



THE PARASCOPE

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

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James E. Riemer

U. S. Navy, 1973-75. Served aboard the guided missile cruiser
USS Dale (CG-19).

Butler Co. Community College: Associate Degree in accounting
Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America: Member, 1994-2021.

Hospital liaison, volunteering over 15,000 hours

Treasurer, 2001-2006

Vice President, 2006-2013

President, 2013-2018

Immediate Past President, 2018-2021

Earned medals at Nat'l Veterans Wheelchair Games, 1998-2017

Jim Riemer, 1952-2021

James E. Riemer of Butler Township, Butler County, Pa., passed away on 12 October 2021 at age 69.

Jim was a long time president, treasurer, and national director of the Keystone Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, who provided leadership for the organization in the many positions he held.

He became active in the Keystone chapter in the late 1990s, attracted by the chapter's support for sports activities. He very soon became involved with the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which were being held in Pittsburgh in 1998. He participated in the Games almost every year from that time until he suffered a stroke in early 2018.

He became the treasurer of the Keystone chapter at a time when its financial structure was being rebuilt. Though he was elevated to vice president in 2006 and later elected president of the chapter, he was always a steady partner in the chapter's financial matters. Jim earned an associate degree in accounting from Butler County Community College, and also put his accounting skills to work volunteering in the fiscal department at the Butler VA Healthcare System and annually at the Big Butler Fair.

Jim served four terms as the chapter's National Director on the board of directors of the national Paralyzed Veterans of America. In that post, he was also called upon to serve on various national PVA committees.

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Next Membership Meeting will be by *videoconference* on Saturday, 11 December 2021. See back page

Paralyzed Veterans of America, Keystone Chapter

President

Mark O. Rosensteel

Vice President

Bill Lightner

Secretary

Dane R. Smith

Treasurer

William D. Jakovac

Directors

Sean M. Ferry

Chris Fidler

David B. Gifford

Tom Strang

Advocacy Director

To be named

Fundraising Coordinator

Bill Jakovac

Hospital Liaison Coordinator

Chris Fidler

Legislative Director

Chris Fidler

Membership Officer

Tom Strang

Outreach Coordinator

To be named

Service Officer

To be named

Sports Director

Dane R. Smith

Volunteer Coordinator

Agnes Strang

National Director

William D. Jakovac

Executive Director

Joseph W. Dornbrock

National Service Officers

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Annual Banquet: video and lots of gift cards

For the second year, Keystone Paralyzed Veterans held its Annual Awards Banquet by video links to avoid complications that could arise from exposure to the COVID-19 coronavirus. Approximately 50 members and friends connected via a Zoom video call on 07 October 2021.

Five awards were made at the event:

The Sports and Recreation Award was given to two members, John Kellner and David Gifford, who maintained continuous recreational activity habits even through the worst of the pandemic.

Sally A. Ebert, the spinal cord injury coordinator at the Erie VA Medical Center, was recognized for long, committed service in the spinal cord injury clinic and in other posts over 30 years there.

President Mark Rosensteel was given the Volunteer of the Year Award for the dedicated time and effort he put in to keep the chapter organized and operating through the pandemic, as well as his ongoing diligence in addressing the many duties of chapter leadership.

Executive Director Joe Dornbrock received the President's Award for his work in operating the chapter with little or no staff during the depths of the pandemic.

The door prizes were mostly gift cards, and about 36 were given away, ranging from \$25 to \$100 each. The one exception was a framed needlepoint design, made and donated by Bill Jakovac. And every member who was on the call had a choice of a \$50 restaurant gift card or reimbursement up to \$50 for a restaurant of the member's choice; over 40 cards were sent out or reimbursements made.

President Mark emceed the event; Vice President Bill Lightner chaired the organizing committee. Chris Fidler presented the POW/MIA table.

Chapter office re-staffs, hires two, partially reopens

Anticipating the ability to resume many "normal" operations in the coming months, Keystone PVA has hired two people to work in the chapter office.

Marisa Markowitz was hired, full time, to support membership administration and chapter projects.

Nancy Campbell was hired for two days a week to handle the chapter's accounting and provide financial support.

Executive Director Joe Dornbrock said that the relatively roomy offices provide a lot of "social" distance, and he and the new employees have had the first two vaccination jabs.

