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**Food – Water Slides – Games –
Snow Cones - T-shirt Painting – and**



**Where – the chapter office
2711 S. Design Ct.
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When: April 13th 2019
11 am till 3 pm**



Mission Statement

Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida, a congressionally chartered veteran's service organization that provides a platform of advocacy, education and research, communication, adaptive sports and recreation for veterans paralyzed as a result of spinal cord injury or dysfunction, in an effort to afford them with the highest quality of healthcare and life experiences.



President



I was asked by a lovely young lady if I could find out why a rabbit carries eggs for Easter? It's that time of year, so I'll give it my best.

The Easter Bunny (also called the Easter Rabbit or Easter Hare) is a folkloric figure and symbol of Easter, depicted as a rabbit bringing Easter eggs. Originating among German Lutherans, the "Easter Hare" originally played the role of a judge, evaluating whether children were good or disobedient in behavior at the start of the season of Eastertide. I never heard this part as a child, which in my case was probably best. If my folks had known I might have got raw eggs.

In addition, Orthodox churches have a custom of abstaining from eggs during the fast of Lent. The only way to keep them from being wasted was to boil or roast them, and begin eating them to break the fast. I believe this is how the boiling of the eggs began.

As a special dish, they would probably have been decorated as part of the celebrations. Later, German Protestants retained the custom of eating colored eggs for Easter, though they did not continue the tradition of fasting. Eggs boiled with some flowers change their color, bringing the spring into the homes, and some over time added the custom of decorating the eggs

The Easter Bunny is sometimes depicted with clothes. In legend, the creature carries colored eggs in his basket, candy, and sometimes also toys to the homes of children, and as such shows similarities to Santa Claus or the Christkind, as they both bring gifts to children on the night before their respective holidays. The custom was first mentioned in Georg Franck von Franckenau's *De ovis paschalibus* ('About Easter Eggs') in 1682, referring to a German

tradition of an Easter Hare bringing Easter eggs for the children.

Eggs, like rabbits and hares, are fertility symbols of antiquity. Since birds lay eggs and rabbits and hares give birth to large litters in the early spring, these became symbols of the rising fertility of the earth at the Vernal Equinox.

Many Christians of the Eastern Orthodox Church to this day typically dye their Easter eggs red, the color of blood, in recognition of the blood of the sacrificed Christ (and, of the renewal of life in springtime). Some also use the color green, in honor of the new foliage emerging after the long-dead time of winter.



The Ukrainian art of decorating eggs for Easter, known as *pysanky*, dates to ancient, pre-Christian times. Similar variants of this form of artwork are seen amongst other eastern and central European cultures.

The idea of an egg-giving hare went to the U.S. in the 18th century. Protestant German immigrants in the Pennsylvania Dutch area told their children about the "Osterhase" (sometimes

spelled "Oschter Haws.. Hase means "hare", not rabbit, and in Northwest European folklore the "Easter Bunny" indeed is a hare. I checked a number of places to find there is very little differences between rabbits and hares. If you have better distinction, please let me know.

According to the legend, only good children received gifts of colored eggs in the nests that they made in their caps and bonnets before Easter. I don't remember receiving any gifts, but was glad to get the jelly beans and chocolate.

Steve Kirk



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5th Annual

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Executive Director



Chapter Vice President Sean Gibbs and I attended the Advocacy / Legislation Seminar in Washington DC the first week of March. It was Sean's sixth year in a row up in DC and my fifth year in a row up in DC. As glamorous as it may seem to travel to Capitol Hill and meet with our congressional representatives. The truth is, it is really attending two days of conference meetings, listening to what sounds like the same

stuff year after year and then spending two days roaming the halls of some old buildings, next door to the Capitol, talking to mostly young staffers who you then hope will communicate your message to their boss. Every now and then, a Representative will actually be present and listen to what you have to say. This year, out of 11 Representatives we had appointments with only five actually took the time to visit with us. Out of the two Florida State Senators we had appointments with none had time to actually meet with us. In fact, in the six years Sean and five years I have been going to Washington neither of the Senators have ever taken the time to speak with us. It seems there are a lot of committee meetings going on in the Capitol because we are way too often told "the Senator would have liked to have been here but he is in committee right now." I heard that from both senate staff and congressional staff. After a while it gets very frustrating. However, I am told that we are better off talking to staff because they are the people doing the work and they can push for getting the elected official to support an issue. The most informed staffer

was Nicholas Vance, Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman John Rutherford. Enough so that I suggested he run for office. Nicholas listened to Sean and I and knew exactly what we were talking about with each issue we spoke of.

