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Our Mission

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members-veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

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

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

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

The Northwest Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (NWPVA) a member chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America accomplishes it's mission by coordinated efforts through programs that:

- Provide opportunities for health promotion, recreation, employment, sports and recreation, service and camaraderie for paralyzed veterans;
- Elevate society's information level about the attitudinal, physical and legal barriers that confront persons with disabilities in order to influence the removal of those barriers;
- Advocate for and monitor the delivery of high quality and appropriate health care benefits and service;
- Cooperate with and seek the support of other groups and individuals that share NWPVA's objective;
- Educate the public with the current and ongoing needs and current and past contributions of America's veterans.

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Matthew Mickunas Progress



For more than a year, our nation has been transformed by the challenges posed by COVID-19. Tragedy, anxiety and a sense that this pandemic will seemingly never end have sometimes overwhelmed many of us through these trying times. But while we still have a way to go in eradicating this horrible virus so we can collectively return to normalcy, the introduction and distribution of the coronavirus vaccines have allowed us to begin making enough progress that we're now at least getting a glimpse of the finish line. I'm heartened, though, that through it all, our incredible members and supporters have never wavered in continuing PVA'S mission of service to veterans and their families.

When the virus necessitated the closure of our offices to in-person traffic, PVA immediately set up a nationwide virtual system (Zoom), to allow our national service officers, employees, and local chapters to work remotely in order to triage disability claims and provide normal, uninterrupted benefits services to those in need. While some of our service officers have since returned to their offices based on local government guidance, others around the country continue providing Veterans with top-notch services from their homes. Since day one as your Chapter President, I have remained incredibly impressed by the dedication and professionalism of those who work to bring our services to our nation's Veterans and their families.

A new report released by the U.S. Census Bureau shows that while the overall population of veterans is declining, the number of female veterans is on the rise and Post 9-11 Veterans have the highest rate of service-connected disability compared to any other group of Veterans. Since the time of the All-Volunteer Force, the number of women serving in the military has grown. Ultimately, these women make the transition from Service member to Veteran. In 2015, women comprised 9.4 percent of the total Veteran population in the United States. By 2043, women are projected to make up 16.3 percent of all living Veterans. Please see my story in our August/September issue of the Outpost "The History of Women Veterans", it will give you a glimpse on women as Veterans who have served in the US military.



TWO TRUE STORIES

STORY #1

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed 'Easy Eddie.' He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.



Capone & Easy Eddie

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example. One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al 'Scarface' Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read: "The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

STORY #2

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgot-

ten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; A squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet.

The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction.

Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His hometown would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.



Butch O'Hare

WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's' Son"

Robert Clinton Spotlight on Members



Andrew Bechtel

This issue of Outpost kicks off a new a new feature we are calling *Spotlight on Members* where we will introduce you, starting with the members of the Board of Directors, and moving on to other interesting people associated with the Northwest Chapter and beyond, to tell you a little about them, family and early life, what motivated them to join the military, how they were injured and how they deal with those injuries. When I ran this idea by our President Matt Mickunas, he said “go for it.” So, I reached out to Andrew Bechtel who agreed to be my first Board member to go “On Spotlight.”

Andrew decided to join the Army right out of high school in part because his father was a member of the National Guard and he knew the military offered a sense of security, three meals a day, a place to live and a career. So, at 18 he joined up and headed out for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Training was tough, but he valued the friendships he made there and the sense of accomplishment it provided. After basic it was on to AIT, also at Leonard Wood, where he trained for MOS 12W Masonry and Carpentry, assisting combat engineers doing basic carpentry and masonry work. It was during this time that Andrew had the chance to share a meal in the base chow hall with fellow soldier Harold Bechtel, his father, and inspiration for joining the Army. After deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq where most of his time was spent constructing buildings like guard towers and other mission critical structures, experiences he described as challenging, nerve wracking, and adventuresome. Overall, Andrew described his deployments as rewarding, he said that he made life-long friends who, even today, invite him into their homes and treat him like family.