"We still have some time to go before we can declare ourselves fully open," he said. "And it looks like 'fully vaccinated' means getting a third vaccination shot, so we encourage our members to get theirs at their usual VA medical centers, and we in the office will get ours. Then we'll look at next steps toward reopening.

"But I sure am glad to have the help in the office now."

Jim Riemer, Past President and National Director, R.I.P.

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Jim served as the chapter hospital liaison and the VA voluntary service representative at the Butler VA Healthcare System. Every post Jim held was important to him. He kept track of bowling scores, organized the annual Kennywood Picnic and the Annual Awards Banquet, and coordinated preparations for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

“Jim’s leadership sprung from his integrity and reliability, as well as the respect he earned from handling the chapter’s money matters frugally,” said Executive Director Joe Dornbrock, who met Jim when he went to work for the chapter in 2005. “As his official titles evolved over the years, there was no doubt that the solid center of the chapter revolved around Jim’s understated manner and his personal diligence. And as he leaves us, we are better than ever suited to meet our challenges.”

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(At left) **Jim** received an immaculate reception of his medal at the 2011 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburgh from **Franco Harris**. (Above) **Jim** presented the chapter’s financial support for spinal cord and adaptive technology research to PVA President **Bill Lawson** in 2011.

Jim presided over events such as the Annual Awards Banquet (right) in 2016 and at a chapter Board of Directors meeting (below) in 2013.



Sports & Recreation Dane Smith, Sports Director

Hunting and Fishing Events Tom Strang, Associate Sports Director

Hunts at the WCJ Ranch for deer and turkey for disabled hunters are available in Crawford County area 1B, northwest Pennsylvania, at the WCJ Ranch, 20397 North Richmond Road, Cambridge Springs, Pa. 16403-6834. The ranch features wheelchair stands. Please call Shawn Schmitz in advance for an appointment, 814-720-3500.

Hunting with the Wounded Warriors of Western Pennsylvania (WWWPa). Deer hunting for disabled hunters in Washington County (Pa.) Area 2B is sponsored by the WWWPa. Scott Gregory, president of WWWPa, invites disabled veterans to hunt deer, turkey, pheasant, and coyote. The WWWPa also sponsors an early antlerless deer hunt in October. For more information go to wpawoundedwarrior.org. (Editor's note: WWWPa is not affiliated with the Wounded Warriors Project.)

Fishing with Healing Waters – Attend rod building and fly tying classes, and participate in fishing outings. For information contact Amanda Thompson, 412-877-7864.

Bow and Crossbow Big Game Hunts for disabled hunters Join the Physically Challenged Bowhunters of America, Inc; many sponsored hunts are listed in its newsletter. To join, go online at www.pcba-inc.org.

Wyoming Disabled Hunters offers elk and deer hunts near Cody, Wyoming To apply, call 304-899-0790 or go to www.wyomingdisabledhunters.org.

For fishing and hunting in Pennsylvania, a valid Pennsylvania hunting or fishing license is required. Life members should keep their hunting or fishing license and/or hunting licenses receipts so Keystone PVA can reimburse them.



Board member and Legislative Director **Chris Fidler** found the time to bag a buck this autumn: “I took a 6 point buck at 6:10 pm on Tuesday October 12th with a Darton crossbow. My first buck in archery season! Thanks to my son Carl for dragging it and hanging it up for processing.” Chris is a resident of Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He also is usually among the top scorers in archery competitions such as at the annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Members who hunt and/or fish: Photos of you and your catch are welcome in digital format with a complete description: who what, why, where, when and how. Sorry, we won't accept low-quality photos or referrals to other web sites or services. Send us an e-mail with a good, attached photo.

You should be bowling (yeah)

The new bowling year will start soon. If you have nearby bowling lanes and you can get there, you can bowl! The chapter's bowlers all go to nearby bowling emporiums, roll up to three games a week, and send their receipts to the chapter monthly to get reimbursed. Call Bill Jakovac, 412-916-9261, or Mark Rosensteel, 724-875-1086, to learn more about getting started.

2020-21 season Keystone PVA bowling scores

*Reported as of September 2021.
Bowling year: 01 Oct – 30 Sep*

| | High Game | High Series | High Average | Strikes | Games | Average |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Sean Ferry | 186 | 511 | 159 | 21 | 12 | 144 |
| Bill Jakovac | 150 | 396 | 132 | 9 | 6 | 124 |
| John Kellner | 189 | 492 | 164 | 136 | 107 | 127 |
| Mark Rosensteel | 191 | 477 | 159 | 9 | 6 | 153 |

CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP FORM

2022 National Veterans Wheelchair Games Tempe, Arizona 07 - 12 July 2022

(This is page 1 of the sponsorship form. There are two pages.)

