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Central Florida Chapter

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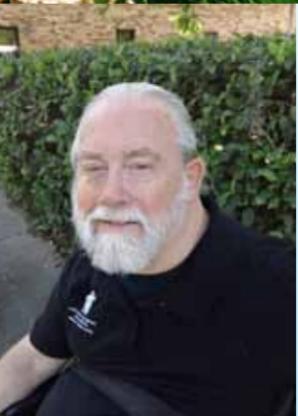


Mission Statement

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.



President



Most of us older folk remember Life Magazine and the photos that appeared on the cover. Normal Rockwell aside, the biggest contributor was Alfred Eisenstaedt. Down on the pier near the Cal-Diego Chapter, there is a Statue of a sailor kissing a nurse based on Alfred's photo. Eisenstaedt's birthday is in December, so with help from Wikipedia, I thought I would let you know more about the man.

Eisenstaedt became a full-

time photographer in 1929 when he was hired by the Associated Press office in Germany, and within a year, he was described as a "photographer extraordinaire." He also worked for Illustrierte Zeitung, published by Ullstein Verlag, then the world's largest publishing house. Four years later he photographed the famous first meeting between Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini in Italy. Other notable early pictures by Eisenstaedt include his depiction



of a waiter at the ice rink of the Grand Hotel in St. Moritz in 1932 and Joseph Goebbels at the League of Nations in Geneva in 1933. Eisenstaedt's family was Jewish. Oppression in Hitler's Nazi Germany caused them to emigrate to the U.S They arrived in 1935 and settled in New York, where he subsequently became a naturalized citizen and joined fellow Associated Press émigrés Leon Daniel and Celia Kutschuk in their PIX Publishing

photo agency founded that year. The following year, 1936, Time founder Henry Luce bought Life magazine, and Eisenstaedt, already noted for his photography in Europe was asked to join the new magazine as one of its original staff of four photographers, including Margaret Bourke-White and Robert Capa. He remained a staff photographer from 1936 to 1972, achieving notability for his photojournalism of news events and celebrities. Along with entertainers and celebrities, he photographed politicians, philosophers, artists, industrialists, and authors during his career with Life. By 1972, he had photographed nearly 2,500 stories and had more than 90 of his photos on the cover. With Life's circulation of two million readers, Eisenstaedt's reputation increased substantially. According to one historian, "his photographs have a power and a symbolic resonance that made him one of the best Life photographers In subsequent years, he also worked for Harper's Bazaar, Vogue, Town & Country and others.

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From his early years as professional photographer, he became an enthusiast for small 35 mm film cameras, especially the Leica camera. Unlike most news photographers at the time who relied on much larger and less portable 4"x5" press cameras with flash attachments, Eisenstaedt preferred the smaller hand-held Leica, which gave him greater speed and more flexibility when shooting news events or capturing candid photos of people in action.



His photos were also notable as a result of his typical use of natural light as opposed to relying on flash lighting. In 1944, Life described him as the "dean of today's miniature-camera experts" At the time, this style of photojournalism, with a smaller camera with its ability to use available light, was then in its infancy It also helped Eisenstaedt create a more relaxed atmosphere when shooting famous people where he was able to capture more natural poses and expressions: "They don't take me too seriously with my little camera," he stated. "I don't come as a photographer. I come as a friend." It was a style he learned from his 35 years in Europe, where he preferred shooting informal, unposed portraits, along with extended picture stories. As a result, Life began using more such photo stories, with the magazine becoming a recognized source of such photojournalism of the world's luminaries. Of Life's photographers, Eisenstaedt was most noted for his "human interest" photos and less the hard news images used by most news publications.

His success at establishing a relaxed setting for his subjects was not without difficulties, however, when he needed to capture the feeling he wanted. Anthony Eden, resistant to being photographed, called Eisenstaedt "the gentle executioner". Similarly, Winston Churchill told him where to place the camera to get a good picture, and during a photo shoot of Ernest Hemingway in his boat, Hemingway, in a rage, tore his own shirt to shreds and threatened to throw Eisenstaedt overboard. Lucky for the rest of the world, that didn't happen and we have his photographs to enjoy.



