Our Board of Directors just authorized the purchase of this Boccia ball equipment. (2 Therafin “Boss” ramps and 4 Superior Classic ball sets) National PVA has been hosting Boccia ball clinics if you want to learn more about this sport. Our Facebook page contains details! We also would be thrilled to loan this equipment to our IPVA members!
A Message From The President
Jon R. Schneider

Our Annual Awards Banquet was held on October 11, 2020, via Zoom. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this event. Event though it was very different from past banquets, it was still meaningful. From the beautifully sung “Star Spangled Banner” by Nicole Stevenson to our guest speakers of Sara Ackert -Central Iowa Associate Director of Des Moines VAMC, Timon Oujiri – Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home, Judith Johnston –Mekota Director of Iowa City VAMC and a video message from Congresswoman Cindy Axne. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

At the Banquet, we were able to announce that the Iowa Chapter was awarded the Annual Chapter Service Award from our National Office for having “25 per capita cumulative hours given by chapter volunteers for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.”

I would like everyone to understand how important our volunteers are to our Chapter! If it weren’t for our volunteers working in all areas of the disability community the Chapter would not function to the fullest.

Our Chapter currently has 34 registered volunteers who submit hours monthly. Our Chapter also does an outstanding job with actual members who volunteer. In fact, 47% of our registered volunteered are members!

I want to also specifically thank one of our members who does an outstanding job in our Chapter leadership area: our Vice President, Kenny Lloyd. He’s involved in all aspects of the Chapters activities. I can’t thank him enough.

We have won this award 5 different times. 1989, 1990, 1991, 2012 and 2013. It was time for us to win it again!!!

JRS

Welcome!
Our New
Iowa PVA Members are...
Nicole M. Beckford

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From the Desk of the National Director  
Kenny Lloyd

2020 Fall Board Meeting

The Fall Board of Directors meeting was held virtually over Zoom like Convention. Most of the National Directors felt it would be better virtually than traveling across our country. I was one of those Directors that felt the same way. As most of you already know, the cases of COVID 19 are rising and we all need to be safe. The Board of Directors have received all the reports from staff and the Executive Committee to help the meeting go more smoothly and gives the Directors a chance to bring up questions during the meeting.

Below are the resolutions the National Directors passed, failed or tabled.

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If you have any question about these resolutions, you can contact me at 515-570-1402.

Kenny Lloyd

Have you considered including Iowa Paralyzed Veterans of America in your will or trust?

“It takes a notable person to plant a seed for a tree that will one day provide shade for someone he may never meet”

This type of donation will serve as an investment in our organization that will reap our members benefits for many years to come.
Obviously, this has been a year like no other. As a non-profit organization that relies entirely on donations, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, we were very concerned what our financial situation would look like as the pandemic wore on. Although still in the throws of this tragic situation, the Iowa Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America finds itself with its head above water! Our supporters and donor base has come through for us with flying colors. Our donations are actually up from previous years and this says to me that our organization has strength and sustainability through the most dire of circumstances.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about one of our most generous and reliable support groups, ITC. ITC is the largest independent electricity transmission company in the country. ITC operates in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula, and portions of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Our relationship with ITC started back in 2015. I was contacted and told that ITC wanted to donate Action Track Wheelchairs to several PVA chapters throughout the Midwest. They wanted to give the Iowa Chapter two!

- We received the first two chairs in December of 2015. One went to Kenny Lloyd and one came to the Iowa Chapter to be used by participants of our turkey, deer and pheasant hunts.
- We received chair number three in November of 2017. This chair was presented to Dan Alberts at a lovely ceremony in Waterloo, IA at the Sullivan Brothers Museum.
- Chairs four and five were received in October of 2018. One was presented to Lonn Cunningham and the Iowa Chapter received another chair to utilize at our hunts.
- Chair number six was presented to Scott Miller in 2019. Scott is the Iowa Chapter sports director.

Six chairs in total so far. These chairs are VERY expensive at approximately $13,000 each. Much too cost prohibitive to be purchased by most of our members and certainly too expensive for the Iowa Chapter of PVA to be able to provide. Approximatel. $80,000 worth of track chairs have been provided to Iowa Chapter members so far. These chairs provide mobility to our paralyzed veterans that they would otherwise never be able to achieve. They are kind of a combination wheelchair/ATV with tracks rather than wheels. They are truly a gift of independence!

Each year, ITC raises funds through a company sponsored golf outing for their employees. The employees donate toward the cause. The company and its executives in turn match these funds. ITC generates an incredible amount of money doing this and as shown above applies donations toward the purchase of track chairs.

