



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Keystone Chapter

THE PARASCOPE

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Second Bass Tournament set for September

Did the Big Bass escape your hook in June?

Keystone PVA President Mark Rosensteel, Associate Sports Director Tom Strang, and Greene County Bassmasters President Larry Freeman invite you to our first-ever second Team Bass Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, 10 September. As with the first tournament in June, it will be at the American Legion Post 980 marina

on the Monongahela River in West Brownsville, Pa. Everything will be the same except the date! The Keystone PVA office will mail out registration forms in a couple of weeks to everyone who has recently participated, but call the office if you want to be sure to get yours.

And remember that you don't have to fish—you can join us for the weigh-in and the picnic at 1 p.m.

2022 Nat'l Veterans Wheelchair Games in Arizona: Hot, hot, hot!



Here are the "survivors" of the extreme heat at the 2022 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tempe, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix (left to right) Hutch, John Kellner, Agnes Strang, Tom Strang, Brooke Schmolly, Sean Ferry, Lynnette Ferry, And Austin Walters. Chapter President Mark Rosensteel traveled to Tempe and began competition, but fell ill and was hospitalized at the Phoenix VA Medical Center for awhile. As of this writing, he has mostly recovered and is back home in western Pennsylvania.

Next Membership Meeting scheduled for Saturday, 08 October. Details on back page

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App 'Mobility Molly' earns creator Eagle Scout rank

by Hope Carmona, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

My name is Hope Carmona. I just completed my Eagle Scout Project called "Mobility Molly". Thanks to the amazing support of the Keystone Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America I was able to achieve my goal of becoming an Eagle Scout.

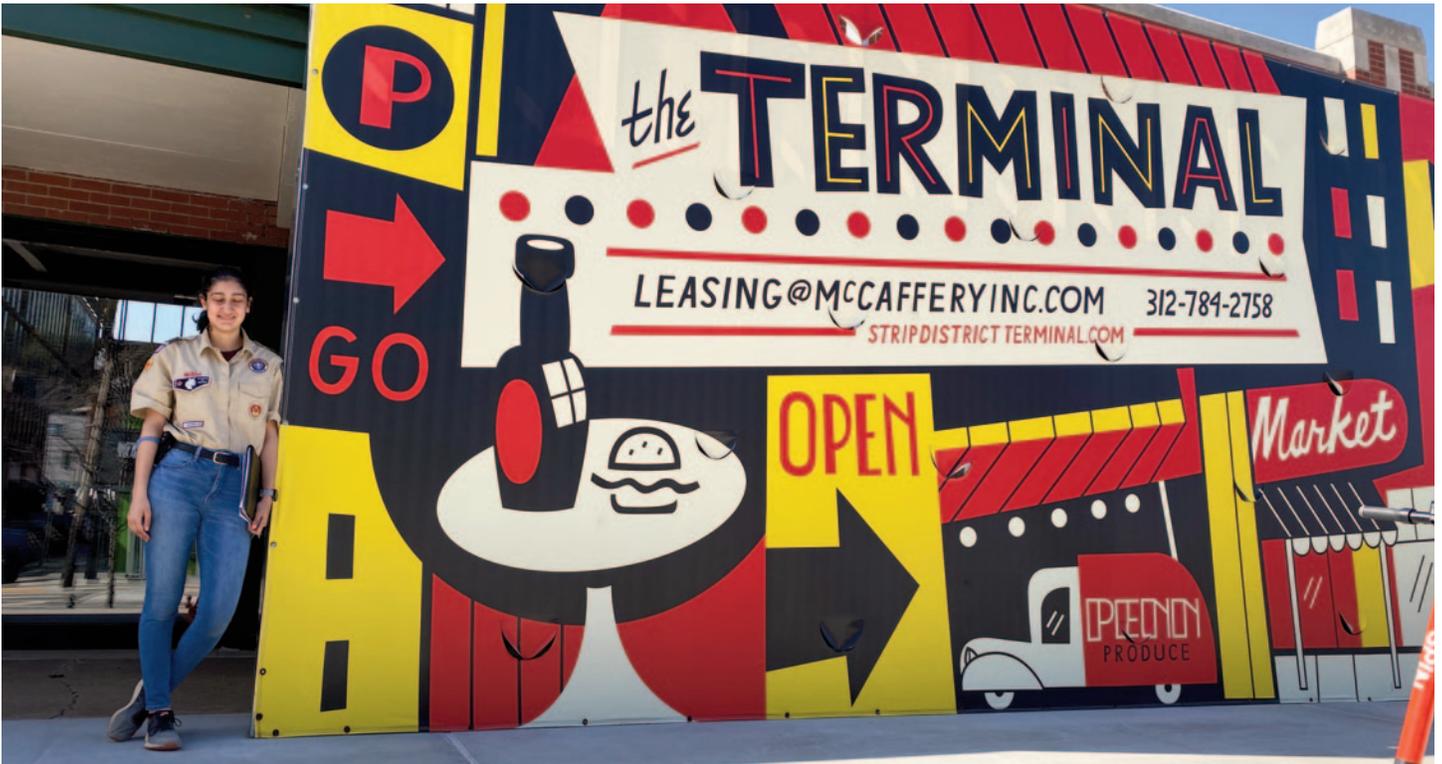
"Mobility Molly" is an on-going project. The focus of this project is to create an awareness in our community of all of the local businesses that have been successful in welcoming those with a mobility issue. During my project I surveyed local businesses in the borough of Canonsburg and city of Washington, both in Washington County; at the Waterfront in Homestead and West Homestead; and businesses in some parts of Pittsburgh, including in the Strip District, at Bakery Square, and at the Terminal.