The only purpose of this two-page form is to request financial support for transportation to and from the site of the Games and for lodging there.



To apply to participate in the Games, each athlete must download the National Veterans Wheelchair Games application, which will be available after 01 January 2022 from www.wheelchairgames.org/registration. The athlete is responsible for completing the application and following its instructions.

The deadline for National PVA to receive your application is expected to be on or around 15 April 2022.

All members, life and associate, planning to attend the 2022 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tempe, Arizona and who want the chapter to pay for transportation and lodging must submit **both pages of this chapter sponsorship form** to Keystone PVA, 1113 Main Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215.

ALL SPONSORSHIP FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 31 DECEMBER 2021. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Due to the inability of our members to earn Health and Recreation Points during the pandemic, these “points” will not be required for sponsorship eligibility in 2022.
- *Circumstances, including holding the NVWG, may change with little notice. See box at the bottom of the page.*
- Keystone PVA funding is limited, so the amount of chapter funding for each participant will depend on the total number of applicants and limits set on costs by the Board of Directors.
- Applicants for sponsorship will be notified of the decision of the Board of approval or denial after its January 2022 meeting. Travel and lodging arrangements will be made with each athlete by Keystone PVA following approval.

NAME: _____ DATE of BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL _____

ATTENDANT'S NAME (if needed) _____ DATE of BIRTH: _____

Please check here if you want us to make reservations for your hotel room.

Please read the statements on the second page of this form. Only ONE of the statements will apply to you (“Life Member” or “Associate Member.”) Print your name on the line immediately below the section that applies to you, and sign and date on next lines. Your signature at the end of the appropriate statement constitutes your agreement.

Leading to the Games each year, the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs has conducted monthly informational “Coaches Calls” that are open to coaches AND wheelchair athletes. Anticipating that these “calls” will be held in 2022, Keystone PVA will endeavor to notify and remind wheelchair athletes associated with this chapter of these calls. Keystone PVA STRONGLY RECOMMENDS that athletes participate in these hour-long calls, which may be audio or audio/video and which will provide the opportunity to have questions asked and answered. Learn about the Games directly by participating in the Coaches Calls.

CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP FORM

(This is page 2 of the sponsorship form for the 2022 NVWG. There are two pages.)

Associate Member

I, _____ certify that I am an "Associate Member" in good standing of the Keystone Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (a.k.a. Keystone PVA) who expects to meet all conditions set by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs and of Keystone PVA to participate in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (a.k.a. NVWG) in Tempe, Arizona, 07 through 12 July 2022.

I understand that because I am not paralyzed per the definitions accepted by the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc. (a.k.a. PVA), the Keystone PVA will not pay for my participation in the NVWG, and that I am obliged to repay Keystone PVA for any expenses for transportation or lodging that it makes on my behalf (for the purpose of obtaining any available discounted costs). I will make full repayment within six months of the conclusion of the NVWG.

Name (please print): _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Life (full voting) Member

I, _____ certify that I am a "Life Member" in good standing of the Keystone Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (a.k.a. Keystone PVA) who expects to meet all conditions set by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs and of Keystone PVA to participate in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (a.k.a. NVWG) in Tempe, Arizona, 07 through 12 July 2022.

I understand that in participating in the NVWG, Keystone PVA will pay for lodging and transportation as follows: **LODGING:** no more than seven nights of single-room lodging per Life Member. Lodging expenses are limited to the room rental rate, directly associated taxes and fees, and any portage fee that may be imposed by the hotel. **TRANSPORTATION:** Chapter will reimburse each Life Member at a per-mile rate *to be determined by the Board of Directors* for direct, round-trip ground transportation from the Life Member's home to the airport from which the member is departing to attend the Games; parking at the airport capped at the reduced rate offered for adapted vehicles; and will pay for up to two round-trip air fares at the most economic available rates from the airport providing appropriate service nearest the member's home to Sky Harbor International Airport, Phoenix, Arizona. Member is responsible for arranging for transportation from Sky Harbor airport to lodging in Tempe, Arizona.

