Our 2015 Annual Dinner & Awards Banquet was held on Friday, October 9th, at the Ramada Inn Convention Center.

The Donald H. Gerdon Award was presented to the DLR Group for their design of your new office space and office furniture.

The Keith M. Griggs Award was presented to the Cedar Rapids Eagle Riders for their extensive fundraising efforts.

Lee Ann Kauzlarich and Kim Payne presented a check to the Iowa Chapter in memory of their husband and father, William Kauzlarich.

And, finally, the recipient of the Jon R. Schneider Chapter Award was presented by complete surprise to our Executive Director, Kim Gould, for her passion and leadership in serving our Nation’s heroes.
A Message From The President  
Jon R. Schneider

I found a very interesting article recently by Robert Weiner and Autumn Kelly. Below are some of the highlights.

Vets Shouldn't Have to Start With Charities

Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald told the National Press Club and world media some weeks ago that he has made progress against delays, but even higher demand for services is making the situation worse - and that instead of 300,000 appointments waiting over 30 days, that number is now 500,000. He added, "If there is more demand, all we are doing is trying to match." He pleaded for budget support and said, "Congress holds the keys. Congress provides the benefits and funds them."

As the country learned in the latest blockbuster report on VA delays, 307,000 is more than just a few veterans who died while trying to sign up for benefits. The ones now deceased, according to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee findings, were among 800,000 applications still coded as "pending."

Twenty-two veterans take their own life every day. Nonprofit foundations cannot be relied on to do the government's job when more veterans are dying on American soil than combat soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Less than half of veterans are enrolled in veterans benefits programs, and only 3.8 million veterans are granted disability benefits. More than 50,000 veterans that served in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from battle wounds and 1,500 are amputees; 83 percent lost one or both legs.

Donations given to veteran charities are not solely spent on helping veterans. In 2013, ten employees of The Wounded Warrior Project earned more than $150,000 a year, with CEO Steven Nardizzi's salary at $333,000, more than the secretary of defense ($200,000) and even more than members of Congress ($175,000). Administrative and salary issues aside, the bottom line is, wounded veterans should not be left to seek charity -- as worthy as any organization might be -- as their only option when the federal government should be caring for its returning soldiers.

According to a VA survey, only 41 percent of veterans said they understood their benefits plan "a lot" or even "somewhat": 42 percent of veterans who had never used their health care benefits said they were not aware of those benefits or did not know how to apply.

We cannot expect a plane ride to be an adequate transition back to civilian life. The campaign bluster to help veterans should become action by Congress and the next president.

JRS
Mid-Fall Board of Directors Meeting

By Kenny Lloyd

This year’s Paralyzed Veterans of America’s Mid-Fall Board meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona. Before the meeting, I went to a trapshoot in Tucson, AZ. This was the first time for me to shoot at the Arizona Chapter Shoot and they had a great trap club. I was placed on the Arizona Chapter’s team and the team was able to obtain second place. I want to say thank you to the Arizona team for allowing me to shoot on their team.

Our Mid-Fall board meeting was held for three days. The directors had received all the reports from the Executive Committee and the national staff before we ever got to the meeting. There are sometimes updates when we meet but most of the time there aren't. The directors get the chance to ask questions about the reports at the meeting or if there are any other concerns they may have at the time.

There were two guest speakers:
1. Marine Sergeant Major Bryan Battaglia, the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and also senior noncommissioned officer in the United States Armed Forces; and

There were eight resolutions submitted, of which five passed, one sent to committee, one failed and one withdrawn. Below are the results.

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If anyone has any questions, you can call me at 515-570-1402.

SHOTGUN DEER HUNT 12/12 - 12/13/15

THE ANNUAL IPVA DEER HUNT WILL BE HELD 12/12 - 12/13 AT THE LLOYD FAMILY FARM IN UNION, IA. THIS EVENT IS ALWAYS A GOOD TIME, WITH GOOD HUNTING AND LUNCHES PROVIDED BY PAULINE LLOYD.