Steve Kirk



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With the possible exception of “The Star Spangled Banner,” no musical composition has done more to arouse the patriotic spirit of America than “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” Composed by John Philip Sousa on Christmas Day in 1896, it found its place in history at the time of the Spanish-American War, when the nation needed something to lift their patriotic spirit. There was a vigorous response wherever it was performed, and audiences began to rise as though it were the national anthem. This became traditional at Sousa Band concerts. It was his practice to have the cornets, trumpets, trombones, and piccolos line up at the front of the stage for the final trio, and this added to the excitement. Many bands still perform the piece this way.

With the passing years the march has endeared itself to the American people. The sight of Sousa conducting his own great band in this, his most glorious composition, always triggered an emotional response. The piece was expected—and sometimes openly demanded—at every concert of the Sousa Band. Usually it was played unannounced as an encore. Many former Sousa Band members have stated that they could not recall a concert in which it was not played, and that they too were inspired by looking into the misty eyes of those in the audience. That the players never tired of it was surely a measure of its greatness. Sousa, himself, was very emotional in speaking of his own patriotism. The composition was actually born of homesickness, as Sousa freely told interviewers. He once stated: “In a kind of dreamy way I used to think over old days at Washington when I was leader of the Marine Band...when we played at all public official functions, and I could see the Stars and Stripes flying from the flagstaff in the grounds of the White House just as plainly as if I were back there again. Then I began to think of all the countries I had visited, of the foreign people I had met, of the vast difference between America and American people and other countries and other peoples, and that flag of ours became glorified...and to my imagination it seemed to be the biggest, grandest, flag in the world, and I could not get back under it quick enough. It was in this impatient, fretful state of mind that the inspiration to compose ‘The Stars and Stripes Forever’ came to me, and to my imagination it was a genuine inspiration, irresistible, complete, definite, and I could not rest until I had finished the composition. Then I experienced a wonderful sense of relief and relaxation. I was satisfied, delighted, with my work after it was done. The feeling of impatience passed away, and I was content to rest peacefully until the ship had docked and I was once more under the folds of the grand old flag of our country.”

Let martial note in triumph float
And liberty extend its mighty hand;
A flag appears ‘mid thunderous cheers,
The banner of the Western land.
The emblem of the brave and true.
Its folds protect no tyrant crew;
The red and white and starry blue
Is freedom’s shield and hope.

Other nations may deem their flags the best
And cheer them with fervid elation
But the flag of the North, and South and West
Is the flag of flags, the flag of Freedom’s nation.

Hurrah for the flag of the free!
May it wave as our standard forever,
The gem of the land and the sea,
The banner of the right.
Let despots remember the day
When our fathers with mighty endeavor
Proclaimed as they marched to the fray
That by their might and by their right it waves forever.

Let eagle shriek from lofty peak
The never-ending watchword of our land;
Let summer breeze waft through the trees
The echo of the chorus grand.
Sing out for liberty and light,
Sing out for freedom and the right.
Sing out for Union and its might,
O patriotic sons.
Other nations may deem their flags the best
Hurrah for the flag of the free!

We are living during a time when patriotism is being challenged in many different ways. It is not new that our countries citizens are divided over political ideologies. Political Parties have had their differences since the beginning of our nation. However, the common cord that has held us all together has been our love for our country and our appreciation for those who sacrificed so much for our liberty. PVA Members are patriotic men and women. Many of whom have paid a great price and with their lives sing out for freedom and liberty and claim the stars and stripes forever!

May God Bless you this Holiday Season and May God Bless America!



John DeMauro

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THE PVACF COVID-19 EMERGENCY GRANT

Overview

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Grant Detail

This grant will be provided to individual chapter members negatively affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic for up to \$500. The grant may be applied to those chapter members needing assistance financially in the areas of food, housing, health care and basic living expenses. Chapter members are only encourage to apply for this grant if they can demonstrate a need.

Eligibility

All chapter members in good standing and not having previously received this grant are eligible. Eligible chapter members should consider applying for this grant if they clearly and without question need financial assistance. Doing so will ensure that the available funds will be available for those chapter members with the greatest hardships during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Grant Requirements

Proof of chapter membership (this will be confirmed by office staff via the PVA Portal)
Proof of membership in good standing (which for the purposes of this grant will be based upon the member not being on membership probation or having any outstanding debt to the chapter.
The chapter must have current contact information on the member. Address, phone number, email address.