I did not work alone, I had some help from friends, family, and other scouts. My survey was developed with the help of many people with various accessibility or mobility concerns. We took our survey to businesses and we looked for accessibility in ramps, spacing, lighting, parking, and restrooms. I took all this information and started my social media campaign. You can find "Mobility Molly" on Facebook (@MobilityMolly), Twitter(@MobilityMolly), and Instagram (@MobilityMolly412). On these sites I have posted positive reviews for those businesses that have made accommodations for accessibility. I have also started giving some restaurants sensitivity kits that include hearing protection and sunglasses, small first aid kits, and some fidget toys to accommodate those sensitivities, all to help people to enjoy a good night out.

I have learned so much from doing this project. I am much more sensitive to the concerns a person with mobility or access issues have for going out. I want to make sure that everyone can enjoy the area they live in and experience everything it has to offer. This not only benefits those who have mobility and access concerns, it also benefits those small businesses that are in your communities.

I am going to continue posting businesses that I come across. I would also like to hear from you on any businesses that you may want to showcase or recommend. You can send your recommendations to mobilitymolly@gmail.com and look for your business on Facebook (@MobilityMolly), Twitter(@MobilityMolly), and Instagram (@MobilityMolly412).

Editor's note: Hope is the daughter of Beth and Carlos Carmona of Canonsburg. Beth worked for Keystone PVA 2014 to 2020, and now works for the Human Engineering Research Laboratories. Carlos works for the American Red Cross, responding to emergencies locally and sometimes outside the Pittsburgh region. Keystone Paralyzed Veterans thanks Hope for her hard work on Mobility Molly and congratulates her on the outstanding accomplishment of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout!

