

Introducing the New England PVA Membership Outreach and Support Program

By Mark Murphy, Executive Director NEPVA

This month we were thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new New England PVA Membership Outreach and Support Program! This innovative new program is designed to strengthen connections throughout our entire New England community, ensuring that each Chapter member in our region knows they are not alone, and provide meaningful support to both new and existing members. With all the challenges surrounding the Veterans Administration in this time, a program such as this is needed now and perhaps more than ever.

Through this program, we are expanding our reach to engage more veterans who could benefit from the services of our Chapter as a premier Veterans Service Organization in New England. Whether through direct outreach, peer-to-peer connections, or increased access to vital resources, our goal is to make sure every eligible veteran in New England has the opportunity to be part of our supportive and empowering network.

What This Means for Chapter Members:

- **Community Engagement** – We are strengthening peer connections through in-person and virtual events, helping members stay connected no matter where they are in New England.
- **Personalized Support** – Whether you need assistance navigating VA benefits, adaptive sports opportunities, or healthcare resources, our team is here to help.
- **Strong Communications & Awareness** – We are expanding our voice, ensuring that the needs of our members in New England are heard at the local, state, and national levels.

To get a flavor of what this program will look like, here is a snapshot: over the next year our program leadership team will be visiting all VA facilities in New England that have SCI/D units. We will meet with VA staff and host coffee and lunch gatherings for our members. Outside the VA, we will also host networking events and dinners at partnering VSO facilities and restaurants in all 6 New England states. We are currently in conversations with several donors, grantors, and sponsors to underwrite most if not all the expenses associated with this new program.

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This is just the beginning. As we continue to roll out this wide-ranging program, we encourage you to get involved - whether by referring a fellow member, attending an event, or sharing your feedback to help us tailor this program to best serve you. More information to come on our visits to your state over the next year.

As the Program Director, it is my honor to lead this new initiative as we build a stronger, more connected community with and for veterans here in New England. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how you can participate, please reach out to our office. We look forward to continuing this journey with you!

The New England Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America (New England PVA) is a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1947 that 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.



The New England PVA uses 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 because of our members’ military service
- Civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of our members

To enable paralyzed veterans to continue to honor this commitment, we 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 the Chapter to achieve its mission.

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Executive Director’s Report

By Mark Murphy

Executive Director NEPVA

Dear Friends,

Spring is upon us, and with it comes an exciting season of growth and engagement for our Chapter. As you will see in my other article in this newsletter edition, we have officially launched a brand-new Chapter program – the New England PVA Membership Outreach and Support Program. The primary goal of this program is to renew our committed to strengthening our outreach efforts, ensuring that every eligible veteran in our region is aware of the support, programs, and care available through our Chapter and the VA. Even in its early days, this new membership outreach initiative is already making an impact, and we look forward to expanding our reach even further in the months and year ahead. Please read that article for much more information about the mission and goals of this innovative and new program.

As we continue the important work of our local Chapter here in New England, we are also preparing for a series of key national events in the next several months that will bring our voices, experiences, and advocacy to the forefront. In May, myself and Brad and Kathy Carlson will head to Austin, Texas, for PVA’s 79th Annual Convention. This is a time to connect with fellow Chapters, discuss national priorities, and strategize for the future. Then, in June, our advocacy team will travel to Washington, D.C., for the PVA Advocacy and Legislation Seminar, where we will meet with our local lawmakers to push for policies that will enhance the lives of our members. Your voice matters in this process, and we encourage you to stay engaged as we fight for meaningful change.



In July, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games will take place in Minneapolis. This extraordinary event showcases the power of adaptive sports, competition, and fellowship among the attendees. We are proud of our New England athletes who will be competing, and we encourage all members to support them on this incredible journey. Check out Brad’s article for more information on registering for the Games, along with other important details.

Whether through outreach, advocacy, or sports, our mission at the New England PVA remains the same: to empower, support, and uplift the veterans we are so honored to serve each day. Thank you for being part of this incredible community. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference for many.