After approximately nine years in the Army, while training at for his third deployment to the Middle East, Andrew was in a convoy riding in a LMTV (Light Medium Tactical Vehicle), which is basically a 2½ ton 4x4 truck, on a Missouri freeway. The convoy was proceeding, perhaps a little too fast, trying to get back in home in time for 4th of July weekend, when a tire blew out causing his vehicle to veer into the center median and rollover several times. Andrew was trapped upside down between the seat and roof of the vehicle. He woke up in the hospital and was told, at 27 years old, that he would never walk again. When asked how he felt when he heard the news, his response was, “I was just glad everyone else was okay.” Transferred to Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital in St. Louis for 9 months of rehabilitation, he met the local PVA Service Officer who helped him through the mass of paperwork needed to secure his Veteran’s benefits.

Because of the extent of his injuries Andrew was entitled to relocation anywhere in the U.S., so his wife Heather did the research and discovered that the VA Puget Sound Health Care System was one of the best in the country, and in Andrew’s words, Seattle is “just so beautiful.” So, Andrew and Heather headed west settling in Federal Way. Daughter Aelyn was adopted in 2018 here in Washington. The Bechtels are currently a family of six with two graduating college; Kano, who lives in Japan, graduated from the University of Tokyo this spring; Ice, lives in Thailand and is in her 5th year of studies at the University of Bangkok; and, two graduating high school here in Seattle, Aelyn and Corey.

At the May Board of Directors Meeting Andrew agreed to accept the position of Secretary of the Northwest Chapter of PVA. President Matt Mickunas and the other members of the Board congratulate Andrew on his important new role and thank him for his commitment to our organization and its members.



From left: Andrew, Aelyn, Heather



LMTV



The Northwest Chapter continues to build its Volunteer Program reporting a total of 203 total hours for the month of April 2021, this is down slightly from March when Volunteers reported 229 total hours. This slight drop was due in part because one of our active volunteers was unable to participate due to his need to undergo a medical procedure. Despite this slight drop, the overall numbers tell a terrific story! Since April 2020, when Robert “Bob” Clinton became Volunteer Coordinator, the Northwest Chapter has reported slowly increasing participation and total hours. From a monthly low of 133 hours in April, to a total of 2074 Volunteer Hours for 2020, as of April 30, 2021 our Volunteer Hours total 948! With the help of all our volunteers, including our newest volunteer and Associate Member Dee Anne Cooper and each member of the Board of Directors, we will increase our total in 2021.

If you are not yet participating in the Northwest Chapter’s Volunteer program and would like to get involved, or are already participating and need help, or have a question, please contact Bob Clinton at bclinton.va@gmail.com or (202) 255-7891 and he will help you get started, remember, “just contact Bob.”

‘Speedy’: The Story About A Little Flying Man

The little man in the flying wheelchair, who use to adorn PVAs front page and elsewhere regularly, has become, through the irresistible force of his personality, a national emblem for the PVA. As Editor John Price has commented, "the little guy sure captures your imagination." We thought you might be interested in the origin and story of the pipe-smoking lad. He was born in the latter part of 1946 at the Birmingham V.A. hospital in Van Nuys, California , the first home of the California PVA. Wilbur Hyde, who was the Chapter's Secretary at the time, asked an artist friend of his to have a suitable stationery emblem drawn. The artist complied with two or three different sketches. From the sketches submitted, the high-flying man was selected by California's PVA Board of Directors. It is not known and we haven't been able to find out because of the lost contracts, whether Wilbur's friend made the sketch (Wilbur thinks probably not) or one of the employees in the studio.

California PVA immediately put the emblem on its stationery and lower left corner of envelopes, and later on the chapter's automobile decals. Though the years, we have received many wonderful comments about the devil-may-care, get-the-hell-out-of-my-way fellow. Some people may feel that the little man's attitude is too flamboyant to be a national emblem for paraplegics. We cordially do not agree. Leave us not become too pompous about this business of paraplegia. “There is a good deal of worthwhile philosophy to be observed in the little man if one will take the time to study him carefully. First, he is happy. He is not sitting around and crying the blues about being in a wheelchair. Second, he's got places to go and he's in a hurry. You better get out of this guy's way or he'll run right over you. Third, and most important, you don't feel sorry for him. On the contrary — you can't help admiring his spunk. He's symbolic of happiness, energy, drive, admiration and guts, and those are respected qualities in the paraplegic way of life.”