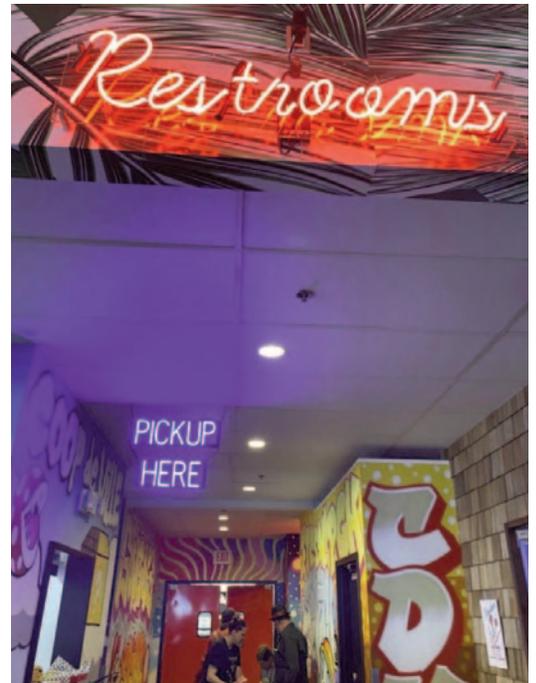
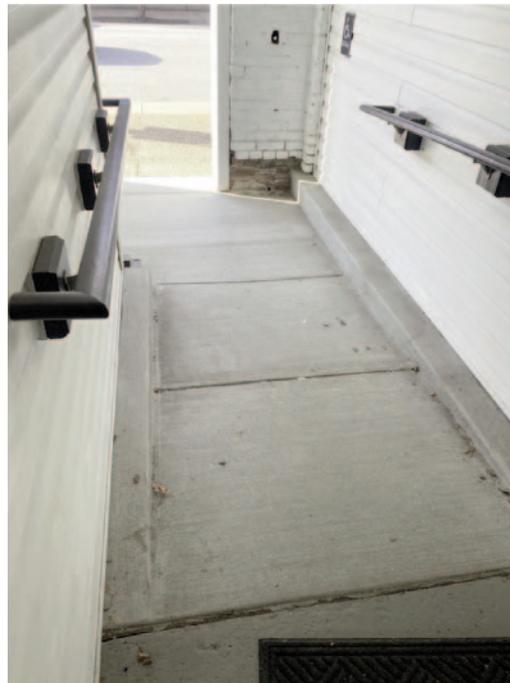


Top photo: Mobility Molly creator and Eagle Scout Hope Carmona outside The Terminal getting ready to start surveys on the accessible local businesses.

Photo left: Hope stands next to a parking space reserved for vehicles whose drivers or passengers have disabilities.

Photo below middle: This ramp in the Strip District at Steel City Axes and Bold Escape Rooms is an example of what Mobility Molly creator Hope Carmona was looking for in her surveys.

Photo below right: Restrooms were one of the many things that the Mobility Molly surveys checked on when they viewed local businesses. This accessible restroom can be found in the Strip District at restaurant COOP de Ville.



Fishing and hunting reports are by Tom Strang, Associate Sports Director. The bowling results are from Bill Jakovac. Dane and Mark Rosensteel coordinate the chapter's participation in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

It was a great day for the Spring Bass Tournament



Catch of the day (photos, clockwise from upper left): Boat captain **Chad Script** with PVA tournament organizer **Tom Strang**, fourth place, 7.28 lbs.; **Jim Moore** and boat captain **Philip Richardson**, third place, 8.21 lbs.; **Rob Morris** and boat captain **Sam Crawford**, second place, 9.83 lbs.; Keystone PVA President **Mark Rosensteel** and boat captain **Bill Kronander**, first place, 10.67 lbs.

Also taking places in the Spring Bass Tournament on 12 June were John Kellner and boat captain Steve Shawley, fifth place, 5.28 lbs.; Frank Steck and boat captain John Suhan, sixth place, 3.89 lbs.; and David Gifford and boat captain Pete Evanovich, seventh place, 2.70 lbs. Bill Kronander pulled in the Big Bass, 4.41 lbs., and Sam Crawford got the second-biggest bass, 3.45 lbs. Keystone Paralyzed Veterans gives big thanks to the American Legion Post 940, which hosts the tournaments at its marina at its post in West Brownsville, Pa.; to Tom Landish, whose fund at the Pittsburgh Foundation funds much of the event's costs; Greene County Bassmasters President Larry Freeman, who co-organizes the event with Keystone PVA Associate Sports Director Tom Strang; and Agnes Strang, who arranges the picnic and other features of the event. **Go to page 9 for information on the Summer Bass Tournament**—same place, same schedule, and hopefully, even more fish!



2021-22 season Keystone PVA bowling scores

*Reported as of June 2022.
Bowling year: 01 Oct-30 Sep*

	High Game	High Series	High Average	Strikes	Games	Average
Sean Ferry	199	512	158	78	45	153
Bill Jakovac	170	470	156	39	27	119
John M. Kellner	174	426	160	323	276	129
Mark Rosensteel	198	585	166	31	18	162



Want To Improve Your Bowel Function?