Keystone PVA is under no obligation to pay for any other expenses unless specifically permitted in advance of the NVWG by the Board of Directors. Should I become unable to participate in the NVWG because of circumstances demonstrably beyond my control (e.g., illness), I agree to notify Keystone PVA as soon as I know. Should I not notify Keystone PVA in a timely manner and Keystone PVA incurs expenses on my behalf, I will repay Keystone PVA for those expenses except when those circumstances arise within 48 hours of the start of the Games.

Name (please print): _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Patrick Gantz
Lisa Litzenberger
Constance Snavelly
- 03 Billy Henry
W. Michael Johnson
- 06 William N. Wall
- 07 Roger W. Baker
William Lightner
- 09 Joseph Jarvis
James Zeik
- 10 Karen Switzer
- 11 Marc McCoy
- 12 Steven Price
- 13 Thomas Caulfield
James D. Evans
- 14 Thomas Parke
- 15 Henry W. Hillen Jr.
- 16 David Amaditz
James Dray
Sue Sarocky
- 17 Frederick P. Abercrombie
Kimberly Feathers
John Meinert
- 19 Barbara Ebright
Lawrence Wheeler
- 20 Mark Babuschak
- 22 Roberta Houston
- 25 James King
- 27 Joseph Pagan
- 28 Thomas MacDonald
- 29 Thomas Szmed



JANUARY

- 04 Keith W. Gilcrist Sr.
Terrisa Hohn
- 05 John Fisher
- 07 William Driscoll
John Lightner
James Moore
- 08 Christopher Fidler Sr.
Timothy Smiley
- 09 Edward Fink
Daryl Lee
- 13 Raymond Lookhart
- 14 Edith Bernstein

- 17 Don Bartholomew
Joseph Kostich
Jennifer Strang
- 18 Patrick Nicklow
- 19 Dan McDonough
- 20 Dennis L. Fernandes
Dennis Wilcox
- 21 Tom W. Strang
- 23 Richard Breneman
Daniel J. Dougherty
- 24 Stephen F. Zimmerman
- 28 John P. Feltovich
- 29 Shirley Wheaton
- 30 Matthew Fritz

FEBRUARY

- 02 Laurence Q. Pates
- 07 Marvin Vought
- 08 Frank Lowe
Rexford Nichols
Lawrence Smith
- 09 Mary Amaditz
- 10 Linda Berty
- 11 Kenneth S. Anderson
Michael Sims
Richard Townsend
- 14 Jon M. Schnaars
- 16 Kurt Feathers
- 18 William J. Anderson, Jr.
- 20 Thomas A. Strang
William W. Wheaton
- 22 Joseph G. Jenkins
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ADVERTISING in THE PARASCOPE

The Parascope is published bi-monthly. Deadline for submission of advertising is usually the 15th day of the month prior to the cover date, but because this issue has gone out later than usual, advertising for the issue for November-December will be due by 15 July. REGULAR MEMBERS of Keystone PVA qualify for up to a quarter-page advertisement free of charge.

Members' ads larger than a quarter-page will be half the price of the regular page.

DISPLAY ADVERTISING RATES:

| SIZE OF AD | One issue | Three issues | Six issues |
|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| 1/8 page | \$ 20.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 90.00 |
| 1/4 page | \$ 40.00 | \$100.00 | \$180.00 |
| 1/2 page | \$ 80.00 | \$200.00 | \$360.00 |
| Full page | \$160.00 | \$400.00 | \$720.00 |

Keystone Chapter Health and Recreation Points System

To be eligible for chapter sponsorship to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and other recreational programs, a member may earn points by participating in these activities. Sponsorship by the chapter requires 12 points per EACH event.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Attendance at a Keystone PVA membership meeting | 3 points |
| <i>NOTE: Earning these points required a member to attend a Membership Meeting "in person" at one of the meeting sites designated. Attending by phone did not count until attendance by teleconference phone became necessary due to restrictions forced by the COVID-19 pandemic. So until further notice, and though opportunities to use the points are also limited by the pandemic, calling in from home or other non-designated meeting location will earn three points per meeting for a member.</i> | |
| Attendance at a Keystone PVA membership activity, e.g., Easter Bag distribution, Fish for Fun, Kennywood Picnic, Annual Awards Banquet | 2 points |
| Return SCI Survey following Annual SCI Appointment | 2 points |
| Volunteer at a V.A. Hospital (4 hours or more) | 2 points |
| Volunteer for Keystone PVA (4 hours or more) | 2 points |
| Work out at V.A. or Rehab center with coach or therapist | 1 point |
| Participate in a Keystone PVA sponsored sports or recreational activity, e.g., bowling, fishing, hunting, trapshoot, etc. | 1 point |
| Sign up a regular voting member | 2 points |
| Represent Keystone PVA at community functions, e.g., Sharing and Caring, Soldiers & Sailors, United Cerebral Palsy, Veteran Support Groups | 2 points |
| Ride, walk or roll in a Veterans Day Parade | 3 points |

