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Mission Statement

Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida, is 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.





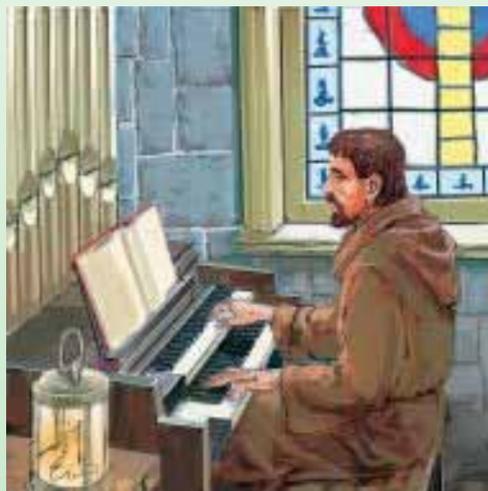
The Story of Silent Night .

Father Joseph Mohr sat at the old organ. His fingers stretched over the keys, forming the notes of a chord. He took a deep breath and pressed down. Nothing. He lifted his fingers and tried again. Silence echoed through the church.

Father Joseph shook his head. It was no use. The pipes were rusted, the bellows mildewed. The organ had been wheezing and growing

quieter for months, and Father Joseph had been hoping it would hold together until the organ builder arrived to repair it in the spring. But now, on December 23, 1818, the organ had finally given out. St. Nicholas Church would have no music for Christmas.

Father Joseph sighed. Maybe a brisk walk would make him feel better. He pulled on his overcoat and stepped out into the night. His white breath puffed out before him. Moonlight sparkled off the snow-crusted trees and houses in the village of Oberndorf. Father Joseph crunched through the snowy streets to the edge of the little Austrian town and climbed the path leading up the mountain.



From high above Oberndorf, Father Joseph watched the Salzach River ripple past St. Nicholas Church. In the spring, when melting snow flowed down the mountains and the river swelled in its banks, water lapped at the foundation of the church. It was moisture from the flooding river that had caused the organ to mildew and rust.

Father Joseph looked out over the Austrian Alps. Stars shone above in the still and silent night.

Silent night? Father Joseph stopped. Of course! "Silent Night!" He had written a poem a few years before, when he had first become a priest, and he had given it that very title. "Silent Night."

Father Joseph scrambled down the mountain. Suddenly he knew how to bring music to the church.

The next morning, Father Joseph set out on another walk. This time he carried his poem. And this time he knew exactly where he was going

-- to see his friend Franz Gruber, the organist for St. Nicholas, who lived in the next village.

Franz Gruber was surprised to see the priest so far from home on Christmas Eve, and even more surprised when Father Joseph handed him the poem.

That night Father Joseph and Franz Gruber stood at the altar of St. Nicholas Church. Father Joseph held his guitar. He could see members of the congregation giving each other puzzled looks. They had never heard a guitar played in church before, and certainly not during midnight mass on Christmas Eve, the holiest night of the year.

Father Joseph picked out a few notes on the guitar, and he and Franz Gruber began to sing. Their two voices rang out, joined by the church choir on the chorus. Franz Gruber's melody matched the simplicity and honesty of Father Joseph's words.

When the last notes faded into the night, the congregation remained still for a moment, then began to clap their hands. Applause filled the church. The villagers of Oberndorf loved the song! Father Joseph's plan to bring music to St. Nicholas Church had worked.

A few months later, the organ builder arrived in Oberndorf and found the words and music to "Silent Night" lying on the organ. The song enchanted him, and when he left, he took a copy of it

with him.