Recently published research reveals between 50 and 80% of participants reported improvements in bowel function and/or management after walking in an exoskeleton*

Did you know Paralyzed US Veterans May be Eligible for a ReWalk Personal Exoskeleton?

**Contact ReWalk for more Information:
rewalk.com/contact or
508.251.1154 option 2**

*Chun A, et al. Changes in bowel function following exoskeletal-assisted walking in persons with spinal cord injury: an observational pilot study. Spinal Cord. 2020;58(4):459-466.

Members reach out to the public, tell the Paralyzed Veterans' story

A dedicated team of Keystone PVA volunteers reaches out to the public to explain what PVA does and how it positively affects so many other veterans and non-veterans alike.

In August, Keystone PVA members (all in blue shirts, left to right) **Earl Stufflebeam, Rex Nichols, John Schultz, and John Larese** give some information about the chapter to visitors at their display table at the annual Veteran Resource Fair sponsored by Congressman Mike Kelly and organized by Crawford County Veterans Service Officer Anthony Digiacommo at the Downtown Mall in Meadville, Pa.

Chapter members who wish to represent the chapter at outreach events can contact the office.



Chapter office has publications you might be able to use

They aren't doing any good sitting on our shelves. But our members might find them useful.

We have several booklets on topics that affect persons with various levels of spinal cord dysfunction. If you are a member and would like one, two or three of these titles, call the office and we will mail them to you.

- ◆ Autonomic dysreflexia
- ◆ Bladder management following spinal cord injury
- ◆ Depression
- ◆ Expected outcomes from these spinal cord injury locations (all separate booklets): C1-C3; C4; C5; C6; C7-C8; T1-T9; T10-L1; and L2-S5.
- ◆ Neurogenic bowel
- ◆ Preservation of upper limb function

- ◆ Pressure ulcers
- ◆ Sexuality and reproductive health in adults

We also have manuals for these conditions that are written for clinicians and other practitioners, and we will be pleased to send those out to them.

Brian Jacob, owner of WESTARM Physical Therapy and Home Health, makes his debut as an author with his memoir *Is Life Fair: Tragedy to Triumph* published by Passages & Prose, LLC.

Brian shares his remarkable story of Triumph over Tragedy. In this book, Brian calls on stories from his life as a teenager, lessons he's learned, and his life experiences to help readers understand that life may not seem fair at times, but making the best of it can be very rewarding.

"A poignant reminder of the strength of the human spirit when put to test."
— J.D. Wyde, Author, *When Trouble Comes Calling*

Scan QR code on your phone camera.

Is Life Fair: Tragedy to Triumph now available on Amazon, Kindle, and other online merchants. Also available in many local bookstores.

President Mark travels to Erie for Membership Meeting

President **Mark Rosensteel** traveled to the Erie VA Medical Center to meet with members there and conduct the June Membership Meeting from the hospital's outdoor pavilion. Members around Pennsylvania "tuned in" to the meeting via Zoom, but the outdoor environment swamped the sound and picture somewhat.



Lesson learned! Surrounding Mark in the photo are (clockwise from left) **Joe Wilkinson, Rex Nichols, Joe Dornbrock, John Larese, and Sean Ferry**. Lynnette Ferry took the photo, and she and Sean provided an excellent picnic lunch for the attendees.

Thanks to Sean and Lynnette, and to the Erie VAMC for allowing the chapter to meet there.

Pa. Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs holding Town Hall meetings

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) has been holding a series of Town Hall meetings for veterans in 2022. Below is the schedule for the remaining three Town Halls.

When you visit DMVA's website, Twitter or Facebook pages two weeks prior to each Town Hall, you can obtain the WebEx link for each meeting. The website address is dmva.pa.gov.

All Town Hall meetings are held on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m.:

14 September—**Transportation Issues Facing Veterans**

02 November—**Honoring Veterans for Their Service and Sacrifice**

There is a lot of information on the dmva.pa.gov website. You may wish to bookmark it for easy reference.