In July of this year, I was contacted by Michael Dabney, Manager, Stakeholder Relations, ITC Midwest. He informed me that due to the COVID-19 situation, the ITC annual golf outing had been cancelled. ITC and the employees were instead going to raise money through a direct donation program through our Iowa PVA Chapter PayPal account on our website. With ITC employees donations, ITC executive donations and ITC matching fund donations, by our calculations, **ITC RAISED $14,845.00!!!!** With the unique circumstances of this year and the challenges created for us, ITC did not direct this donation toward the purchase of a track chair and is however allowing us to appropriate this donation to areas we find ourselves needing funding as determined by the Iowa PVA Board of Directors. **I need to add to this story one very important element. The August 10 derecho hit during this fundraising endeavor. The Cedar Rapids area was hit particularly hard and the devastation of that storm was incredible. Much of Cedar Rapids experienced debilitating damage and was without power for weeks in some cases. Many of the employees who donated to our cause are Cedar Rapids area residents!**

Thank you to ITC and ALL of our donors and supporters who have helped us through this critical period.

Kim
MANY THANKS to the people and/or organizations who have donated directly to IPVA
September 1, 2020 - October 31, 2020

Alberts, Dan and Becky (monthly)
Altar’d State - Mission Monday
AmazonSmile
Bachman, Howard
Belich, Ruth (Richie-Cooper Charitable Fund)
Berkenpas, Andy & Lara
Baldwin, Gretchen
Carlson, D.R.
DeLany, James (monthly)
Doty, Mary
Frideres, Duane & Beverly (In Memory of Martin Schneider)
Gould, Kimberly
Hartford Sportsmen Club of Hartford Iowa (monthly)
Iowa One Gift Donation (monthly)
ITC Holdings Corp
Leary, Timothy & Laura (monthly)
Morrison, Heidi (monthly)
O’Brien, Carol (monthly)
Personal Training (monthly)
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Tanner, Krista
Vlasak, Michael and Jan
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THANK YOU—THANK YOU
To the people and/or organizations who have donated directly to the
Midwest PVA Fishing Event from September 1, 2020—October 31, 2020

Anonymous—(Donations to Britton’s Café)
   Bonnie Jacobson
   Britton’s Café
   Anne Chindvall
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November

Rex E Ball Nov 1
John E Francis Nov 2
David L Moyland Nov 7
Bob J Stephens Nov 9
Ronald F Alberhasky Nov 10
Kevin L Wille Nov 10
Wayne A Admire Nov 13
Jerry L Sandvig Nov 14
Daniel L Sawyer Nov 14
Dennis A Timp Nov 20
Lisa E Neitenback Nov 28

December

Kurtis R Yeoman Dec 1
Loren P Strong Dec 2
Edward L Cooley Dec 3
Teresa E Hout Dec 3
Kenneth E Whittaker Dec 9
John S Sykes Dec 9
Michael F Winter Dec 12
Steven L King Dec 15
Michael L Brady Dec 17
David S Escher Dec 18
Heath C Asmussen Dec 20
Herbert Price Dec 23
Larry R Pint Dec 24
Marianne D Berche-Nelson Dec 28

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

11/11 Veterans Day - Office Closed
11/12 Bingo at the Des Moines VA CLC—6:30 pm
11/19 Bi-Annual SCI Meeting on Zoom—10:00 am
11/19 Caregiver Support Meeting on Zoom—11:00 am (Presentation on VA Caregiver Support Program, Stipend Program and the impending expansion to include Veterans who served prior to 9/11)
11/19 BOD/Membership Meeting on Zoom—1:00 pm
11/26 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
11/27 Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

12/10 Bingo at the Des Moines VA CLC—6:30 pm
12/17 CANCELLED—Caregiver Support Meeting
12/17 BOD/Membership Meeting on Zoom—1:00 pm
12/24 Christmas Eve—Office Closed
12/25-31 Christmas Holiday—Office Closed

1/01/2021 Happy New Year—Office Closed
1/14 Bingo at the Des Moines VA CLC—6:30 pm
1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Holiday—Office Closed
1/21 Caregiver Support Meeting on Zoom—11:00 am (Speaker on Mindfulness)
1/21 BOD/Membership Meeting on Zoom—1:00 pm
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- 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.
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Racism, exclusion, and marginalization in any form have no place in our society. For this reason, we stand with our black members, colleagues and supporters — and all affected by senseless violence, oppression and injustice. We are an organization of catastrophically disabled veterans, founded after WWII, who have fought and continue to fight for the founding promises of our country. The broader societal changes that are needed begin with each and every one of us — and they begin by breaking the silence and speaking out. This fight is a duty that belongs to all of us. We owe it to our country.

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