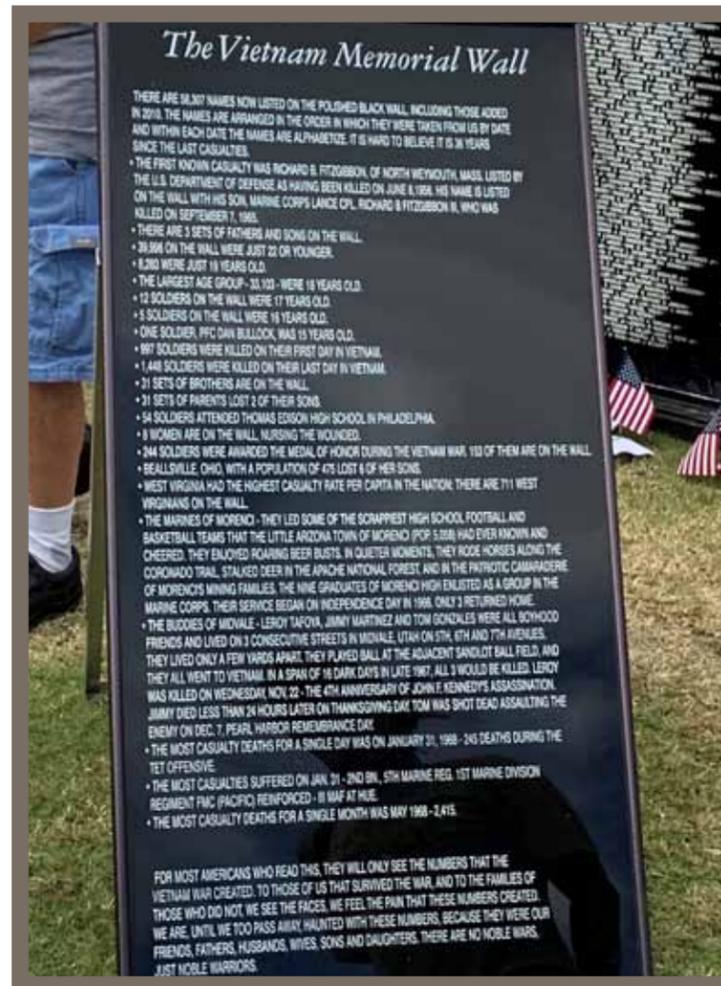
The organ builder gave the song to two families of traveling singers who lived near his home. The traveling singers performed "Silent Night" in concerts all over Europe, and soon the song spread throughout the world.

Today, cathedral choirs and carolers from New York to New Zealand sing the simple song that was first played in a mountain church in Austria on Christmas Eve nearly 200 years ago. -- By Dick Smolinski

This song was sung in both World Wars during un-negotiated cease fires. It apparently is popular with a large amount of veterans and I thought an explanation of its origin would be good to know.



Steve Kirk



The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall in Sanford Florida



Merry Christmas



He was a “nobody,” just another black man trying to get by in a white man’s world.

He probably would have remained a nobody in the U.S. had it not been for a visit by an old friend.

In 1960, the President of France and international war hero, Charles DeGaulle, visited the United States. The French President made one request to the

White House: He wanted to see an old friend, a French knight whose bravery and heroics helped defend the free world.

Not knowing this man, the White House had to search for this mysterious hero - what they found was a simple, elevator operator in New York. His name was Eugene Bullard.

It was then that the U.S. began to learn about Eugene Jacques Bullard, the first African-American fighter pilot in history.

Bullard was born on October 9, 1894 in Georgia. After witnessing his father nearly lynched (and for a supposed offense, which he had never committed), he remembered that his father told him that in France, a man is accepted as a man regardless of the color of his skin. So, the young Bullard stowed away on a ship, and eventually made his way to France. When World War I broke out, he joined the French Foreign Legion, then the Aéronautique Militaire and the Lafayette Flying Corps, where he distinguished himself, becoming the first African-American fighter pilot in history. When the U.S. finally joined the war, Bullard tried to rejoin his countrymen, but despite all his military honors, he was ignored because he was black.

Bullard would be seriously wounded several times, but he never gave up his fight for freedom and justice. At the beginning of World War II, he even

worked as a spy, fighting against Nazi sympathizers. In 1954, France invited him to be one of three people to relight the everlasting flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In 1959, he was made a chevalier (knight) of the Légion d’honneur, which is France’s most coveted award.

