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National Director’s Report
Craig F. Enenbach

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) held its 2019 Fall Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting on November 15 - 17, 2019 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Representing the Central Florida Chapter was National Director Craig Enenbach, President Steve Kirk, Executive Director John DeMauro, Roger Sack, Tim Wolfe, David Rountree, Brian Terwilliger, David Ray and Louis Irwin. David Rountree led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roger Sack provided an outstanding rendition of our National Anthem. National President David Zurfluh gave an opening address followed by a very detailed report by the National Treasurer, Tom Wheaton. Next came the Report of the Executive Director Carl Blake and his staff followed by a lengthy question and answer session. A slate of 14 Resolutions were proposed and eight passed.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 202-549-2313 or cfevette@gmail.com.
This is the time of year when I give a rundown of what I did as your President. Suffice it to say, like all of us, there seems to be more to do, and much less time to do it. The older we get the faster the year goes by. I had the usual number of Chapter Board Meetings, National Meetings, Local City Meetings, Committee Meetings and a number of inner office Meetings. Here are a few of the highlights:

We hosted the Holiday Party here at the Chapter and learned we had out grown our facility. So, this year, when you read this, it will have taken place at the Lake Mary Marriott.

I hope you have taken the time to visit our Website. It is running smoothly and we are proud of how it looks and operates. We endeavor to keep posting new information to keep it as current as possible in these quick changing times.

Our major fund raising effort, the Jerry Dugan Memorial Charity Golf Tournament was a success thanks in most part to John and Joanne working above and beyond everyone else.

As we have done in the past, we held our Spring Fling here at the Chapter in April. We had a moderate turn out, but would like to make it much larger. If you would like to see something different, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

Roger and Liesl worked very hard with our members to prepare them to go to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Some of us drove, some traveled by air. The Chapter will do the same this year. This year’s Games will be held in Portland OR.

We did some roof repair and installed large downspouts and screens that were added to gutters on the rear and front of the building. Later we had to do more. It now appears we have things fixed and have funded a continuing maintenance program.

The Chapter proposed a resolution which was presented by Craig Enenbach, tasking National PVA to find out who takes care of PVA members when NSO’s are on extended breaks. The motion passed and we now have a number that can be called. During weekends and days when PVA offices are closed, any member (or veteran) needing assistance can contact the PVA Veterans Benefits Hotline to reach the National organization at (866) 734-0857. Information received through the hotline will be forwarded to the appropriate program manager for action. Craig was also re-elected for another three year term as the Chapter’s National Director.

A number of members along with myself dressed up and attended Center for Independent Living Gala. Then a few weeks later another group went to the Chair the Love venue.

John worked and complied with the Better Business Bureau requests, by sending all documents that were essential to them. The Better Business Bureau said we are compliant in 19 out of 20 standards. We are as close as we can be and it was decided we would not pursue this any further.

The Chapter paid for and set up two computers for Gaming in the multi-purpose room at the chapter. It works quite well. All we need is for you, our members, to come on down and enjoy them.

As you know we held elections. I would like to re-iterate we had 45 ballots returned. And the Results were President: Steve Kirk, VP: Sean Gibbs, Treasurer: Brian Terwilliger, Secretary: Jimmy Green, BOD: Roger Sack and Ken Weas. Thanks for those who sent in their ballots.

Another of John’s achievements was the Reeve Foundation Grant: A 20k grant for a hand cycle program was received. 3 hand cycles have been purchased with more to come. Once again I urge you, our members, to come on down and enjoy them.

I would like to take this space and thank you for your support in me as your President. I couldn’t have done it without you.
Welcome to 2020! Last year was another good year for the Central Florida Chapter. We were able to send nine members, six caregivers and two coaches to the National Veteran Wheelchair Games in Louisville, KY at no cost to them. For two of those that went to the Games, it was their first time ever. One has been injured 8 years and the other for over 20 years and the oldest member attending was 71 years old. Proof that you are never too old for the Games. Preparation for the Games started in January with people practicing bowling and swimming. Bocce is increasingly becoming one of the most popular events at the Games and it is something everyone can do. The Chapter has the equipment and a court laid out in its multipurpose room for anyone to practice throughout the year. We also have power lifting equipment set up and ready to anyone interested as well as a small slalom course. Additionally, we have an air gun range for practicing your target shooting and we have arranged with the Polk Country Sket and Trap Club for our members, who are interested, to shoot at the club. All you need to do is contact us and we will arrange for your going there to shoot. We encourage any of our members to let us know if they are interested in going to the Games this year in Portland, OR July 3 – 8. The Chapter has budgeted a significant amount of money to send those who want to go with their caregivers, if necessary, but you must let the office know of that interest early in the year.