- Members are required to attend at least one Membership Meeting prior to attending a sponsored event.
- To receive credit for mileage, volunteer time & points, member MUST forward a Time Sheet—Volunteer Program Report (formerly titled the “Keystone PVA Volunteer Expense Voucher”) and an After Action Report to the chapter office by the close of business on the 7th day of the following month. If the office is closed on the 7th, expense vouchers are due by the close of business the next working day.
- All volunteers at the VA Medical Centers must complete volunteer training and receive a volunteer ID card. The volunteer hours MUST be in the name of PVA. Volunteer is responsible for forwarding the monthly VA Volunteer by Organization Report (VS26) to the chapter office by the end of the following month to receive travel expenses.

More comprehensive information on chapter programs is in the chapter’s Operations Manual Section 8. A copy was sent to each member some time ago; parts of it have been updated, so if you need a copy, please call the office.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Lifetime membership is **free** and there are **no dues required** for qualified **veterans** who apply to the Chapter for membership.

Our newsletter no longer includes a membership application, but online application can be made at the national PVA web site, **pva.org**. For help, call the office, 412-781-2474 or 800-775-9323.

Life membership in the PVA is available to any U.S. citizen who served on **active duty** in the Armed Forces of the United States and who sustained **spinal cord dysfunction** because of traumatic injury or disease. Separation from military service must have been under other than dishonorable conditions.

The Life Member receives all benefits according to the Bylaws of the Chapter of record and has equal voting rights with the other members. The Life Member is also entitled to attend Chapter meetings, hold office at the Chapter and National levels and receive PN Magazine, chapter publications and bulletins from the National Office. In order to hold office, however, the Life Member must receive certification from PVA’s National Secretary.

Membership Report Tom Strang, Membership Officer

We welcome these new members:

George A. Shumac, Ashville, Pa., veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps
Ronald S. Nemcik Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps

and we mourn the passing of members

Larry S. Glenn, Erie, Pa., veteran of the U. S. Navy, a 25-year member, on 25 August 2021
James E. Riemer, Butler, Pa., veteran of the U. S. Navy, a 27-year member, on 12 October 2021

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS as of 30 September 2021

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Service connected | 126 |
| Non-service connected | <u>108</u> |
| TOTAL | 234 |
| Annual Associate Members | 8 |
| Lifetime Associate Members | <u>64</u> |
| TOTAL | 72 |

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

for members in or around Pennsylvania:

Western Pennsylvania: Until further notice, contact
Charles Tocci, Syracuse, 315-425-4400
Eastern Pennsylvania: **Joseph Weeks**, Philadelphia,
800-795-3628
Western New York: **Rachael Schneider**, Buffalo,
800-795-3619
New Jersey: Newark, 800-795-3617

UNDELIVERABLES

Does anyone know the whereabouts of these members? They may be dropped from the PVA membership roster if we can't find them. Please contact the Keystone PVA office if you are able to help.

John H. Conrad, William Ferguson, William H. Johnson, Donald G. King, Michael A. Offen, and James D. Simmons