When he finally returned to the U.S., no one knew him, and he lived in poverty and relative obscurity. The only reminders of his hero status in his humble apartment were a few photos and a framed case containing his 15 French war medals for valor.

When the French president finally got to meet the courageous French knight, he publicly and internationally embraced Eugene Bullard as a true hero.

When he died a year later, On October, 12, 1961, he was laid to rest with full honors by the Federation of French War Officers.

It would take his own country 33 years, but on August 23, 1994, Eugene Bullard was posthumously commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Bullard “was a man who hesitated to speak of himself but one who stood on the principles of honesty and integrity. He treated everyone as he wished to be treated . . . He lived by the belief that all men were created equal and should be treated accordingly,” according to William I. Chivalette, Curator at the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute.

He is remembered for painting a red bleeding heart pierced by a knife on the fuselage of his plane. Below the heart was the inscription “Tout le Sang qui coule est rouge!” which translates to “All Blood Runs Red.”

~ Eugene Bullard, October 9, 1894 - October, 12 1961.



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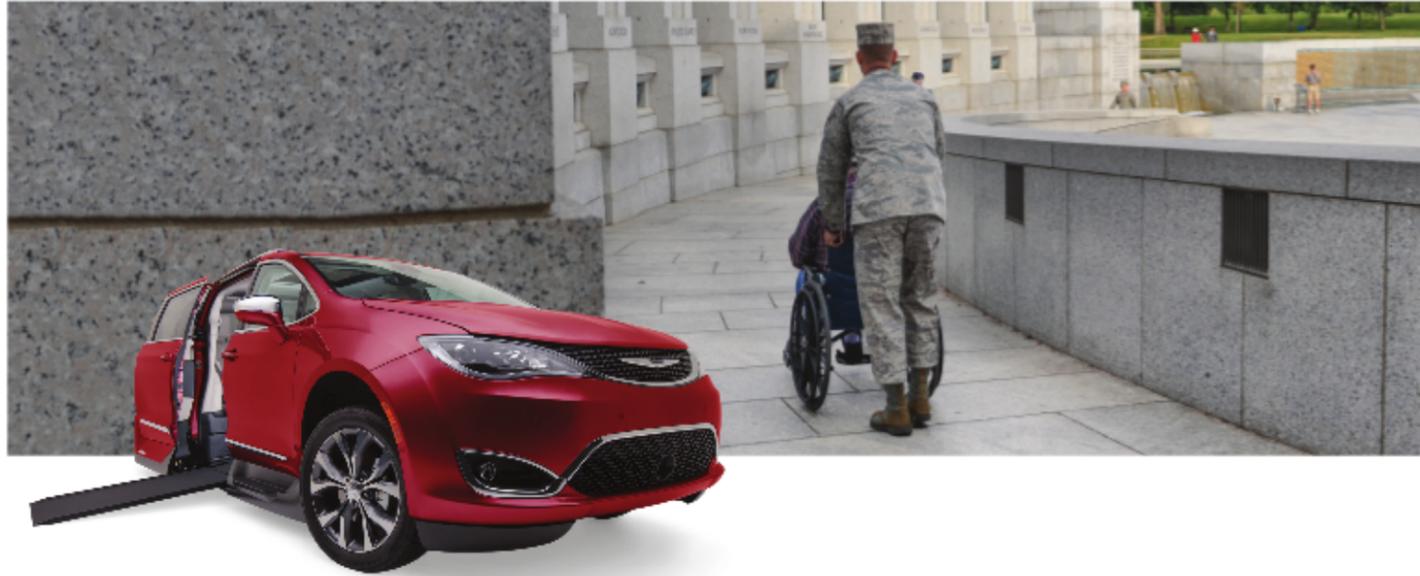
Help Us Please!