I will say that the three congressional representatives I spoke with showed concern for the issues we addressed. Congressman Greg Steube, Congressman Al Lawson and Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy listened and assured me they cared deeply about the concerns we had about Congress conducting vigorous oversight of the VA community care program and expansion of the VA's comprehensive caregiver program, assuring they are completed within the timelines laid out by the VA Mission Act. They listened to me as I shared the need for congress to make in-vitro fertilization a permanent part of the VA's medical care package. They seemed to have an interest in the Air Carrier Access Amendment Act, which would strengthen the Act by giving individuals a private right to action.

Allow me to suggest that if you want to contact your congressional office, go to the PVACF website's Advocacy page and there you will find the issues we took to the Hill and contact information for your representative. Let them know how you feel and what you expect from them. The easiest way to reach out to your representative is through their web site.

For Congress: [www. \(representatives last name\) .house.gov/contact](http://www.(representatives last name).house.gov/contact) or

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	Handcycle 10:00 am WOT Tennis-USTA 6:00pm		Swimming 11:00-1:00 pm NTC	Tennis-USTA 6:00pm	Bowling/Billiards 1:00-4:00pm Board Walk Bowl	Adaptive Cross Fit Clermont 10:30
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Tennis-USTA 6:00pm	Air Rifle 2:00-4:00 PVACF			BOD meeting PVACF 11:00-2:00		
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Registration can be completed in-person at the Central Florida Dreamplex, or the registration form with payment by check (payable to Dreamplex) can be mailed. Registration deadline is March 29th. Registration is \$25 per participant, but those needing financial assistance are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Please contact me for the scholarship form.

Saturday, April 20th

9:30 am (ending by noon)

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Florida Disabled Anglers 2019

One of the sports the PVA Central Chapter supports is bass fishing the, same competitive way the B.A.S.S anglers do their tournaments. The Florida Disabled Anglers is just one aspect of the endeavors of the chapter to give people, veteran or civilian with disabilities, access to a great outdoor sport.

The participant should have their own tackle and have a working knowledge of this type of fishing. We also encourage competitors to bring a boating partner because there is always a need for more of them.

Check out the new PVACF website for the signup application, rules, format and tournament schedule with contact information. Come join the fun!

Results for the tournaments so far this year are:

Disabled Angler	8-Feb	1-Mar	Total Points
Chet Wagner	195	180	375
Dave Kembro	180	185	365
Kris Craver	190	190	380
Dean Morris	200	195	395
Jason Don	185	175	360
Brian Terwilliger	175	200	375
Wayne Webber	170		170
Jim Lockamay		170	170
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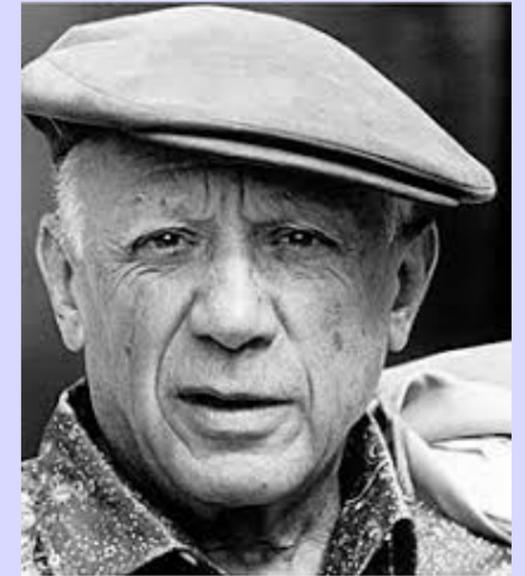


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Reflecting on his youth, Pablo Picasso once said: "When I was a child, my mother said to me, 'If you become a soldier, you'll be a general. If you become a monk you'll end up as the pope.' Instead, I became a painter and wound up as Picasso."