...The Foundation Editor.



*Paralyzed Veterans
of America*

“Due to federal regulations, the pipe and the smoke trail that leads behind Speedy has been removed and banned from all public views.”

Brent King COVID Campaign Pins



I am Brent King, Executive Director of the Northwest Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. PVA was founded in 1946 and, like the Spokane VA, this is our 75th anniversary too.

Campaign medals were first invented to recognize general military service in war, in contrast to meritorious decorations which were only issued on a small scale for acts of heroism and bravery. The campaign were first issued by the British military with the medal awarded for the defeat of the Invincible Armada, with the 1815 Waterloo Medal being the first awarded to all men present and the 1847 Military General Service Medal being the first "modern" campaign medal.

The first Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) campaign pin was awarded to all the staff at the US Puget Sound Health Care System last year. NWPVA contributed to the purchase of the COVID Campaign pins to symbolize a campaign ribbon in the war against the pandemic.

This year NWPVA recognizes the staff of Spokane VA to every member of the staff. In the military the National Defense medal is issued to every member of the Armed Forces during times of war. Clearly, Spokane VA has been at war with COVID-19 that has the potential to kill veterans and has demonstrated courage under a 'virus fire' that threaten to overrun the perimeter of the delivery of the health care system.

The Spokane VA staff has stood tall even when exhausted. They have fought the war in the hospital, and their families borne the burden of their sacrifice too. Those of us that served in the Armed Forces know the price of war, and now the Spokane VA has joined our veteran ranks. They suffer the burden of being the 'tip of the spear' that always needs to be sharp no matter how hard it can be to continue to move forward.

Therefore, it is with great honor that NWPVA presents the Spokane VA staff a COVID-19 campaign pin to wear on their lanyards for their peers and patients to appreciate. We hope this pin represents a sincere 'thank you for your service' from those who know the meaning of sacrifice for others before self.

It is my privilege to pin the first COVID campaign pin on the Director and look forward to seeing all the staff display their meritorius pin.



VRRAP-Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program

By: Michael Killen

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 provides funding to VA to initiate a Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP), providing qualified unemployed Veterans up to 12 months of tuition, fee, and monthly housing allowance payments to receive training and employment assistance for high demand occupations. Payments will be based on Post-9/11 GI bill benefits.

To qualify, Veterans must meet the following criteria:

- At least 22 years of age and less than 67 years of age
- Unemployed due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Not eligible for GI Bill or VR&E benefits
- Not enrolled in a Federal or State jobs program
- Not receiving VA disability compensation because you are unable to work
- Not receiving unemployment compensation including enhanced benefits under the CARES Act

The program ends 21 months after enactment and is limited to a maximum of 17,250 participants. The new program was effective March 11, 2021

New Rule Permits Expanded Use of Education Programs

Effective April 1, 2021, VA will no longer count the use of Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) benefits against the 48-month limit on GI Bill benefits. Veterans who use VR&E benefits prior to any other VA education program may still use up to 48 months of other education assistance programs, including the Montgomery GI Bill or Post-9/11 GI Bill. VA will begin contacting current student veterans via mail whose entitlement has been impacted by this policy change.

Learn more on VA's website or by calling the VA Education Call Center at 1-888-442-4551.