Sincerely,

Mark Murphy
 Executive Director

We need your help
 in pushing our priorities forward. Sign PVA’s SCI/D System of Care petition and count your voice. Scan the QR Code or click the link below.



<https://www.votervoices.net/PVA/Petitions/5455/Respond>

Washington Update

House Veterans' Affairs Committee Reviews Pending Veterans-Related Bills

On February 25, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee (HVAC) held a hearing to examine five pieces of veterans-related legislation. One bill, the Restore VA Accountability Act (H.R. 472) seeks to ensure proper accountability at all levels of the VA. PVA's statement for the record noted that throughout the years, there have been unfortunate instances where those serving in leadership positions at the department have failed to fulfill the responsibilities of their positions and steps should have been taken to remove them. We told the committee we believe the VA Secretary should have the ability to remove bad actors from the department; however, we would not support abusing authorities like those in this legislation to arbitrarily remove competent and capable employees simply as a cost-cutting measure or in furtherance of any discriminatory purpose.

A much larger bill, the Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025 (H.R. 740), would codify current access standards and prevent VA from manipulating wait times in order to limit veterans' access to care in the community. It would establish a defined access standard for the provision of residential substance abuse and mental health treatment, recognizing that when a veteran in an addiction crisis decides that help is needed, time is of the essence. This bill would also require VA to be more transparent with veterans when they are deciding their best options for care, whether at VA or through a community-based provider.

While the overwhelming majority of our members rely on VA's spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D) system of care, PVA supported the Veterans' ACCESS Act but reminded lawmakers that our members choose direct VA for a key reason. Beyond the loss of use of arms and legs, SCI/D can affect other body systems, including skin, bowel, bladder, and breathing. SCI/D demonstrates the interconnectedness of our body's systems, where damage to one

part of the body can affect other aspects of it. Because SCI/D has profound and lasting effects, disrupting both physical and neurological functions, having access to a provider who understands the impact on each body system is a vital necessity. Most of VA's community care providers lack the knowledge, expertise, and time to properly under-

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stand the impact of SCI/D on body systems. We also expressed concerns about the lack of inpatient mental health and substance use care for veterans with SCI/D who have other care needs, such as bowel and bladder. We called on the committee to include a pilot requiring VA to provide inpatient mental health and substance use care for SCI/D veterans.

Finally, the Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act of 2025 (H.R. 1391) would restore benefits to students who were using their VA education benefits at an institution of higher learning if they were victims of fraudulent activities, including substantial misrepresentation through advertising, marketing, recruiting, and enrollment practices. We asked the committee to improve the bill by amending its language so the change is applied retroactively, and clarifying which programs would not be eligible for reimbursement. A recording of the hearing and relevant documents can be found [here](#).

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we progress along in this new Spring season, we are looking forward to many things in the coming months. With that, I want to address a few important housekeeping notes as we plan for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Minneapolis, MN from July 17-22nd with dates being July 16th and 23rd. Applications are open now at www.wheelchairgames.org. Medical forms must be submitted to your doctor or nurse practitioner immediately if you plan to attend as all medical paperwork is required for your application to be processed successfully. As in years past, we have not allocated unlimited funds and resources to the Games. If you follow the online process for the registration, it should be clear. Each member attending will be reimbursed up to \$350 roundtrip for their flights. This will also be the case for a member's caregiver or spouse. Finally, if you are attending, the Chapter needs to know so we can coordinate details like hotel reservations. If you need assistance with your application or have any questions about the Games, please contact me at the Chapter office. I am pleased to let you know Eileen Craffey will be joining NEPVA as a coach at this year's games. We are looking forward to having an impactful time together at the Games once again this year!

We are looking forward to hosting our Annual Golf Tournament at South Shore Country Club in Hingham, MA on Monday, August 18th. Our Tournament is being planned by our incredible golf tournament committee members in Chapter Executive Director Mark Murphy, Chapter volunteers Holly Warshaw, Jim Clark, and Mitch Fishman, and myself. This tournament will sell out once again we as have many interested sponsors this year and there will be many new surprises out on the course as well. Volunteers are needed to make the golf tournament the

fantastic event that it always is, so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Holly Warshaw at holly@pvanewengland.org.