Did You Know?



Leonard Nimoy, who was not a scientist by any means but played one on TV, once ran into some real scientists from CalTech who talked to him as if he were a fellow researcher. He didn't know what they were talking about, so whenever they asked him what he thought about their work, he just nodded and said, "You're on the right track."



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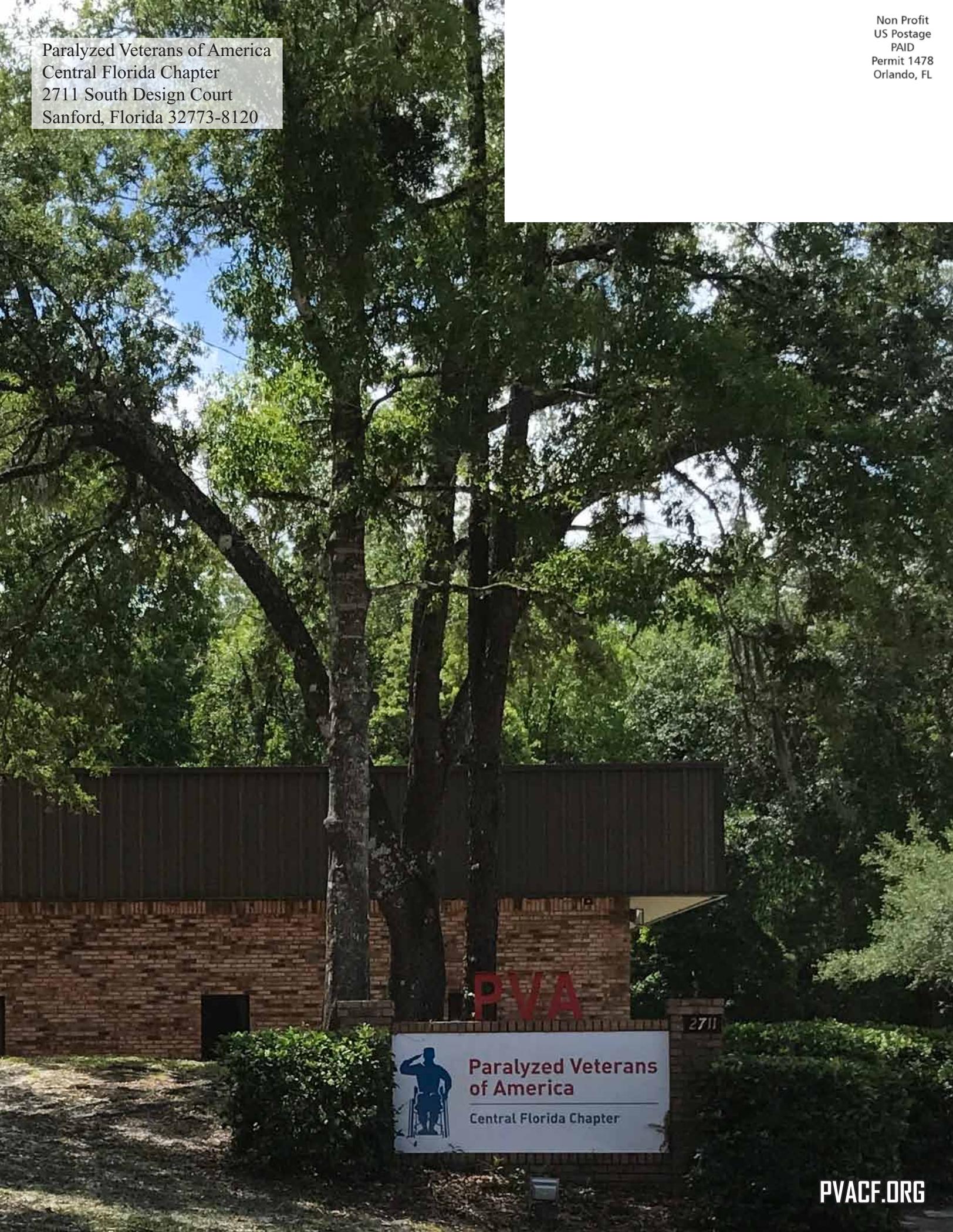


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