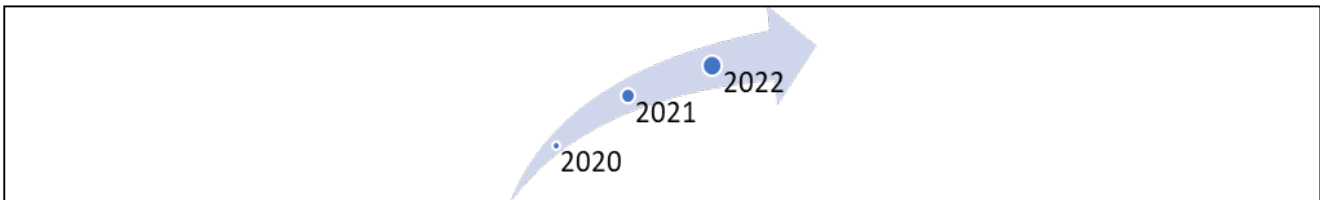
A new benefit for anyone who has lost someone due to COVID-19. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide reimbursement of up to \$7,000.00 for COVID-19 related funeral expenses that occurred after January 20, 2020.

For more information, including eligibility, how to apply and more, go to:
<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>.



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Washington Update

Recent news regarding legislation and regulatory actions affecting veterans and people with disabilities.

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UPDATE ON VA COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY CAREGIVER EXPANSION

The rollout of the expansion of VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) began on October 1, 2020. As of April 2021, VA reports having received over 70,000 applications. VA has acted on over 40,000 of those applications and 30,000 were pending further action. Of those reviewed, VA has approved 5,000 applicants and denied 38,000.

VA has provided several reasons for the denials. Some of the reasons given for denials at the time of intake are listed below:

- 7,500 applications or 19 percent were denied because they did not have a singular or combined VA disability rating of 70 percent or greater.
- 5,800 applications or 15 percent were denied because their serious injury was not within the current eligibility dates (on or before May 7, 1975, and on or after September 11, 2001).
- 400 applications or one per-

cent were denied because the individual does not receive care at home or will not do so if VA designates a Family Caregiver.

VA provided some of the following reasons for denying applications based on assessment of the veteran by VA's Centralized Eligibility and Appeals Team (CEAT):

- 12,100 applications or 31 percent were denied because the veteran did not require personal services for six months due to activities of daily living or supervision, protection or instruction needs.
- 2,900 applications or seven percent were denied because participation in the PCAFC was deemed not in the veteran's best interest.
- 1,800 applications or four percent were denied because the veteran did not require personal care services that would be provided by the Family Caregiver or such services would be simultaneously and regularly provided by or through others.

- 60 applications or one percent were denied because the caregiver was assessed to be not capable nor willing to provide the personal care services.

We will continue to closely follow the implementation of the expansion of VA's PCAFC. If you have specific questions about your application, please contact your National Service Officer for assistance.



SENATOR DUCKWORTH INTRODUCES BILL TO MAKE LEGACY TRANSIT ACCESSIBLE

On May 18, Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) introduced the All Stations Accessibility Program Act of 2021 or the ASAP Act (S.1680) with co-sponsors Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Bob Casey (D-PA). This measure would provide competitive grants to assist state and local governmental authorities in addressing the disability access needs of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems. Specifically, the Secretary of Transportation would make grants to assist eligible entities in financing capital projects to upgrade the accessibility of legacy rail fixed

guideway public transportation systems by increasing the number of existing rail stations that meet the new construction standards of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. With the appropriated funds that the ASAP Act would allocate on an annual basis, this measure would enable legacy transit systems to maximize access for people with disabilities.

Transit facilities, intermodal centers, rail stations, and platforms must meet accessibility standards established by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The requirements apply to new construction as well as alterations made to

existing facilities and include the following: accessible paths of travel, boarding ramps and bridge plates, bus stops and shelters, curb ramps, doors, elevators, escalators, emergency alarms, fare collection, gates and turnstiles, grade crossings, parking, passenger drop-off areas, platform edges, rescue assistance areas, and restrooms, signs, stairs, public telephones, water fountains, with wheelchair spaces.

PVA supports this legislation because it would improve access to public transportation options for people with disabilities, including those who use assistive devices for mobility.