Save the date for our Annual Chapter Clambake on August 24th at the Italian American War Veterans (ITAM) Post 45 in Marlborough, MA! This is a free event for all Chapter and VA staff, volunteers, and members and their guests. It is an outdoor event under a pavilion, with a cash bar and DJ. It is a fun event with casual attire. Next month in

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my article I will list the menu options and the deadline for meal choices to be submitted. Tickets will be ready for pickup at the event, and again, it is free. The official RSVP and menu choices will be available via email and online next month. This is always one of our most sought after and cherished Chapter gatherings all year, and we are very much looking forward to it.

In closing, I am honored to be your Chapter President and National Director. The work that we are accomplishing is so critical in our nation today, where veterans are facing more and more challenges and barriers to enhancing their quality of life. We have been and will continue to strive to serve our members in all the ways that we are able to as a Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organization. Again, it is my honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Brad Carlson, Chapter President & National President



by Brad Carlson
NEPVA President

PVA Releases 2025 Policy Priorities

With a new Congress and a new Administration in Washington, D.C., PVA's priorities for 2025 are focused on ensuring access to the care and benefits PVA members have earned and the civil rights protections they deserve. We look forward to working with our champions to move these priorities forward throughout the year.

PVA priorities for 2025 are as follows:

- **Protect VA's Specialized Health Care Services**
- **Increase Access to Long-Term Services and Supports for Veterans with SCI/D**
- **Improve Veterans' Financial Security**
- **Enhance Access to Health Care Services for Veterans with SCI/D**
- **Defend the Freedoms of Veterans with Disabilities**

HELP Committee Holds Confirmation Hearing for Secretary of Labor

On February 19, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) held the confirmation hearing for former Congresswoman, Lori M. Chavez-DeRemer, to serve as the Secretary of Labor at the Department of Labor (DOL). The DOL confirmation will be important to veterans considering the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is housed within DOL.

Much of the hearing focused on putting the American worker first and ensuring workplace safety and earnings. In the labor discussion is the ever-present battle in manufacturing, particularly in relation to China, and several Senators stressed the need to guarantee strength in American manufacturing. Increasing protections around child labor exploitation were also common topics offered by several Senators.

There was a noted absence of any discussion around DOLVETS in the confirmation hearing.

Class Action Lawsuit Filed Against Disneyland for Exclusionary and Invasive Screening Process

On February 10, a class action lawsuit was filed in Orange County Superior Court against Walt Disney Parks and Resorts U.S., Inc. (Disney) and Inspire Health Alliance (collectively, the Defendants), challenging Disney's Disability Access Service (DAS). The complaint alleges that the defendants violated California Common Law, Civil Code, the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act and their general duty of care. Plaintiffs state that the DAS application process is completed in a non-private setting where intentional and/or negligent disclosures of sensitive medical information could be overheard.

The complaint also claims that Disney violated the Unruh Civil Rights Act, which incorporates the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These allegations stem from changes made to Disney's DAS that implemented a new screening process to reduce program violations. The DAS terms and conditions stated that the program is intended to only accommodate guests with developmental disabilities who are unable to wait in lines for an extended period of time. Under the Unruh Civil Rights Act, all persons in California are entitled to full and equal access to public accommodations regardless of their disability. The Act incorporates the ADA, which prohibits eligibility criteria that screen out or tend to screen out individuals with disabilities. The complaint contends that this eligibility criteria screens out guest with physical disabilities and denies them of an accommodation required to enjoy full access of the park.

REMINDER:

Survey to Assess Accessibility During the 2024 General Election

PVA National is conducting a survey on accessible voting. The study aims to learn more about the voting experience of people with disabilities in the 2024 general election. The feedback received from this survey will inform our efforts to educate members as they face accessibility barriers in voting. This information will provide valuable insight and guide preparation for future webinars and other resources related to voting accessibility. To take the survey, scan the QR or click [here](#).



