~ Veterans Day Parade ~
Iowa State Fair
August 17, 2016
A Message From The President
Jon R. Schneider

On August 17th, we participated in the Veterans Parade at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. The parade was quite successful, attended by thousands of onlookers. Following the parade, I was interviewed by Kyle Munson, a writer for the Des Moines Register. His article about the parade and our veterans was befitting to this occasion and a portion of that article is below.

Jon Schneider of Urbandale rolled along in his wheelchair as the Iowa Chapter president of the Iowa Paralyzed Veterans of America (IPVA). He was joined by seven more fellow veterans in chairs, one with a small dog in his lap.

Even when the parade was out of earshot of King’s narration, the sight of Schneider and PVA colleagues often triggered spontaneous applause from onlookers.

Schneider, 79, suffered a spinal-cord injury in 1958 while serving aboard a Navy destroyer in the Mediterranean Sea as Cold War tensions escalated. A torpedo accident led to his leg paralysis. He lingered for 270 days in hospitals around Europe and the States.

Nearly 60 years later in the middle of landlocked Iowa, this sailor’s service and sacrifice on the other side of the globe was honored by thousands of his fellow Iowans.

“It’s nice to have people appreciate your service,” Schneider said. “Some don’t.”

“War’s hell, no matter what year you’re in,” he added.

It’s probably a good idea that we pause our fried-food fair binge for an hour or so to dwell on such things.”

JRS
From the Desk of the National Director
Kenny Lloyd

Trapshooting

I have been shooting at Paralyzed Veterans of America trap shoot events for several years now. I have always enjoyed hunting and was thrilled when my father took me out rabbit hunting when I was only ten years old. Some of you might believe that is too young to be hunting, but I assure you, my father was very good at instructing me on how to handle a gun.

I still hunt deer, turkey, and pheasant, but not like I used to when I was younger. I found out about the PVA trap shoots and decided to try it out, since I like shooting. I will have to say I was not very good at first and I am not the best shooter out there yet, but I do enjoy shooting. You might see a number of fancy guns out there but it is not the gun that makes you a good shooter. It takes a lot of practice to become a good trap shooter and it provides the opportunity to shoot year around. I am usually hunting in the fall and the rest of the year I am out there trap-shooting.

PVA holds twelve shoots a year and you are required to go to four if you want a chance at winning prizes at the end of the year. The four I go to that I can drive to in one day are North Central, Vaughn, Wisconsin and our own shoot in Iowa. Once in awhile I will go to other shoots if I happen to be in that area at the time of their shoots. Minnesota PVA has a shoot now too and that is only a half a day away for me.

For the year, I won second place in class D doubles. The prizes consist of gift cards from Cabela’s and for me, that is like a kid in a candy shop. I usually get to Cabela’s at least once a year and if I have had a good year at winning gift cards, I can purchase about anything I want. You can purchase online too but I still prefer looking through the store.

The trap shoots have just begun for this year. If you think you might like to try shooting, you should come to our trap shoot next year in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding trapshooting, please call me at 641-486-2564.

Iowa PVA Pheasant Hunt

The pheasant hunt will be held on November 5, 2016 in Ogden, IA. The deadline for signing up will be October 28, 2016.

For further information, please contact Kenny Lloyd at 641-486-2564.
A Message from David Graham  
Sports Director

36th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

This year’s National Veterans Wheelchair Games were held in Salt Lake City. The weather was good for most of the week. Transportation, availability of food and places to see and explore, were relatively close even though teams were spread out to multiple hotels. This year Bobsledding at the Olympic training center in Park City was a side, non-medal event and a lot of fun. Iowa Chargers had a first time participant in Lana Gillaspie. She had a great time, with her team achieving gold in Power Soccer. She also won gold in Motor Rally and silver in Power Slalom. Mike Brady attained gold in Power Soccer, and silver in Bowling. Loren Strong just missed bronze in Quad Rugby but got gold in Bowling. I finally won the Super G (super slalom course) trophy. My team won silver in Softball, and I received gold in Slalom.

Overall, I think this year’s games went very well and the number of volunteers from the Salt Lake area was GREAT. Next year’s Wheelchair Games will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio in July.

If you are interested in participating in the Games or other sports related events in Iowa or around the country, please feel free to contact me at (660) 868-0097. Some sports around Iowa include: power soccer, cycling, scuba (limited dates), rowing, and basketball, just to name a few.
Cally came into Kenny and Pauline Lloyd’s lives 8 years ago. I had the pleasure of meeting her very shortly after. The Lloyd’s still had service dog extraordinaire, Jake (pictured below) and they had a trip planned that would keep them away for almost three weeks. Jake was still able to provide services for Kenny and Cally was just a baby, so I kept her with me while they were on their trip. At that point she was just a puppy, but I knew she was truly something special and we fell for each other right away.

