The Minnesota Paralyzed Veterans of America Chapter is actively seeking new members, if you know of a Veteran with a spinal cord injury or disease, please have the Veteran contact the Minnesota PVA Chapter office at 612-467-2263 or 1-800-663-6782 and we will be happy to provide them with a Membership Application to complete. The membership application is also on our website at mnpva.org.

The Minnesota Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America is a non-profit organization. Our funding is primarily received from donations. The Paralyzed Veterans of America is the name of our parent organization, and is chartered by the Congress of the United States of America. All members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, have sustained a spinal injury or disease. If you have any questions, or you would like to make a donation to our organization, please write to the address or call the numbers listed on this page.

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2015 is here and "wow" is it cold. As we get older these cold days of winter sure are tough on us. Not only do we have to layer up more which makes it difficult moving around, but then it snows and that of course ends up on our tires leaving tracks throughout the house. Anyone who knows Tom Fjerstad has to be jealous of his recent move to Phoenix. He can laugh at us now, but we can laugh at him this upcoming summer when we're comfortable and he's sweating in 100+ degrees.

Here's a couple of updates that took place since our last newsletter:

The chapter received a donation of a 2009 Toyota Sienna van on December 24th. We received a call from the DAV saying that a brother of a veteran who died in Washington State said that they had this van that was to be donated to a paralyzed Veteran. The DAV didn't have anyone so they contacted us. We needed to receive the van this same day, (December 24th). John Christensen and I met this individual and took immediate possession of the van. Now, who do we donate this awesome gift to? Remember our request for anyone who was in need of anything that might be donated to the chapter to write a short note to the office so we knew your circumstances and need. By doing this, your BOD's could review the requests and make a decision. Well, it worked. We received a request from Scot Poehler that his van was failing him and he was constantly repairing his lift. The BOD's selected Scot for this vehicle. What a nice Christmas present!

Along with this donated van, we also received a relatively brand new power wheelchair with all the options. We do not have anyone on the requested list at this time for a power chair, so if you might be in need of one, please contact the office to see if it might be a fit for you.

As I mentioned in our previous newsletter, keep February 21st available if at all possible. We are the beneficiaries of the Carlson School of Business Management's annual Auction. The proceeds of this live and silent auction will go directly to our Chapter. Tickets are $40.00 per person and can be obtained at the following website: http://carlson.preclickbid.com. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the auction, get in touch with me so I can make the necessary arrangements with the school. You can reach me on my cell phone at 612-991-2763.

Until next time, if you made any New Year's Resolutions, keep up with them as the year goes on. Your rewards with be fruitful.
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February 21, 2015

TCF Stadium (DQ Club), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

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Luke Wilcox, Class of 2015, at wilco250@umn.edu.

2015 charity beneficiary: Minnesota Paralyzed Veterans of America
The Minnesota Wild Hockey Season is in full swing and we are happy to say that the tickets we offered to our members went fast! Everyone that has already attended a game has told me about the great time they had. That is exactly what we were hoping for...to opportunity to get our members out and have a good time! Hopefully next year we will be offer a full season of tickets to more members can attend the hockey games!

A big congratulations goes out to our Trap Shooting Team as they won 1st Place in their division for the 2nd year in a row! The team consisted of: John Christensen, Marvin Hora, Eric Lorence, Ken Klein, Matt Kurzhals, Steve Meyer, John Novicki, Brian Olson, and Scott Poehler. Great job again guys!

We are also happy to offer an opportunity for our members to start attending Archery once a week in Burnsville. If you would like to attend please give me a call or email me at the office.

Project EverGreen’s SnowCare for Troops (SCFT) Campaign Expands to Serve Wounded and Disabled Veterans

With winter here, the MNPVA has been offered the opportunity to work with another non-profit program called SnowCare for Troops (SCFT). We feel that there would be many members that could benefit from the opportunity that SCFT is offering to our local members.