Oppose Dismantling the VA's SCI/D System of Care

Time has proven that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is the best provider of care for veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D). It is essential that leaders in Washington, DC know this so they can ensure the VA's SCI/D system of care is protected. In recent years, we have seen cracks begin to develop in the system as it struggles with numerous clinical vacancies and infrastructure deficiencies that compromise veterans' care. We need to reverse these trends.

Join PVA National President Robert Thomas by signing your name to ensure Congress and the Administration know that its SCI/D system of care is necessary for the health of paralyzed veterans and is an essential part of the VA system. Our goal is to uplift your voice with the petition when President Thomas testifies before a Joint Session of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees this spring.

Petition Text

We urge you to oppose dismantling the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders (SCI/D) system of care, as veterans overwhelmingly prefer to receive their care at the VA and community providers are not equipped to adequately meet their needs. Veterans with an SCI/D tend to have complex medical needs, resulting in a need to see a multitude of medical specialists in a variety of different fields. The cohesive medical care provided by the VA medical system ensures that veterans can receive the care they need in one place. It also alleviates the often burdensome need to forward their complex medical history from one specialist to another to ensure their complex cases are fully cared for.

The VA's SCI/D system is the crown jewel of its health care system. The VA's integrated approach enhances continuity of care and fosters trust among veterans, who value the specialized services tailored to their unique needs. The failure in recent years to properly fund, staff, and invest in the system's infrastructure is slowly dismantling the SCI/D system of care, leaving paralyzed veterans with inferior care options in the community. The United States government must affirm its commitment to those who served, particularly those with the most significant disabilities, and ensure they receive the best possible care where they feel safe and comfortable.

Scan the QR code to access the petition and help save the VA SCI/D system of care.



Sports & Recreation

Northeast Passage Veteran Recreation

We strive to create an open and welcoming environment for Veterans in all of our programs. Veterans and Active Duty Service Members from all eras and of all ability levels are encouraged to participate in this program. Most options are provided at no cost to Veterans & Members of the Armed Forces through funding from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, a partnership with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Operation Hat Trick and local organizations.

Join Northeast Passage for any of our regularly scheduled Adaptive Sports & Recreation events or check out one of our competitive teams in sled hockey, wheelchair rugby, wheelchair lacrosse or power soccer.

We also have a consistent offering of Veteran specific recreation events throughout the year. Join us, and other local Veterans, for group outings that shift with the seasons.

INDOOR ARCHERY Rochester, NH

Come join us indoors for some archery range shooting. All levels of experience and ability are welcomed! Shooting distances vary from 9-26 yards. There is also the opportunity to shoot on the range's TechnoHunt center--a virtual shooting range, with games and over 700 hunting scenarios, using your own bow and arrows.

USA Archery certified staff from Northeast Passage will provide instructions and tips to participants as well as equipment needs.

If you have your own equipment, you are welcome to bring it.

Due to high demand and limited space, interested participants can register for three dates and waitlist the remaining dates.

DATES:, March 28 from 1:00–3:00PM.

INTRO to CYCLING Durham, NH

Are you looking to try cycling for the first time? Are you looking to purchase your own recumbent trike or handcycle? Are you looking to explore different riding styles? If so, this is the event for you!

Northeast Passage staff and volunteers will work with participants to demo various cycles and to find the best fit for you. Northeast Passage will have several options in the following categories: foot powered trikes, hand cycles, and tandems.

This event is held on an indoor track and is designed as an introductory event (this is not an indoor riding event). This event is appropriate for all ages.

Saturday, April 12, 2025. Please choose one session: Session 1: 9:00 -10:30AM
Session 2: 10:45-12:15PM
Session 3: 12:30 - 2:00PM

A sampling of the programs Northeast Passage offers to Veterans:

Cycling

Saltwater and freshwater fishing

Fly Fishing/Tying

Indoor rock climbing

Wood carving and art

Water skiing

Kayaking & Paddleboarding

Archery

Bowling

Air Riflery



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COURT SPORTS Durham, NH

Come join Northeast Passage at UNH's Hamel Recreation Center for a night of Court Sports. We will provide court wheelchairs, people to fill out teams, and all the equipment needed for the specific games. We usually play wheelchair handball or ultimate frisbee. This program is appropriate for participants of all abilities, ages, and levels of experience.