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The first week of November, I attended the National PVA Mid-Fall Board of Directors Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. As part of these meetings, we were provided a presentation from James T. Jackson, Major General, USA Ret. This presentation was a prelude to a very moving Vietnam War Veterans Commemoration Ceremony.

As Major Jackson stated, times are changing and have been for those who serve or have served in the military, for the better. Times are especially changing for the Vietnam Veteran, who once returned home to their country that looked down upon their actions, actions they were not in control of.

The Vietnam War was one of the most ugly wars in American history, with poor decisions by the government, re-institution of the draft, the use of chemical weapons, the large number of deaths, and the lack of support for the troops on the home front. The Vietnam War is still viewed today as one of the worst battles, and America will never be involved in such a war ever again as claimed by recent presidents.

When the Vietnam Veterans returned home from Vietnam, they were not welcomed with open arms like soldiers are today; instead they were forgotten and treated like worthless individuals as they were called names, discriminated and even spit on by their fellow countrymen. Vietnam Veterans returned to their country with many physical and psychological disabilities that would go unnoticed for the coming years. The U.S. government lacked in preparation to help these returning veterans transition back into the civilian world, as many Vietnam Veterans found themselves on their own with little information to direct them on how to get help for the disabilities they had brought back from the battle field.

This ceremony was intended as a long overdue welcome home to these Vietnam Veterans. They each received a pin and a certificate. It was an honor to even be in the room to witness this.
Disabled Hunting Opportunities

We were recently contacted by a gentleman named Brent Wesemann. Mr. Wesemann and his parents live in NE Nebraska and would like to offer some hunting opportunities to disabled veterans.

At the moment, they have constructed some enclosed blinds that are raised approximately 7'-9' off of the ground with ladder access. They also have ground blinds available. This year they are not really set up for wheelchair hunting; however, they can get veterans out in wheelchairs. These hunters would be in portable ground blinds that really don't offer good vantage points for deer. They plan to make at least one raised blind with wheelchair access next summer.

Seasons available to hunt are rifle deer, muzzle loader deer, spring turkey, and pheasant. (The rifle and muzzle loader deer are full for the 2015 season). Pheasant hunting is open depending on the weekends that it will be hunted for deer and a couple of family hunts planned over the Thanksgiving long weekend and Christmas time. (Wheelchairs would be unable to work in crop fields). Spring turkey season opens in mid-April and goes till the end of May. There will be mobile ground blinds available for use by wheelchair hunters.

If the veteran is not wheelchair bound and Brent’s parents are home, they would love to host them in their home. (House and facilities are not wheelchair accessible.) There is also a small motel in town approximately 5 miles from the farm.

The Wesemann’s are not connected with any organization, are not compensated, nor looking for compensation. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Brent directly at bwesem@hotmail.com or call him at 402-677-5581 between 6-9 pm to discuss further details.

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.
5.5 Million
Veterans
With Disabilities*

3 Million
With Service-Connected Disabilities*

600,000
With Significant Service-Related Disabilities*

42,000
Spinal Cord Injury**

16,000
Multiple Sclerosis**

156,000
Legally Blind Veterans
1.1 Million With Visual Impairments**

4,220
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
Or Lou Gehrig’s Disease With A Life Expectancy
Of Two To Five Years**

1,572
With Major Limb Amputations, 486 With Multiple
Amputations (both figures since 2003)***

80,000
Amputations, Most Stemming From
Vascular Diseases**

253,330
Traumatic Brain Injury - 3,949 With Penetrating
Head Wounds - 44,610 With Severe
Or Moderate Brain Injury Since 2003***

25 Years of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

PVA.org/ADA

*Data from the American Community Survey
**Data from the Department of Veterans Affairs
***Data from Army Surgeon General’s Office
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**Finding Comfort in the Healing Gifts of the Season**

A telephone education group focused on strategies to enhance resilience and restore balance

*Facilitated by the VA Caregiver Support Line*

Tuesday, December 8th at 9am

With encore sessions

Wednesday, December 16th at 6pm &

Wednesday, December 23rd at 2pm

This is open to Family Caregivers of Veterans of all eras.

*If you would like to participate, please contact*

Regina MacRae, Caregiver Support Coordinator  
515-699-5999; x9-4015

Sara Gustason, Program Support  
515-699-5531

*Please register at least one week prior to call.*

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Thank you!