Jake was her leader and I am sure assisted Kenny in showing Cally the ropes. She was a quick learner and by the time Jake passed away in November of 2009, she was able to take over and take pretty darn good care of Kenny.

She performs the regular service dog tasks. She picks things up off the floor for Kenny when he drops them. She can open and close doors, shut lights on and off and is even able to get a soda out of the refrigerator. Her real contribution to Kenny and his life go far beyond these physical tasks. She is an ambassador for Kenny, his causes and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). She represents Kenny and PVA at meetings, diversity day, at the VA and in all of his activities and business events. She sits in on all of the meetings for hours on end and is always wonderful. She just lies quietly and you don't even know she is there. She is very patient and very well behaved.

She is a shining example of the benefits of having a service dog. Other veterans and individuals who could use a service dog can readily see how Cally enhances Kenny’s life and how she helps him with daily activities. She is not just an animal or a pet, but an extension of Kenny that makes things possible that would not be possible without her.

She does the little things that not everyone notices. She goes first when he needs her to and follows behind when that is what is required. Even when she lost sight in her eye, she still did her best to do her job. Her job ALWAYS comes first. She knows what he needs and where he is every minute. Kenny is her job and her purpose in life. There is never a minutes doubt of that in her mind or in anyone's mind that knows the two of them. Her job and Kenny are obviously her calling. She had that dedication from the beginning even before any training. She is a natural! She is funny and sweet. Everyone loves her (especially me).

These are just a few of the reasons Cally has been chosen as the winner in the Hero category of the 2016 IVMA Hall of Fame. She was nominated by Dr. Rachel Allbaugh from the Iowa State University small animal hospital who provided Cally’s care during a recent medical issue involving her eyesight. (I will provide the actual nomination as soon as it is made available.) Cally will be presented with an award at a ceremony at the Animal Rescue League’s Raise Your Paw Auction on April 29, 2017 in Des Moines. This award could not be more deserved and we are all SO proud of her!
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.

Reading Glasses for our Vets

Paralyzed Veterans of America-Iowa Chapter is now the collection point for reading glasses to be donated to the Des Moines Veterans Hospital. These contributions will be very appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans so please feel free to drop off at our office at 7025 Hickman Road, Suite 1, Urbandale.

Thank you for your help.
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Fort Dodge Primary Care CBOC Transitions from Contract to VA Staff and Housed Clinic

On December 1, 2016, VA Central Iowa Health Care System (VACIHC) is transitioning from a vendor contracted Primary Care Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), in Fort Dodge to a fully VA run and staffed CBOC for Fort Dodge Area Veterans. We are working to ensure this process is seamless to our Veterans and the community.

This transition is in line with our long-term, strategic goal of providing VA-staffed Primary and Mental Health Care services in the Fort Dodge area. Since 2001, we have enjoyed a strong relationship with the Fort Dodge Community and have provided personalized, patient-driven proactive care to area Veterans. VACIHC is already staffing Mental Health and Surgical Services for Fort Dodge Veterans, along with supplementing staff and resources for the current Primary Care contract to align with VA's high standard of care. Overall VA services in Fort Dodge have seen growth in outpatient visits over the past few years and we are anticipating continued growth with unique Veterans utilizing our services. VACIHC is working diligently to ensure this transition allows us to provide the “best care anywhere” to both current and future Veterans.

Kristi Catrenich
Public Affairs Officer
VA Central Iowa Health Care System
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Cell: 515-423-4122

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-Andrew Markham, Team Rock N Road
PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

**WISCONSIN**
- July 29–31, 2016
- Rifle & Pistol Shoot
- July 29, 2016
- Green Bay, WI

**NEVADA**
- March 17–19, 2017
- Las Vegas, NV

**CAL-DIEGO**
- March 24–26, 2017
- Rifle & Pistol Shoot
- March 24, 2017
- Lytle Creek, CA

**OREGON**
- August 19–21, 2016
- Hillsboro, OR

**MINNESOTA**
- April 28–30, 2017
- Minneapolis, MN

**KEYSTONE**
- Sept. 23–25, 2016
- Clairton, PA

**NORTH CENTRAL**
- Sept. 9–11, 2016
- Sioux Falls, SD

**COLONIAL**
- June 2–4, 2017
- Baltimore, MD

**MID-ATLANTIC**
- October 7–9, 2016
- Richmond, VA

**YEAR-END**
- June 16–18, 2017
- Cedar Rapids, IA

**ARIZONA**
- October 28–30, 2016
- Tucson, AZ

Boccia Clinics

**GATEWAY**
- Sept. 15–17, 2016
- St. Louis MO

**WEST VIRGINIA**
- October 22–23, 2016
- Charleston, WV

Five new tournaments to be added! Locations and dates to be determined by bids submitted by 9/30/2016.

ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & PISTOL PROGRAM

**WISCONSIN**
- August 18–20, 2016
- Milwaukee, WI

**ARIZONA**
- August 27–28, 2016
- Phoenix, AZ

**CAMP PENDLETON**
- Sept. 8–9, 2016
- Camp Pendleton, CA

**CAL-DIEGO**
- January 30–31, 2017
- San Diego, CA

**MID-ATLANTIC**
- March 22–23, 2017
- Richmond, VA

**BUCKEYE**
- April 29–30, 2017
- Geneva, OH

**NEW ENGLAND**
- TBD

**PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**
- TBD

**PARALYZED VETERANS HANDCYCLING**

**VIRGINIA BEACH**
- Half Marathon
- Sept. 4, 2016
- Virginia Beach, VA

**PENSACOLA**
- Classic
- Sept. 10–11, 2016
- Pensacola, FL

**AIR FORCE MARATHON**
- Sept. 17, 2016
- Dayton, OH

**ARMY 10 MILE**
- October 9, 2016
- Washington, DC

**BLUE AND GRAY**
- October 22–23, 2016
- Gettysburg, PA

**MARINE CORPS MARATHON**
- October 30, 2016
- Washington, DC

**PARALYZED VETERANS BASS TOUR**

**MID-AMERICA**
- Sept. 23–25, 2016
- Eufaula, OK

**SOUTHEASTERN**
- October 14–16, 2016
- Evans, GA

**VAUGHAN**
- October 28–30, 2016
- Mt. Vernon, IL

**FL. GULF COAST**
- March 31–April 2, 2017
- Kissimmee, FL

**NEVADA**
- May 5–7, 2017
- Gilbertsville, KY

**KENTUCKY-INDIANA**
- June 3, 2017
- Las Vegas, NV

**MID-ATLANTIC**
- June 9–11, 2017
- Richmond, VA

**NORTH CENTRAL**
- May 18–19, 2017
- Chamberlain, SD

**NATIONAL**
- June 2–4, 2017
- LaPlata, MD

**NEVADA**
- June 9–11, 2017
- Richmond, VA

**KENTUCKY-INDIANA**
- TBD

**37TH NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES**

ANNUAL PVA/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

**MID-ATLANTIC**
- Sept. 16–18, 2016
- Richmond, VA

**BUCKEYE**
- April 29–30, 2017
- Geneva, OH

**NEW ENGLAND**
- TBD

**PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**
- TBD

**MID-SOUTH**
- October 14–15, 2016
- Memphis, TN

**KENTUCKY-INDIANA**
- TBD

**MID-AMERICA**
- April 7–9, 2017
- Oklahoma City, OK

* A non-sanctioned event

**ANNUAL PVA/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES**

**MOUNTAIN STATES**
- August 18–21, 2016
- Colorado Springs, CO

**FLORIDA**
- GULF COAST
- Feb. 24–26, 2017
- Oldsmar, FL

**MID-ATLANTIC**
- Sept. 23–25, 2016
- Richmond, VA

**MID-AMERICA**
- March 16–19, 2017
- Shawnee, OK

**NEVADA**
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2016-2017 Educational Scholarship Award Winners

Paralyzed Veterans of America’s (PVA) primary goal has been to assist its members and their families in improving the quality of their lives. This goal has been addressed through a wide variety of activities, including support of programs designed to provide education and training.

PVA established an Educational Scholarship Program to assist PVA members and their immediate families in gaining a post-secondary education.