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

- ☛ All receipts submitted for reimbursement must be dated within the Chapter's current fiscal year, 01 October–30 September.
 - ☛ The Chapter has an annual picnic at Kennywood Amusement Park and an Annual Awards Banquet.
 - ☛ Keystone PVA will reimburse voting members for their annual resident hunting license, with a limit of one (1) Antlerless Deer License annually. Member must send a copy of all licenses and a receipt to obtain reimbursement. The cost of a resident fishing license will be reimbursed. Members may also be reimbursed for their membership dues for sports club memberships.
 - ☛ **Social Activity Reimbursement:** Keystone PVA will reimburse voting members* up to \$100.00 one time during a fiscal year for the expenses of attending a social activity of these types:
 - Dinner at a sit-down restaurant • Movie theater, live theater, concert, or sporting performance • Museum, zoo, amusement park or cultural/historic attraction.
- Member must send request for reimbursement, with receipts, within 30 days of the event to the chapter office including a short description of the outing. If convenient, send a photo of the event, with a complete description, by e-mail to the office for its use in promotion of the chapter's programs.
- *This benefit is intended for the use of life members who do not and will not participate in any other sponsored or reimbursed sports and recreation activities paid for by the chapter except for the Kennywood Park Picnic and Annual Awards Banquet. Should a member use this benefit and then claim reimbursement for another activity paid for by the chapter other than the picnic or dinner, the chapter may request repayment of the Social Activity Reimbursement.*
- ☛ The Chapter currently has a weekly bowling league available to members as a recreational activity and to practice for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG). Scores are in the newsletter and awards will be presented at the Chapter annual banquet. The Chapter may also reimburse members for other activities offered at the NVWG such as trapshooting and archery.
 - ☛ Reimbursement for hunting, trapshooting and fishing programs that Keystone PVA supports or sponsors.
 - ☛ Members that accumulate 12 points or more by attending membership meetings, attending Chapter functions, volunteering at VA medical centers, etc., qualify to participate in the Keystone PVA Sports and Recreation Program.
 - ☛ All program expenses must be approved by the Keystone PVA Board of Directors.

This Red Box is near Kittanning, Pa.



Thanks to K & C Firearms and Supply on Business Route 422 just east of Kittanning in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, for hosting this donation box. Donate at this or the other red boxes, or call 412-469-9663 for pickup, especially if you have a lot to donate.

This second-hand goods donation program is based, organized and operated only in Pennsylvania, and benefits only the programs of the Keystone Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The American Thrift Center and owner/operator Jim Zeik have been partners in supporting the Keystone Paralyzed Veterans since the 1990s. With donation boxes all over southwestern Pennsylvania and with a pickup service, you can get additional life and usefulness from your gently-used household goods. Thank you for donating!

Jim Riemer passes after long service to paralyzed and other fellow veterans

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Jim's meticulous nature was surely influenced by his time in the U.S. Navy, where he was a supply petty officer aboard the guided missile cruiser *USS Dale*. He often mentioned that his "battle station" was in the supply office, not a hotbed of activity when general quarters was sounded. His leadership of the Keystone PVA was also calm, but determined.

Jim was preceded in death by his father Melvin, mother Elsie Mae, and brother. He is survived by sister Sue Hartzell and son Bradley.

Editor's note: Jim was a standout among the many members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America who impress and inspire. It took a stroke, added to decades of quadriplegia, to take him out of active participation in most (but not all) chapter activity. Besides his work for his fellow veterans, he took care of many of his parents concerns in their later years. I can think of few people who deserve release from earthly burdens more than Jim.

—Joe Dornbrock

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VA MEDICAL CENTERS

VAVS representatives serve veterans at these VA medical centers:

James E. Van Zandt VAMC

2907 Pleasant Valley Boulevard

Altoona, PA 16602-4377

877-626-2500

Bill Lightner—VAVS Representative

Kurt Feathers—Deputy Rep.

Abie Abraham VA Healthcare System

353 N. Duffy Road

Butler, PA 16001

800-362-8262

John Kellner—VAVS Reps

Erie VAMC

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Erie, PA 16504-1559

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John Larese—VAVS Representative

Rex Nichols—Deputy Rep.

Lebanon VAMC

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800-409-8771

Chris Fidler—VAVS Representative

Ken Walters—Deputy Rep.

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For both campuses:

Tom Strang—VAVS Representative



The next Keystone PVA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

will be on **Saturday, 11 DECEMBER 2021**
via Zoom videoconference.

Please connect just before 12:45 p.m.,
when the meeting will be called to order.

No primary meeting site!

President Mark Rosensteel will preside.

No advance registration needed.

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to improve the quality of life of paralyzed veterans by

- Encouraging and supporting spinal cord injury and disease research;
- Improving access to health care and other veterans' benefits;
- Assisting in the expansion of opportunities in wheelchair sports and recreation; and
- Advocating for the rights of disabled people, including the reduction and elimination of barriers to accessibility and mobility.

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