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to let us know is by email or hard copy letter. These methods give us data we can easily show to the people who can champion to make things better. You can e-mail them to Timw@pvacf.org, or stevek@pvacf.org. Thanks, we hope to hear from you.



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Paralyzed Veterans of America is the only veteran service organization with on-staff architects that provide design assistance to veterans and are specialists in accessible design and have extensive experience in all aspects of architecture. Even though PVA Architecture's main priority is to work with the VA's Office of Construction and Facility Management (OCFM) on design and construction projects that directly affect Veterans with spinal cord injury and disorder our professional design assistance and services are available to all members. Whether it's a technical question about how to make your home more accessible or working with a local government to ensure that accessibility is provided at a new public park or memorial- PVA Architecture can help. Every on-staff architect is licensed and are members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the nation governing body that ensures that their members have the training and education to design a safe and accessible built environment for everyone. The AIA is similar to PVA in many ways and has a membership structure that includes local, state and regional chapters (PVA: 33/ AIA: 250+). Architects that join their local chapter participates with leadership and other members at social events, lunchtime

CEUs and even advocates on legislative policies that directly affect them and their firms at their state capitol.

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| Name | Ext | #Fish | Wgt | Pnlty | Bonus | B/F | ****Year-To-Date**** | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|----------------------|---------|-------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | | | Total | Pts | Bonus | Drops | Total |
| 1 KRISTOPHER CARVER | 8 | 21/21 | 53.79 | | | 6.51 | 53.79 | 1530.00 | | | 1530.00 |
| 2 DEAN MORRIS | 8 | 23/23 | 51.12 | | | 6.93 | 51.12 | 1515.00 | | | 1515.00 |
| 3 JASON DON | 8 | 22/22 | 46.08 | | | 4.43 | 46.08 | 1510.00 | | | 1510.00 |
| 4 CHET WAGNER | 8 | 19/19 | 40.85 | | | 6.07 | 40.85 | 1500.00 | | | 1500.00 |
| 5 BRIAN TERWILLIGER | 7 | 14/14 | 37.55 | | | 8.27 | 37.55 | 1300.00 | | | 1300.00 |
| 6 WAYNE WEBBER | 4 | 3/3 | 4.18 | | | 1.53 | 4.18 | 690.00 | | | 690.00 |
| 7 C.J. LOCKAMAY | 3 | 6/6 | 11.29 | | | 2.80 | 11.29 | 550.00 | | | 550.00 |
| 8 DAVID KEMBRO | 3 | 6/6 | 13.88 | | | | 13.88 | 545.00 | | | 545.00 |

Total Fish Weighed: 114

Total Fish Released: 114 (100.00%)

Total Weight: 258.74

Hand Cycling

With the holidays quickly approaching, it's the time of the year when you have to either exercise more or gain weight. So let's exercise more! PVACF is starting our new cycling season and we need your help to create the best schedule possible. Our plan is to have a practice twice a month at the most convenient trails possible. So we have set up an online questionnaire to help us understand what is best for our members. Please go to: <https://forms.gle/dKBNQsPKrtffNTWz7> and tell us when and where would be best for you. We will announce our schedule on our Strava page. Practices will begin first week in December.

Don't have Strava? Here's how you get it:

- Go to the "app Store" on your phone or computer.
- Download the "Strava" app.
- Follow the signup process.
- Login and go to the bottom of the app where it says "Explore"
- Click on "Clubs" at the top of the page.
- Type in "PVA Central Florida" in the search bar
- Click "Join"

Please note that our cycle practices are open to any handcycle, recumbent or upright cycle and ANY level of rider. Both Veterans AND non-Veterans are welcome to our practices.

Our initial thoughts are practices every first and third week of the month.



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GOD, Grant me the serenity to accept the things I can not change.
Courage to change the things I can and the WISDOM to know the difference.

HAPPINESS is thinking of others first, yourself last and GOD always.
All a person is remembered for is what they did for others.