**Full-Time Student Award Winners - $1,000 each**

Peyton Curry (James Madison University) VA  
Son of Preston Curry – Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Benjamin Hetrick (University of Texas at Dallas) TX  
PVA Member – Lone Star Chapter

Lindsey May (University North Carolina Charlotte) N.C.  
Daughter of James May, Jr. – Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Alexcee Nienow (Creighton University) NE  
Granddaughter of Merlin Canfield – North Central Chapter

Brianna Phipps (University of North Carolina Wilmington) N.C.  
Daughter of Richard Phipps – Southeastern Chapter

Kalani Prokop (Tallahassee Community College) FL  
Daughter of Maria Arroyo – Cal-Diego Chapter

Julian Reyna (Southern Methodist University) TX  
Son of Kerry Reyna – Texas Chapter

Rebecca Skelton (Longwood University) VA  
Daughter of Michael Skelton – Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Elvie Sumner (Appalachian State University) N.C.  
Daughter of Dianne Sumner – Mid-Atlantic Chapter

**Part-Time Student Award Winners - $500 each**

Christine Goble (Washtenaw Community College) MI  
Spouse of Robert Goble – Michigan Chapter

Hailey Holbert (Lone Star College – Kingwood) TX  
 Daughter of Steven Holbert – Texas Chapter
Paralyzed Veterans of America

Iowa Chapter

The Iowa Paralyzed Veterans of America (IPVA) is a non-profit veterans service organization chartered by Congress and is one of 34 chapters which represents our national organization, Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Our membership is free and consists of veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have suffered a spinal cord injury or received a diagnosis of disease affecting the spinal cord.

Provides a National Service Officer to assist veterans in the processing of their claims through the Veterans Administration.

Sponsors athletes who attend the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and other sporting or recreational events.

Provides funds for patient programs at both the Des Moines and Iowa City VAMCs, and at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Provides funds for medical personnel to attend special training seminars dealing with the care and treatment of spinal cord injuries/dysfunction.

Provides funds for foundations and corporations who promote finding a cure and/or improving the quality of life for those with catastrophic spinal cord injuries or diseases (these include both national and local research projects).

Provides education and advocacy to the community at large to improve the accessibility to public and private institutions for all disabled individuals.

Sponsors social activities for our members and their families.

Iowa PVA relies solely on private donations and grants and receives no governmental funding. All contributions are tax deductible, as we are a 501(c)(3) corporation.

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Thank you for considering a donation to Paralyzed Veterans of America and joining our commitment to serve those who have served. With your help, we can continue to change the lives of our American heroes.

Learn more about Paralyzed Veterans of America by visiting PVA.org/PAGServes or connect and share items marked #PAGServes on social media.
IVH Pool Tournament

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 19, 2016  
**TIME:** 9:00AM

**Location:** Iowa Veterans Home  
**Malloy Building**  
**LRC Room**

This event is free and open to anyone who is shooting pool from a wheelchair.  
Please RSVP by November 12th by calling the IPVA office at 888-909-4782 or 515-277-4782.  
Kim or Linda will be happy to sign you up!  
Come have some fun with us!!

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**Changes in Beneficiary Travel Payments at VACIHCS**

The Department of Treasury is now requiring all federal payments to be made electronically. Starting August 15, 2016, VACIHCS will no longer be issuing cash for travel reimbursements and will instead process payments directly to Veterans bank accounts by Direct Deposit. Many of our Veterans are already receiving other VA related payments and we have received their banking information from the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA). For those new to the system or who are not receiving these types of payments or for those needing to update banking information, Direct Deposit Enrollment forms have been mailed out with instructions. These forms can either be mailed back in or provided to our travel clerks in building 3. Veterans already have the opportunity to use the kiosk system to claim beneficiary travel mileage reimbursement but it will become a requirement on August 15th. This easy process takes only a few moments and with kiosks located throughout VACIHCS locations, Veterans will no longer have to come to Building 3 (Admin) and wait in line. This process is more reliable than sending paper checks through the mail, and reimbursements will normally be credited to the account within 7 business days.

We wanted to make you aware of this change as you will be an integral part in ensuring its success. Letters have went out to all Veterans, staff and volunteers are being trained on this change, and we will have signage throughout the facility to help communicate this. Please note this is already being accomplished successfully at many other VAs to include Iowa City. We have worked with their subject matter experts to ensure we communicate this effectively with all parties.

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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

The Board of Directors of the Iowa Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America would like to invite you to their Annual Dinner Meeting and Awards Banquet on Friday evening:

October 7, 2016
at the Ramada Tropics Resort & Conference Center
at I35/80 and Merle Hay Road in Des Moines, IA

4:30 p.m. Bingo
5:30 p.m. Social Hour and Music
6:30 p.m. Dinner
Awards will be presented following dinner

Please RSVP to the Iowa PVA office by Close of Business on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 515-277-4782 or iowapvakim@yahoo.com or iowapvalin17@yahoo.com

(Dress is Business Casual)

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