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President's Report Mark Rosensteel

I'm always interested in hearing from members, but as we begin planning for the chapter's programs in fiscal year 2023 (which starts on 01 October 2022), now would be a particularly good time. What kind of programs do **you** want to be involved with? If you have an idea please let me know. You can contact me directly, call the office, or come to the bi-monthly Membership Meeting with what you are thinking. We would like to see more of our members participate in whatever event we have going.

We all know that the pandemic really fouled up everything for the past two years and hopefully the worst is over. Even though none of us are getting any younger, it is no time to stop living. As president of your chapter, I would like to see some new programs and activities that would benefit members so they can get out and even programs for those who cannot.

We have 33 chapters across the United States, and each one of them is operated a little differently. One of the things that this chapter continues is our bowling program, which reimburses a member and one attendant for bowling three games a week. After you bowl all you need to do is turn in your scores and receipts to the office once a month and you will be reimbursed for that sports activity. Also your name will be posted in the newsletter where we have a friendly competition.

Sometimes--many times!--just getting started is the hard part. I would be happy to help you get "over

Membership assistant moves on; chapter seeks new detail-oriented employee

After one year on the job, Marisa Markowitz is moving back to New England. Her fiancé, a physician, has accepted a new job in Connecticut.

"Marisa is very pleasant and completed her work promptly and cheerfully," said Executive Director Joe Dornbrock. "Many thanks to her for her service to our veterans, and I wish her and



President **Mark Rosensteel** (right) with Board Member **Sean Ferry** at the 2022 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tempe, Arizona in July.

the hump" and begin to bowl, or shoot, or do some of the other things that I enjoy and keep me active.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark the very best."

The job of membership assistant, which also includes providing support to many volunteer members of the chapter, is open for a diligent, detail-oriented worker. A complete job description and wage range is available by calling the chapter office and asking for Joe, who will also answer questions to anyone interested.

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PHOTO SUBMISSIONS WELCOME.

Must be sent or delivered in electronic format. Must include caption information and the name and affiliation (if any) of the person who took the photo. Delivery to Keystone PVA gives it the right to use as it deems fit. Due to issues of quality and quantity, we cannot guarantee all submissions can be used.

Summer 2022 Team Bass Tournament



Team tournaments with one able-bodied boat captain and one disabled angler

Sponsored by
the Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America,
the Greene County Bassmasters, and
the Tom Landish Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation

**Late summer:
SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Location:

The marina at the American Legion Post 940, 800 Middle Street, West Brownsville PA 15417

Schedule:

Disabled angler check-in: 5:30 to 6 a.m.

Cast-off: 7 p.m.

Weigh-in: 1 p.m.

Picnic after the weigh-in

Entry fee, boat captain: \$20.00

Entry fee, disabled angler: \$30.00

Checks will be returned to boat captains and anglers present for those present when awards are presented at the picnic.

To request an application, with rules and limitations, call the Keystone chapter office, 412-781-2474 or 800-775-9323

Prizes per team for total catch:

1st place	\$500.00
2nd place	\$250.00
3rd place	\$200.00
4th place	\$150.00
5th place	\$100.00
6th place	\$ 50.00
7th place	\$ 50.00
8th place	\$ 50.00

Prize for the Big Bass: \$100.00

Prize for the 2nd biggest bass: \$50.00
(one angler cannot have both biggest bass)

Tournament director: Larry Freeman, President, Greene County BassMasters, **724-678-6860**
Tom Strang, Associate Sports Director, Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America, **724-350-7957**

Non-fishing members are welcome to drop in anytime during the tournament!

Consider especially coming in for the picnic after the weigh-in. The event is all outdoors and the picnic is in an open-air pavilion.

Events for disabled hunters Tom Strang, Associate Sports Director

Antlerless Deer Hunt for disabled hunters in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, Pa., 20 - 22 October 2022: This hunt is for shotguns or muzzle loaders only. Food and prizes included. Contact Ian McNeill, 412-221-8700, extension 222.