For nearly a decade the campaign has been providing free snow removal services to deployed military families through a national network of volunteers. A sister program, GreenCare for Troops, similarly provides landscaping services. This Winter SCFT will expand its services to wounded and disabled veterans, a step that the non-profit group managing the program, Project EverGreen, hopes will assist thousands more in the military community who would benefit from this support.

They are currently in a major recruitment drive, supported by campaign underwriter BOSS Snowplow, to promote how easy it is to register for SCFT. All registration takes place online at http://projectevergreen.org/programs/scft/ and then once the registration process is completed Project EverGreen works to make a local connection with a participating volunteer in the area. For eligible wounded or disabled veterans, snow removal services will be provided for a 9-12 month period once the match is made.

Please feel free to call or email me at the office if you have any questions. Volunteers for this program are also needed, so if you feel this is something you would like to offer your time to, please call Project EverGreen.

About Project EverGreen
Project EverGreen is committed to informing the American public about the positive effects of well-maintained green spaces, including lawns and landscapes, sports turf, golf courses, trees and parks. A 501c3 non-profit organization, Project EverGreen’s mission is to preserve and enhance green space in our communities where we live, work and play.
TRIP TO DC

I had the honor of representing the Minnesota PVA Chapter on Veteran’s Day in Washington D. C. with Todd Kemery and Charlie Wittwer and our wives. We attended the WWII Monument ceremony and it was very touching. The guests of honor were a group of WWII Veterans. Along with other dignitary’s, they presented the wreaths from all the Veterans organizations including our National PVA. Also during the ceremony a Navy band performed the music for the occasion. Being my first time to visit the ceremonies and monuments I was amazed. After this ceremony we passed the Korean War Memorial and onto the Vietnam Wall. It was very emotional just thinking of all our fellow Veterans from all the wars and conflicts who gave the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our Nation and our people. All of our Veterans from all our Armed Forces serving our great Nation were recognized and praised.

After the Memorial ceremony’s all three of us including our wives were invited to our Paralyzed Veteran of America’s headquarters building for a ceremony which was very rewarding. I was able to meet a lot of individuals working hard for all the chapters in this ten story building. We had a terrific buffet lunch prior to some speeches and awards that were handed out. I took a terrific tour of each floor on the following day, Wednesday the 12th. That in itself was very interesting to visit all the offices and nice people working at our National headquarters. I wish all our members could experience such an event and especially at our Nation’s Capital on Veterans Day!

I thank our Board of Directors for this great opportunity!

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**Annual PVA/AWBA Bowling Tournament Series Schedule**

- **Mountain States PVA Tournament**
  - August 21–24, 2014
  - Colorado Springs, CO

- **Cal-Diego PVA Tournament**
  - September 12–14, 2014
  - Fountain Valley, CA

- **Nevada PVA Tournament**
  - December 4–7, 2014
  - Las Vegas, NV

- **Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament**
  - April 24–26, 2015
  - Tampa, FL

- **AWBA National Event**
  - National Event
  - June 9–13, 2015
  - Tampa, FL

- **New England PVA Tournament**
  - Date TBD
  - Location TBD

**PVA Handcycling Schedule**

- **Melbourne Marathon**
  - February 1, 2015
  - Melbourne, FL

- **Gasparilla Critérium**
  - March 21–22, 2015
  - Tampa, FL

- **Redlands Classic**
  - April 9–13, 2015
  - Redlands, CA

- **Clocktower Classic**
  - April 23–26, 2015
  - Rome, GA

- **Pittsburgh Marathon**
  - May 3, 2015
  - Pittsburgh, PA

- **Paracycling Nationals**
  - May 23–25, 2015
  - Chattanooga, TN

- **Wichita Omnium**
  - May 28–31, 2015
  - Wichita, KS

- **Run for the Dream**
  - Williamsburg, VA

**Annual PVA/NWPA Billiards Tournament Series Schedule**

- **Mid-South PVA Tournament**
  - October 17–19, 2014
  - Memphis, TN

- **Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament**
  - March 29–22, 2015
  - Midlothian, VA