New Hotel in West Virginia Offers All Accessible Rooms

On January 1, 2022, a new boutique hotel will open in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, featuring 28 guest rooms and two suites. The project is being financed by The Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF), a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Charles Hammerman, DOF CEO, said that White Sulphur Springs came to his attention after two area moms called his office, searching for work opportunities for their disabled children.

In keeping with its focus on the disability market, DOF has committed to making The Schoolhouse Hotel fully accessible. When it opens next year, it will be the world's first hotel where every room is adapted for use by disabled people. Full accessibility, universal design and an accessible booking experience that matches customers to the room that will best meet their needs are priorities that DOF hopes to normalize. To learn more about The Schoolhouse Hotel, go to <https://theschoolhousehotelwv.com>.



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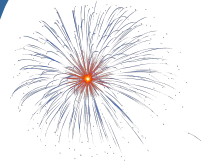
June

14th Flag Day/US Army Birthday



20th Fathers Day/Summer Begins

July



4th Independence Day

2021 National Veterans Wheelchair Games

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the world's largest annual wheelchair sports event solely for military Veterans. Every year, hundreds of American heroes from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the post-9/11 era compete in this celebration of courage and camaraderie. The National Veterans Wheelchair Games launched in 1981 with 7 events and 75 athletes. Paralyzed Veterans of America joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1985 to help expand the event's mission and reach. The Wheelchair Games have since grown to attract more than 500 participants each year.

For the 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, we are excited to bring the National Veterans Wheelchair Games to New York City, August 7-14, 2021, and showcase the drive, determination and spirit of our veteran competitors. The 2021 Wheelchair Games marks the 40th Anniversary of the wheelchair sports and rehabilitation event. Throughout the weeklong event we also will remember and honor those lives lost on September 11, 2001, as 2021 also marks the 20th anniversary of that tragic day. Many of the Veterans who participate each year in the Wheelchair Games were inspired to join the military and serve our country because of the events of 9/11. In many ways our Veteran competitors are much like the city of New York—Strong, Resilient and Full of Perseverance.

The Wheelchair Games moves from city to city annually to introduce new Veterans, partners, and volunteers to the event and the world of wheelchair sports. With each community we visit, we strengthen the infrastructure for adaptive sports – generating a ripple effect felt by Veterans and people of all ages living with disabilities for years to come.

National Veterans Wheelchair Games athletes come from nearly every generation of Veterans, from World War II, Korea, Vietnam War, Gulf War, to the most recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. From newly injured first-time competitors to Paralympic athletes, each Veteran brings his or her own unique story of recovery through strength and perseverance.

Go to <https://wheelchairgames.org> for more information. Also those wanting to be a part of Team Northwest, please call and talk to your Recreation Therapist at the Seattle SCI Clinic at (206) 277-3207 or (206) 277-1648 and (206) 390-4573 for Rehab Services at American Lake VA.

Adaptive E-Sports:

Online gaming competition. Does not count against the five-event limit.

DIVISION CHANGE FOR 2021 :

- Novice: Recommended for first-time Veterans to the Wheelchair Games. Novice Veterans may opt out to compete as Open, Masters, Senior, effective for all their events.
- Open: Any competitor may select to sign up as Open for all events. Age recommendation 45 and under.
- Masters: Ages 46-65
- Seniors: Ages 66 and above

The 2021 National Veterans Wheelchair Games Athlete (Hybrid Edition)

We are proud to offer a hybrid version of the 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games. The Hybrid version offers a competitive in-person option and an engaging atHome version. We wish we could have everyone in New York City this year but we have a responsibility to be part of the solution, to support all efforts, to ending this pandemic. We hope you will find your NVWG spirit and help us celebrate the 40th Anniversary in the hybrid version that fits your comfort level. So, whether we see you in person or support you virtually, we look forward to celebrating the 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games with you!



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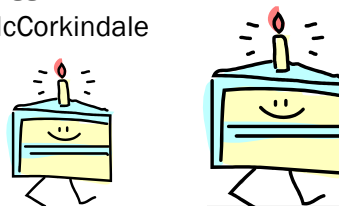
June

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