Dan Fout Memorial Archery Deer Hunt for disabled vet-

erans in Circleville, Ohio, which is just south of Columbus. Dates are 28 and 29 October and 12 November. The organizers plan to provide hunters with equipment, transportation to hunting areas, hunting blinds, meals, shooting competitions and awards. For information and applications contact Bill Frost at 740-412-2869.

Keystone PVA Events and Meetings for the rest of calendar year 2022

Some dates are subject to change. Some events, such as Membership Meetings, are held on properties other than the chapter offices and may be relocated with little notice. Members should contact the chapter office, 412-781-2474 or 800-775-9323, to confirm dates and locations.

Membership Meetings

All Saturdays, and all will be available to members via Zoom videoconferencing. The Zoom link will go “live” at 12:30 p.m., and the meetings will start at 12:45 p.m., and will usually conclude by 2 p.m. Meeting in person later in the year will depend on the availability of “open” facilities. Dates: 13 August, 15 October, and 10 December.

Board of Directors meetings

All Thursdays, all at 11 a.m. via Zoom. Limited attendance at the chapter office will be considered.
18 August, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November, 15 December.

Events

Bass Tournament (summer)	10 September	American Legion Post 940, W. Brownsville, Pa.
Annual Banquet	06 October	Hampton Banquet Hall, Gibsonia, Pa.
Veterans’ Day	11 November	Various activities around Pennsylvania

National Paralyzed Veterans of America events

PVA Fall BOD Meeting	22 – 24 October	Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida
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Office holiday closures

Office closures do not necessarily fall on the actual or observed day of the holiday

Labor Day: 05 September (Monday)

Columbus Day: 10 October (Monday)

Veterans Day: 11 November (Friday)

Thanksgiving: 24 November (Thursday; office also closed 25 November)

Christmas: Office closed 23 – 26 December, Friday through Monday

New Year’s: Office closed 30 December – 02 January, Friday through Monday

Active members show off the new PVA/chapter logo while they drive



Dane Smith (left) and **Bill Jakovac** got the first magnetic signs for their vehicles with the new PVA/chapter “acronym” logo and contact information for the chapter.

Active members can obtain a pair of magnetic signs for one vehicle each. Contact the chapter office to ask how you can get them.



Sharpsburg street improvements benefit the chapter office



Sidewalk demolition and reconstruction has been underway on Main Street in Sharpsburg since 2021; it reached the chapter office in July. These photos were taken over a four-day period, after a section of sidewalk that is also the ramp into the chapter building's parking lot was finished. Some of the orange cones show where ornamental lampposts are being installed.



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
Attendance at a Keystone PVA membership activity, <i>e.g., Easter Bag distribution, Fish for Fun, Kennywood Picnic, Annual Awards Banquet</i>	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, <i>e.g., bowling, fishing, hunting, trapshoot, etc.</i>	1 point
Sign up a regular voting member	2 points
Represent Keystone PVA at community functions, <i>e.g., Sharing and Caring, Soldiers & Sailors, United Cerebral Palsy, Veteran Support Groups</i>	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.

For more comprehensive information on chapter programs, refer to Operations Manual Section 8, which was sent to every member. You can access “Ops Man Section 8” on the chapter web site, www.kpva.org, or by calling the office.

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.
- ☛ **Member Recreation Reimbursement Fund.** Keystone PVA will reimburse voting members up to \$100 for attending any recreational event one time during the fiscal year or until the fund is depleted. Member must send receipts within 30 days of the event to the chapter office including a short description of the outing; good photos appreciated. This benefit is intended for members who do not take advantage of reimbursements and chapter payments for hunting and fishing licenses, or participation in recreational programs such as the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.
- ☛ 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.

Happy Birthdays!

August

- 01 Richard Snedden
- 03 Carl F. Raymond
Robert Serena
- 04 Michael R. Eaton
- 06 William Zally Jr.
- 08 Max Jackowski
Dennis Naugle
- 12 David Gifford
William Schenker
Joseph Zimmet
- 13 Matthew Schmalzriedt
- 14 Douglas Dean Jr.
- 15 Loren Zamiska
- 17 David Lynch
- 18 Gary Martisofski
Ronald Speight
- 19 Curtis H. Paschal
- 21 Vincent Dvorak
- 24 Lester Neimiller
- 26 Donald Paden
- 29 Timothy Anick
- 30 Richard Anderson

September

- 03 Earl Corp
Robert Pamplin
- 05 Beth Duvall
Larry E. Spahr Jr.
- 07 Clarissa Congie
Kathleen Kleinmann
Rody Rogers
- 09 Paula Schultz

If we missed your birthday, let us know!