As mankind thinketh in their minds... so they are.

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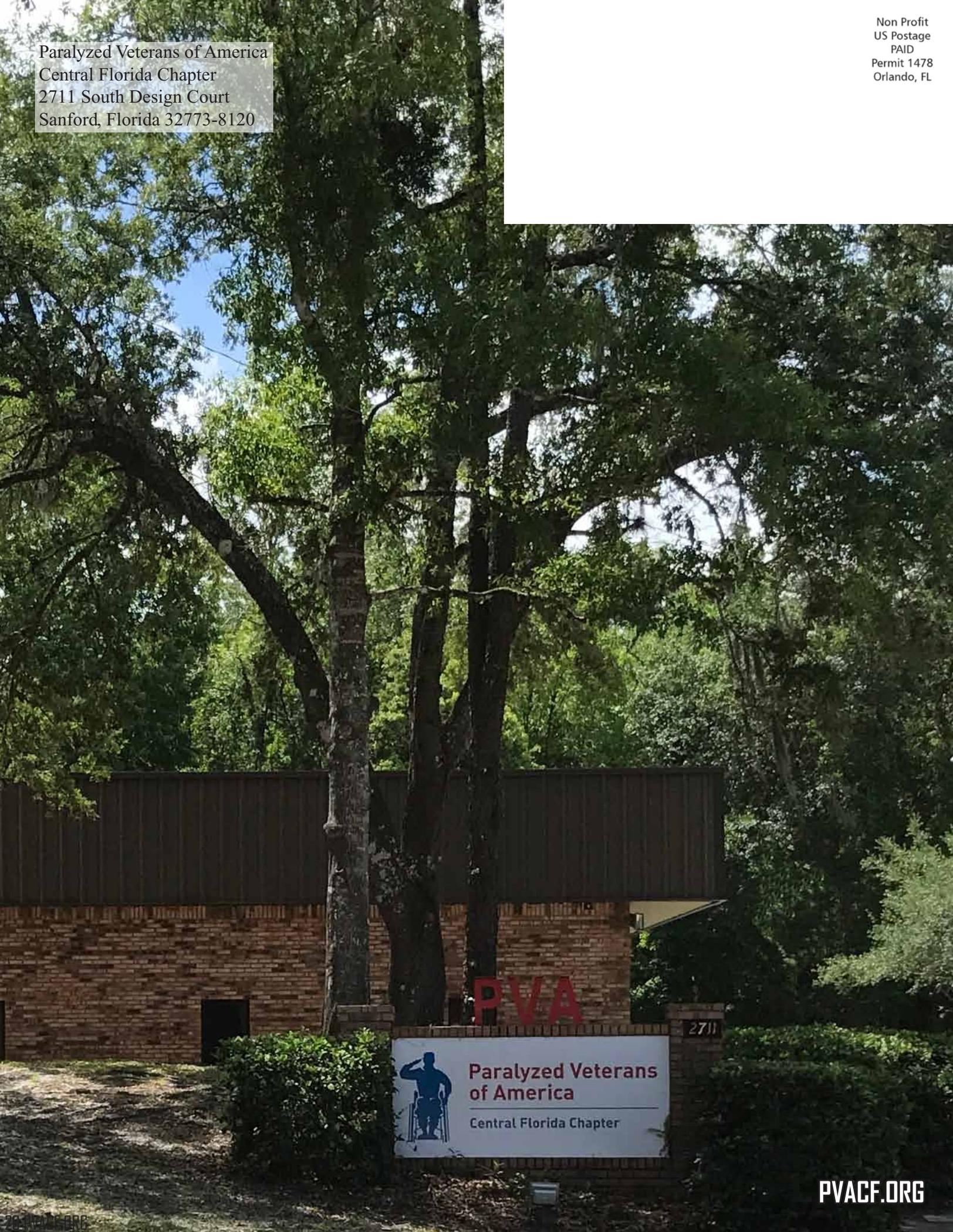


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