- **Mid-America PVA Tournament**
  - April 10–12, 2015
  - Oklahoma City, OK

- **Mountain States PVA Tournament**
  - May 16–18, 2015
  - Fountain, CO

- **Buckeye PVA Tournament**
  - June 19–20, 2015
  - (Not at NWPA event)
  - Independence, OH

**Shooting Sports**

- **Keystone PVA Tournament**
  - August 29–31, 2014
  - Jefferson Hills, PA

- **North Central PVA Tournament**
  - September 6–7, 2014
  - Sioux Falls, SD

- **Lone Star PVA Tournament**
  - October 17–19, 2014
  - Fort Worth, TX

- **Arizona PVA Tournament**
  - October 25–26, 2014
  - Tucson, AZ

- **Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament**
  - November 7–9, 2014
  - Richmond, VA

- **Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament**
  - March 12–14, 2015
  - Odessa, FL

- **Nevada PVA Tournament**
  - March 20–22, 2015
  - Las Vegas, NV

- **Cal-Diego PVA Tournament**
  - March 27–29, 2015
  - Redlands, CA

- **Iowa PVA Tournament**
  - May 15–17, 2015
  - Cedar Rapids, IA

- **Mid-America PVA Tournament**
  - May 22–24, 2015
  - Sedgwick, KS

- **New England PVA Tournament**
  - Williamsburg, VA

- **Colombian PVA Tournament**
  - June 5–7, 2015
  - Baltimore, MD

- **Vaughan/National PVA Tournament**
  - July 10–12, 2015
  - Edwardsville, IL

**Annual PVA Air Rifle & Air Pistol Program Schedule**

- **Cal-Diego PVA Tournament**
  - January 25–27, 2015
  - Point Loma, CA

- **Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament**
  - March 12, 2015
  - Richmond, VA

- **Buckeye PVA Tournament**
  - May 15–16, 2015
  - Geneva, OH

- **Camp Pendleton**
  - Date TBD
  - Camp Pendleton, CA

**Bass Tour**

- **Mid-America PVA Tournament**
  - September 26–28, 2014
  - Eufaula, OK – Lake Eufaula

- **Southeastern PVA Tournament**
  - October 10–12, 2014
  - Appling, GA – Clark Hill Lake

- **Vaughan/National PVA Tournament**
  - October 24–26, 2014
  - Mt. Vernon, IL – Reid Lake

- **Florida Gulf Coast PVA Tournament**
  - March 27–29, 2015
  - Kissimmee, FL – Lake Toho

- **Kentucky-Indiana PVA Tournament**
  - April 17–19, 2015
  - Gilbertsville, KY – Kentucky Lake

- **Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament**
  - May 29–31, 2015
  - Richmond, VA – James River

- **National PVA Tournament**
  - June 5–7, 2015
  - LePlais, MO – Potomac River

- **Lone Star PVA Tournament**
  - June 26–28, 2015
  - Garland, TX – Lake Ray Hubbard
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**January 2015 Schedule of Events**

January 1  New Years (office closed)
January 6  Bingo
January 19  MLK Birthday (office closed)
January 20  MNPVA BOD Meeting
January 21  SCI/D Education Night

*Archery every Tuesday afternoon (Please call office to RSVP)*

*Bowling South: Thursday mornings starting at 10:00 a.m. at Eden Prairie Bowling Lanes in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

*Bowling North: Thursday afternoons starting at 1:00 p.m. at Stars & Strikes Bowling in Wyoming, Minnesota*

Please call the MNPVA office if you plan on attending any of the above activities at 612-467-2263 or via email at mnpva@qwestoffice.net
2 Chronicles 7:14 (New International Version)

14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

We remember the members we have recently lost.

Justin E. Theien 12/17/2014
Robert L. Sobiech 12/30/2014

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