Give us a ring at the chapter office, 800-775-9323, if you spot an error.

Many happy wishes to all our members, associates, and volunteers!

- 12 William Ferguson Jr.
William Johnson
- 13 Stephen P. Lee
- 14 Barbara Plants
- 15 John B. Hofmeister
- 16 Leo Latona
- 18 Gary Egri
- 19 Fred Frank
Jack Zavilla
- 20 Robert Morris
Walter McGee
- 21 Jeffrey Hanlin Sr.
Michael S. Martin
- 23 Carol E. Reber
- 25 David Wingard
- 26 John Cotto
- 28 Richard Barbara

- 28 Peter Cramer
- 29 George E. Dye

October

- 01 Ray Mercalde
- 02 George Barton
- 04 Eric M. Kaag
- 05 Kurt W. Eisele
Jorden C. Jones
George A. Shumac
- 10 Dwaine Crytzer
Stanley Gillis
William J. Shaw
- 11 William Metzger
- 12 Jim Costello
- 13 Gary P. Klimek
Thomas E. Mossellum
Truman R. "Dick" Yohe
- 15 Russell Achilles
Jeffrey A. Campbell
Thomas Fix
- 18 Louise M. Wall
- 19 Gib Gutshall
- 23 Robert Eyler
Mark O. Rosensteel
- 24 Victor Ramos
Patrick Schwabenbauer
Peter K. Townsend Jr.
- 26 Daniel B. Heffernan
- 26 Brooke Schmolly
- 27 Bruce Palmisano
- 31 John Kellner
- 31 Donald King

ADVERTISING in THE PARASCOPE

The Parascope is published bi-monthly. Deadline for submitting advertising for the September-October issue will be 01 September.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING: The charge is \$20.00 for 15 words (each additional word is \$.35). Your name and address or phone number counts as five words. CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR PAYMENT TERMS—412-781-2474.

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

Membership Report Tom Strang, Membership Officer

The primary site for the June 2022 Membership Meeting was the Erie VA Medical Center in Erie, Pa. Because of the warmer weather and the presence of a large outdoor pavilion in the hospital's upper parking lot, Keystone PVA members John Larese and Sean Ferry arranged for the Saturday, 11 June meeting to be held there; Sean and wife Lynnette arranged for the picnic lunch. A photo of the members present is on page 7.

President Mark Rosensteel traveled to the Erie VAMC to meet in person with the members there. The meeting was connected by Zoom and members from other parts of Pennsylvania joined in, but we learned that a basic laptop computer does not have the screen brightness and the speakers are not powerful enough to overcome the challenge of the outdoor environment, even under the pavilion.

Because this issue of the Parascope will be distributed too close to the August Membership Meeting, this issue will show the date of the October meeting on the back page. Members should be aware that when an "in-person" meeting site is designated, it is meant for members in that area for their convenience in traveling there to meet in person with the chapter president.

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

for members in or around Pennsylvania:

Western Pennsylvania: *Calls are being taken by*
Charles Tocci, 315-425-4400, ext. 53317, or
by email, charlesto@pva.org

Eastern Pennsylvania:

Joseph Weeks, Philadelphia, 800-795-3628

Western New York:

Rachael Schneider, Buffalo, 800-795-3619

New Jersey: Newark, 800-795-3617

We welcome new Life Members

Jeffrey Kabanuk, Cortland, N.Y., Air Force
veteran

Larry D. Parisi, Butler, Pa., Army veteran

and we mourn the passing of member

Carl LaRose of Butler, Pa., an Army veteran
and a 26-year member

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 31 JULY 2022

Service connected	125
Non-service connected	<u>104</u>
TOTAL	229
Annual Associate Members	16
Lifetime Associate Members	<u>66</u>
TOTAL	82

UNDELIVERABLES — MIAs

Have you seen or know the whereabouts of the following members? They may be dropped from the PVA Membership Roster unless we can find them. Please call us, write or e-mail the chapter office if you are able to help. Contact information for the chapter is on the back page.