Wednesdays: March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16 5:30–7:30PM. There is no fee for these events.

Veterans Fishing Tournament

The Veterans Fishing Tournaments are open water bass tournaments for veterans or service members with a permanent physical disability, visual impairment or PTSD. Tournaments are held in May on Candlewood Lake in Danbury, CT or in September on Lake Congamond in Southwick, MA. Each veteran will be paired with an experienced angler and boat captain for a day on the water. The tournament includes all fishing equipment, a weigh-in and an awards luncheon. Prizes are awarded for the top 3 weights.

This event is organized in collaboration with the Major Steven “Roy” Andrews Fishing Outreach Program and CT Bass Nation.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs in partnership with Move United Warfighter Sports Program and is offered at NO COST for veterans. More Info at <https://sportsassociation.gaylord.org>

Sailing on Lake Champlain with Northeast Disabled Athletic Association

Our adaptive sailing program began in 2006 at The Moorings Marina in Colchester, VT. We purchased two Martin 16 adaptive sailboats with the help of a generous grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation.

A Martin 16 sailboat can carry one sailor and one crew. The boat has been modified to be operated from a seated position. A series of pull ropes enables a sailor to use the rudder and control the lines for the mainsail and the jib.

Our boats can also be controlled with a sip ‘n’ puff switch, granting sailors with significant mobility or dexterity impairments the chance to captain independently.

Our boats are available for use during sailing season,



Candlewood Lake Tournament

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Location:
Candlewood Lake, Danbury, CT

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Check-in: 7:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.

Fish: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Weigh-In: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Awards and Lunch:
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

which runs on Lake Champlain from late May to late September. Contact sailing@disabledathletics.org for more information, or to schedule a sail.

NDAA has organized programs for local athletes in activities including:

- Archery
- Biathlon
- Bocce
- Cross-Country skiing
- Handcycling
- Kayaking
- Power Soccer
- Sailing
- Sled Hockey
- Tennis
- Water Skiing
- Wheelchair Basketball

Find out more at www.disabledathletics.org

Service Officers Report

by Zachary T. Nuetzel
National Service Officer

Chapter 35, Survivor's and Dependents Education Assistance (DEA)

Happy early Spring NEPVA and I hope everyone is doing well. Hopefully, warmer weather is on the way. I wanted to focus this month's article to provide information on a benefit that many of our veteran's may have entitlement to: Chapter 35 Survivor's and Dependents Education Assistance (DEA). Dependents Education Assistance is an education benefit for veterans who are considered totally disabled and service connected for the disability. In this article I hope to provide information on what is DEA, who is eligible, what they can receive, and how long they are eligible to use DEA.

DEA is an education benefit for veteran's spouse, widow, or child of an eligible veteran. The benefit can provide a monthly monetary stipend to an eligible dependent pursuing a program of higher-education for up to 36 months (in some cases can be 48 months). Eligible dependents include the spouse, legal children, or widow of a veteran who is considered totally disabled with a permanent disability. The current rate for a dependent who is enrolled full time is a stipend of \$1,536.00 for the full month. Please note, while a dependent is using DEA they will not be considered on the veteran's compensation award as a dependent for the additional monthly amount.

For many years until 2023, there was a time limit that an eligible spouse or widow needed to use their Chapter 35 benefit. However, the law has changed and these time limits are now different. They can best be broken into two groups depending on when the veteran or servicemember was entitled to Chapter 35 DEA. If you are entitled to DEA prior to August 1st, 2023, THERE IS A TIME LIMIT TO USE DEA. For spouses of veterans and service members entitled prior to August 1st, 2023 the spouse typically has 10 years to use the benefit. If the veteran was to pass away while permanently and totally disabled, it will typically entitle an additional 10

For eligibility to apply, the eligible person must be the spouse, widow, or child of a veteran or service member who:

- 1.) is permanently and totally disabled due to a service connected condition, or
- 2.) the veteran died due to a service connected disability, or
- 3.) The service member died in the line of duty, or
- 4.) the service member is missing in action or was captured in the line of duty by a hostile force for more than 90 days, or
- 5.) the service member was forcibly detained (held) or interned in the line of duty by a foreign entity for more than 90 days, or
- 6.) the service member is in the hospital or getting outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability and is likely to be discharged for that disability.