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* A non-NWPA sanctioned event

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**TIME:** 9:00AM

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

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Come have some fun with us!!

Participants Invited: Spinal Cord Injury Research Studies (2)

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Interested individuals are invited to contact the study coordinator, Dr. Shauna Dudley-Javoroski at 319-356-8203, or at shauna-dudley@uiowa.edu.
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There is a lot going on at the end of the year. We know you are busy, but we are hoping you will take the time to read this article and help Paralyzed Veterans of America - Iowa Chapter increase their donations.

- **Welcome Back!** Do you have supporters who used to use iGive regularly but haven't in a while? Check your list of supporters and let the dormant ones know that a $100 purchase before November 15 means an extra $5 donation for Paralyzed Veterans of Veterans of America - Iowa Chapter.

- **New Supporter?** If you do online shopping, why not use iGive? It’s easy so why not provide additional donations for our Chapter while shopping online? All you have to do is go to the iGive website, sign up, choose Paralyzed Veterans of America-Iowa Chapter, and begin shopping from those places you normally shop from online. The only catch is that you must log in to iGive and then choose the store you wish to order from. Remember, a percentage of what you spend is donated to our cause (on average 3%). The stores pay for it all - we never pay more. Spread the word.

- **New Member $5 Bonus November 7-20** It’s a *return of a favorite* - recruit new iGive members for Paralyzed Veterans of America - Iowa Chapter. All they have to do is join between November 7-20, 2015 and try the Button within two days of joining. If the Button stays "phoning home" through 2/15/16, they'll earn you a $5 bonus. ((Remember the iGive Button is for desktop and laptop computers.))

- **31 Days of Giving December 1-31** Contest for your supporters -- iGive members post their favorite holiday pictures on the iGive page on Facebook and Instagram. Fans will vote with "likes". Top 3 win on both Instagram and Facebook!

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year, Veterans Day is a time to reflect on the service and sacrifice of all generations of veterans; these men and women have given selflessly of themselves to defend our freedoms, and we are continually humbled by their strength and courage; and

WHEREAS, the history of Veterans Day goes back to the Armistice, also known as the Treaty of Versailles, that ended the hostilities of World War I; the treaty was signed in the Palace of Versailles, outside of the town of Versailles, France, on June 28, 1918; and

WHEREAS, the fighting had ceased seven months earlier, when a temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, in 1918, November 11, was dedicated as Armistice Day to honor the veterans of that conflict, and in 1954 was expanded to honor American veterans of all wars; and

WHEREAS, our men and women in uniform have been the bearers of a proud military tradition that has been dutifully passed down from generation to generation for more than two centuries; and

WHEREAS, in times of war and peace alike, our veterans have served with courage and distinction in the face of tremendous adversity, demonstrating an unflinching commitment to America and our people; many have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the country they loved; and

WHEREAS, the selflessness of our service members has always been, and continues to be, unmatched, and they remind us that there are few things more fundamentally American than doing our utmost to make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, we pay tribute to our veterans, to the fallen, and to their families; to honor their contributions to our nation; let us strive with renewed determination to keep the promises we have made to all who have answered our country’s call; as we fulfill our obligations to them, we keep faith with the patriots who have risked their lives to preserve our Union, and with the ideals of service and sacrifice upon which our Republic was founded;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2015, as

VETERANS DAY

and ask all Iowans to make Veterans Day 2015 a special “Welcome Home” for all who have served our nation regardless of which war or conflict including our newest generation of veterans who have served in the post-9/11 era. Let us shine a light on all of them and say ‘thank you’ for the sacrifices and all they have given while serving our country.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DUNH AT DES MOINES THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST

PAUL D. FAYE
SECRETARY OF STATE
Adaptive Sports Iowa continues to host weekly wheelchair Basketball pickup games in Ankeny. The games are held at the First Family Church located at 317 SE Magazine Road. The facility is reserved from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday night. Adaptive Sports Iowa will have six sports chairs on site. There is no cost to participate. Come out and enjoy the fun.

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