Advocacy is important to each of our members and in addition to being a part of the Florida Veterans Council, the Orange County Veterans Council, the Orlando Veterans Council and the Seminole County Association of Veterans Affairs Council, we attended the Paralyzed Veterans of America Advocacy Seminar in Washington DC every year. This past year we visited 18 different legislatures’ offices advocating on behalf of our membership. This year Chapter Vice President Sean Gibbs and I will be “on the hill” seeking support for priority bills that can benefit each of our members.

We had a successful “Spring Fling” in April of 2019. April is PVA Awareness month and each year we host an event at the chapter, where we have large blow up water slides, games, t-shirt painting, music, food and fun for all people of all ages. We invite all of our members to attend and bring their families and their extended families (caregivers, their family, friends and neighbors). This is a great time to introduce to the cycling community, hand cycling and a way to introduce the club to its members. Additionally, we put National’s sports schedule, photos of our members participating in events and announcements of upcoming events, in the newsletter. Our goal is to make the newsletter interesting enough for you to look forward to receiving it every month and wanting to read it from cover to cover. We are here to serve you and we want our newsletter to give you what you are looking for in a newsletter. So, if those at the National office who believe we are not giving you a quality newsletter are correct, please let us know and we will change our format. Until then, we will keep on doing what we do in 2020!

Happy New Year!

John DeMauro
PAVING ACCESS FOR VETERANS EMPLOYMENT

By Lauren Lobrano, Director, PAVE Program

Paralyzed Veterans of America’s veterans’ employment program, PAVE – Paving Access for Veterans Employment - was launched in 2007 to ensure that PVA members, their spouses, and caregivers, have access to meaningful employment, educational, and volunteer opportunities. Our team of certified vocational rehabilitation counselors and employment analysts provide high-touch, one-on-one assistance to guide veterans through the process.

Studies have found that there are significant benefits for individuals who are engaged, including improved quality of life, enhanced self-confidence, expanded social network, a sense of community and increased income for those who are employed.

PAVE staff are specially trained to work with veterans receiving Social Security Disability Insurance and other government benefits. We work hand in hand with PVA national service officers to take into consideration other benefits a veteran may be receiving from the VA.

Despite the positive attributes of regular engagement, veterans with significant service-connected disabilities are not currently seeking employment. More than 62% of veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 60% or higher either struggle with or opt out of joining the civilian workforce. When layered with the added challenges of managing a new injury or medical diagnosis, many may feel that the barriers to gainful employment are overwhelming. PVA's PAVE program Counselors and Analysts continue to be leaders in dispelling the myths and challenging stereotypes of those with disabilities. Working with dedicated employment partners, we will continue to create opportunities for quality and sustainable careers for those with significant and catastrophic injuries.

PAVE Member Sean Ferry recently found success returning to work through the PAVE program. In late 2018, Sean decided that he was ready to pursue employment opportunities again. He did not have a great deal of success working on his own and reached out to the PAVE program in spring of 2019. Sean worked one-on-one with PAVE Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Genia Hachenberg, M.S., CRC, to explore his areas of interest and review the necessary accommodations at work. In September, Sean returned to work for the first time since his injury and shared the following about his experience working with PAVE:

“After my injury in 2014, my life was turned upside down. It was not easy to transition from being a Mechanical Engineer, and a rather avid hunter and fisherman, into a wheelchair dependent individual. After five years of unemployment, I turned to the PAVE program and its employees for assistance in getting back into the workforce. They were a great asset to me and a resource that helped me get my job and gain back my independence and self-confidence. Thank you PAVE.”

If you, your spouse, or caregiver, are interested in more information about Paralyzed Veterans of America’s PAVE program, please reach out to PAVE Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Genia Hachenberg at (202) 304-8544 or GeniaH@pva.org. You may also visit our website: www.pva.org/PAVE.org.

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Titled The Fallen 9000, the piece is meant as a stark visual reminder of those who died during the D-Day beach landings at Arromanches on June 6th, 1944 during WWII. The original team consisted of 60 volunteers, but as word spread nearly 500 additional local residents arrived to help with the temporary installation that lasted only a few hours before being washed away by the tide.

9,000 Fallen Soldiers Etched into the Sand on Normandy Beach to Commemorate Peace Day.
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Other numbers that you may need:

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- SCI Admission Coordinator
  Alan Alcantara, RN 813-972-2000 ex 2200
- SCI Center Main Office to leave a message: 813-972-7515
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