If the veteran or service member meet any of the above criteria, they should be eligible for DEA.

years to use. Spouses of servicemembers who died in the line of duty or spouses of veterans rated permanent and total within three years of their discharge, will have

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navigate through
the questions
you may have on
disability ratings
and navigating
the VA system.

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20 years to use the benefit. However, with the 2023 law change, if the entitlement occurred after August 1st, 2023, THERE IS NO LONGER A TIME LIMIT TO USE DEA. Therefore, it is important that veteran's and dependents are aware of when their entitlement to Chapter 35 arose.

The law change also has an impact on eligible children. If the child became eligible before August 1st, 2023, turned 18 before August 1st, 2023, and graduated high school prior to August 1st, 2023, they typically will have 8 years to use the benefit until they become 26 years old. However, if they become eligible after August 1st, 2023, or turn 18 after August 1st, 2023, or complete high school/ obtain a GED after August 1st, 2023, then there will no longer be any time limit for them to use Chapter 35 DEA.

It is my hope that the above information regarding Chapter 35 DEA provides eligible veterans with needed information to understand some of their education benefits. If you believe that your dependents may be eligible for DEA, or you are unsure of whether they have a time limit to use DEA, please contact your local PVA service officer for additional information. I hope this provides our members with needed information for their dependents.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and healthy spring.

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FY25 EVENT SCHEDULE

Note: ** means this is not a PVA-sponsored event.



March 2025		
Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament	March 14-16, 2025	Midlothian, VA
Wisconsin Air Gun Tournament	March 21-22, 2025	Racine, WI
Long Beach Boccia Tournament	March 29-30, 2025	Long Beach, CA
April 2025		
Wheelchair Football Camp	April 3-6, 2025	Birmingham, AL
Citrus Slam Bass Fishing Tournament	April 4-6, 2025	Kissimmee, FL
Pocahontas Off-Road Spring Camp	April 9-13, 2025	Chesterfield, VA
PVA Off-Road Classic Paracycling Race	April 12, 2025	Chesterfield, VA
Mid-America Billiards Tournament	April 10-12, 2025	Oklahoma City, OK
Bluegrass Bash Bass Tournament	April 11-13, 2025	Kuttawa, KY
Texas Bowling Tournament	April 30-May 2, 2025	San Antonio, TX
May 2025		
Puerto Rico Year-end Boccia Tournament	May 3-4, 2025	San Juan, PR
Vaughan Trapshoot Tournament	May 23-25, 2025	Elburn, IL
Texas Air Gun Tournament	May 31-Jun 1, 2025	San Antonio, TX
June 2025		
Capital Clash Bass Tournament (Year-end event)	June 13-15, 2025	La Plata, MD
PVA Colonial Pickleball Tournament	June 14-15, 2025	Perry Point, MD
Iowa Trapshoot Tournament	June 20-22, 2025	Cedar Rapids, IA
Teton Outdoor Adventure	June 23-27, 2025	Jackson Hole, WY
PVA Bowling National Championships	June 26-29, 2025	Omaha, NE
Wisconsin Trapshoot Tournament (Year-end Event)	June 27-29, 2025	Green Bay, WI



Applications are open now at www.wheelchairgames.org. Medical forms must be submitted to your doctor or nurse practitioner immediately if you plan to attend as all medical paperwork is required for your application to be processed successfully.



Scan the QR Code or click the link below to Register for the Games.

<https://wheelchairgames.org/athletes/registration>

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Annual Chapter Golf Tournament **Monday, August 18th**

At South Shore Country Club in Hingham, MA
12 noon shotgun start on
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Annual Chapter Banquet & Clambake **Sunday, August 24th**

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