnson at 216-262-2452
or Martin Kilbane at 216-280-3347
or email
Emily.Johnson17@va.gov
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Donating your car is easy, and your gift is tax-deductible

Vehicle donations to PVA are tax-deductible! Most vehicles are sold through local used-car markets. Our vehicle donation program works to get the highest return per vehicle and handles all the paperwork, too! Whether your vehicle sells for $500 or less, more than $500, or more than $5000, you will be provided with the proper donation tax receipt(s).

Call 877-900-VETS or donate online at pva.careasy.org
Emergency Assistance Program

Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter has available an Emergency Assistance Program.

This program helps members of the Buckeye Chapter who may find themselves in financial distress causing possible eviction from their homes, disconnection of utilities or the inability to pay for food.

Members must be in good standing for a minimum of 90 days prior to qualifying for consideration. Application for help is limited to twice yearly or up to a maximum of $500 per year. This is a confidential process. Payments must be made directly to the vendor. Please contact the Chapter office for more details. (800) 248-2548 or (216) 731-1017.

VA Emergency Care

In most instances, Veterans are eligible to receive VA authorized emergency care at an in-work facility if the VA is notified of the emergency event within 72 hrs. Veterans do not need to check with the VA before going to an emergency department in the community or calling an ambulance and, during an emergency, veterans are encouraged to seek medical attention without delay.

To simplify and streamline this emergency care notification process, VA established a national emergency care contact center. This center allows community providers to report instances of a Veteran presenting to a community emergency department and offers simplified access to VA for care coordination, eligibility determination, and payment authorization information.

The person notifying the VA should be prepared to supply case-specific information, as seen below.

For more information please visit: https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10143g_Non-VA_Hospital_Emergency_Notification_Fill.pdf

For information about care coordination, documentation submission, eligibility, claims and payments visit: https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/info_EmergencyCare.asp

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Exciting New VA Insurance Programs

By Aaron Stevens, Senior Benefits Advocate

VA Insurance Service has two major program announcements based on Veteran advocacy and legislation (Public Law 116-315).

First, is the Service-Disabled Veterans (S-DVI) program, including Supplemental S-DVI, will close to new enrollment after Dec. 31, 2022. Second, beginning on Jan. 1, 2023, a new program, Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALI), will begin. Veterans who are within two years of receiving a disability rating for a new condition should consider applying for S-DVI and must apply before Dec. 31, 2022. Disabled Veterans that meet certain criteria may be eligible for a waiver of premiums for S-DVI coverage. The new VALI program does not offer a waiver of premiums.

For service-disabled Veterans who may have missed the deadlines or not met the health requirements for S-DVI, it is important to inform you that VALI is open for enrollment on Jan. 1, 2023. VALI offers guaranteed acceptance whole life coverage up to $40,000 to all service-connected Veterans age 80 and under with no time limit to apply and no medical underwriting. Some Veterans over age 80 may also be eligible. The program has an initial two-year waiting period, which replaces medical underwriting, before the face value of the policy takes effect. The VALI premium rates are based on age and the amount of coverage elected. If the policyholder’s death occurs before the face value of the policy takes effect, all premiums paid plus interest are paid to the beneficiary.

Any Veteran currently enrolled in the S-DVI program should know that they can remain in the S-DVI program if they want to. If an S-DVI insured Veteran wants to apply for VALI, then they can apply between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2025, and keep both S-DVI and VALI during the initial two-year enrollment period. After Dec. 31, 2025, those insured may not be covered by both programs at the same time and must drop S-DVI if they want to apply for VALI and start the two-year initial period.

The mission of the Insurance Service is to provide our Nation’s Veterans, service members, and military families insurance products and services. They provide financial security to those who served. It’s all about peace of mind. This new program will make life insurance coverage available to more than 5 million service-connected Veterans. Life insurance is foundational in family financial planning, as 63% of adults have coverage to protect their spouse, children, or other beneficiaries.

Here are S-DVI and VALI resources to share:
- Find out how to apply for S-DVI: https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/s-dvi/
- An online timeline of key dates and changes that impact the S-DVI program: https://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/docs/Important_VALI_Milestones.pdf
- An online fact sheet outlining VALI coverage up to $40,000, premium rates, and FAQs: https://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/docs/VALI_Information.pdf
- A link to register for email updates on VALI: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVALI/subscribe/new
- The VA.gov Life Insurance website: https://www.va.gov/life-insurance
- VA Life Insurance Call Center: 800-669-8477 (Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST)

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Sincerely,
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Member Birthdays

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Richard Ackerman
Jerry Bortner
Larry Bostic
Kimberly Byers
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Christopher Connelly
Jerry Corn
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Edward Dragon
James Ford
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SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 2, 2022

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RSVP by August 1, 2022
Registration Form

Please fill out the registration to the best of your ability. If you have questions, please reach out to your respective Chapter.

DATE OF REGISTRATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: 
Caregiver’s Name:
PVA Chapter:

Gender: 
Male
Female
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Address:
Address 2:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
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Email: 
Wheelchair Width:

T-shirt Size (please circle): S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL
Caregiver’s T-shirt Size (please circle): S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

Dietary Restrictions:

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Grand Hotel | 2100 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842

Do you need a hotel? 
Yes
No

Can you transfer? 
Yes
No

Do you need your bathroom door removed? 
Yes
No

Do you need your bed lowered? 
Yes
No

EVENT SELECTION

please select the events that you and your caregiver would like to attend

MEMBERS

Bocce Tournament, Saturday, October 1

Yes
No

Boardwalk Scavenger Hunt, Saturday, October 1

Yes
No

CAREGIVERS

Nancy’s House Caregiver Event

Yes
No

*Note: Chapters of members outside of the Buckeye or Colonial Chapters will be responsible for 50% of the expenses ($750.00) involved with this event. Hotel rooms will only be reserved upon receiving approval from applicant’s Chapter that they will reimburse Colonial/Buckeye for retreat-related expenses.
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