**Richard Anderson, John H. Conrad,
Roberta Houston, Jerald R. Johnson,
William H. Johnson, Donald G. King,
and James D. Simmons**

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 you can download one from www.kpva.org or just 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.

Red boxes, green boxes: Keystone Paralyzed Vets thank you for your support



This busy business district is on the Tarentum Bridge Road, just south of the Tarentum Bridge over the Allegheny River. There are hundreds of donation boxes in southwestern Pennsylvania operated by the American Thrift Center and for the benefit of Keystone Paralyzed Veterans. We thank the businesses and institutions who host the boxes.

Green boxes

In 2014 an associate member of the chapter, Tim Knoebel, suggested placing donation boxes in places of business. The result was the modified ammunition box shown below. It has a deposit slot in the top and when sent out, it is sealed with a numbered zip tie. The ammo boxes are in several business locations whose owners have been most generous with their counter space; their customers have been quite generous, as well. We have more that can be placed. If interested in helping with Project Ammo Box, call the office, 412-781-2474 or 800-775-9323.



Red boxes

Since the mid-1990s, the American Thrift Center has made the Keystone chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America the sole beneficiary of its work, donating a significant percentage of its gross revenue to the chapter. Each of its over 800 donation boxes in western Pa. is marked to show that our veterans benefit from those donations.

If you have gently-used household items you would like to donate, and they are a bit too cumbersome to take to a collection box, call American Thrift at 412-469-9663 to arrange a pickup. You can also find out what goods they can accept.

AMERICAN THRIFT CENTER

Quality Pre-Owned
Merchandise

**Village Shopping Center
1806 Homeville Road
West Mifflin, PA 15122**

412-469-9665 or 412-469-9663

The American Thrift Center has been a professional fundraiser for Keystone PVA since 1990. Keystone PVA members are cordially invited to visit our store. Lifetime voting members: Present your PVA membership card and receive a 50% discount on all purchases.

**Also, by donating items to
the American Thrift Center
you are supporting
Keystone PVA!**



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VA MEDICAL CENTERS

VAVS representatives serve veterans at these VA Medical Centers on behalf of the Keystone Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans.

James E. Van Zandt VAMC

2907 Pleasant Valley Boulevard
Altoona PA 16602-4377
877-626-2500
William D. Lightner—VAVS Rep.

Abie Abraham VA HealthCare System

353 N. Duffy Road
Butler PA 16001
800-362-8262
John Kellner—VAVS Representative

Erie VAMC

135 E. 38th Street
Erie PA 16504-1559
800-274-8387
John Larese—VAVS Representative
Rex Nichols—Deputy Rep.

Lebanon VAMC

1700 S. Lincoln Avenue
Lebanon PA 17042-7529
800-409-8771
Chris Fidler—VAVS Representative
Ken Walters—Deputy Rep.

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System University Drive campus

University Drive C
Pittsburgh PA 15240
800-309-8398

H. John Heinz III campus

1010 Delafield Road
Pittsburgh PA 15215-1802
800-309-8398

For both campuses:

Tom Strang—VAVS Representative



The next Keystone PVA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

will be on Saturday, 08 OCTOBER 2022

(Lunch 12 noon; meeting 12:45 p.m.)

Primary site: Keystone chapter office

1113 Main Street, Sharpsburg (Pittsburgh PA 15215)
(limited in-person attendance expected)

Join by Zoom videoconference.

The meeting at the chapter office is for members in the Pittsburgh area to attend in person. All others are welcome to join online; the Zoom link will be emailed to members with email addresses. Lunch will be served!

(The chapter will not reimburse travel to and from the event for attendees.)

If attending in person **PLEASE**
RSVP by 30 September 2022
to **412-781-2474** or **800-775-9323**

The mission of Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America is

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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