Proof of need (past due notice for utility bill, past due notice for rent or mortgage payment, statement of need for food or health care).
Description of how you and/or your family have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Distribution Process

Funds will be distributed directly to vendor. For food, gift cards will be provided from the vendor of the chapter member's choice.

Grant Oversight

A COVID-19 Emergency Grant Funding Committee, made up of the Chapter President, Treasurer and Executive Director, will review all grant requests and will with sole discretion and authority approve, deny or modify any grant request, in whole or in part, for any reason they deem necessary. All decisions made by the committee will be final and will not be subject to appeal.

Disbursement of Funds

Upon approval, the Executive Director will notify the member of the committee's decision via phone and will verify method of payment of the grant. Under no circumstances will any funds be distributed or released in advance of or without the COVID-19 Emergency Grant Funding Committee's approval.



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Origins Of Old Sayings

Kick The Bucket

Meaning: To die

Origin: When killing a cow at slaughterhouses, people would place a bucket under the animal while it was positioned on a pulley. While trying to adjust the animal, the cow would kick out its legs and therefore kick the bucket before being killed.

Show Your True Colors

Meaning: Reveal one's real character or intentions, especially when these are disreputable or dishonorable.

Origin: To confuse their enemies, warships would use multiple flags. However warfare rules dictated that the ships must show its actual flag before firing and hence, the ships would then display its true colors.

Close But No Cigar

Meaning: almost but not quite successful.

Origin: In the late 19th century carnival games were targeted to adults and not children, so the winners would get a cigar as a prize instead of stuffed animals. If the person was close to winning but did not succeed they'd say it was 'close but no cigar'.

Waking Up On The Wrong Side Of The Bed

Meaning: Start the day in a bad temper.

Origin: Throughout history the left side of basically anything was considered to be 'the evil side,' so waking up on the left side was also considered a sign of bad luck. To ward off evil, house owners would push the left sides of the beds to the corner, so their guests would have no other option than to get up on the right side.

In catalan we say the same but it depends on the first foot that touches the floor, if you wake up "with your left foot" you'll have bad temper (or sometimes bad luck) for at least all the morning!

Put A Sock In It

Meaning: Stop talking.

Origin: In the late 19th century people would use woollen socks to stuff the horns of their gramophones or record players to lower the sound, since these machines had no volume controllers.

Sun Of A Gun

Meaning: A jocular or affectionate way of addressing or referring to someone.

Origin: Back in the day, sailors would sometimes take their wives on long ocean voyages. It is believed that if the woman gave birth on a ship, it should take place between the cannons on the ship's gun deck, since it was the most secluded place. Because of this reason, a child that was born on a ship would be called 'a son of a gun'.

Best Man

Meaning: A male friend or relative chosen by a bridegroom to assist him at his wedding.

Origin: It is said that during feudal days it was possible that a rival Lord would try to break up a wedding ceremony and steal the bride for political reasons. To avoid any trouble, grooms would ask their best friends to stand next to them during the ceremony so they would help during the possible battle. The man, standing next to the groom was named 'Best Man'.

Also in old days if the bridegroom did a runner the bride had to marry or it would be bad luck so she married the next best man.

Born With A Silver Spoon In Your Mouth

Meaning: Be born into a wealthy family of high social standing.

Origin: It is an old tradition for godparents to gift a silver spoon to a christened child. However, not everyone was able to afford this type of luxury gift so those who did receive the spoon as a gift were considered to be wealthy, sometimes even spoiled.

Steal One's Thunder

Meaning: Win praise for oneself by preempting someone else's attempt to impress.

Origin: You think that you've done something awesome and unique, but someone got in there first and took your credit! Spare a thought for playwright John Dennis who, back in the 18th Century, made a machine that could nicely mimic the sound of thunder for his play. Sadly, his play wasn't a success, but somebody had taken note of his clever invention. When, later on in another theatre, Dennis found somebody had copied his thunder machine and was using it without credit, he got mad. Really mad. Somebody had stolen his thunder!



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National Director

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) was scheduled to hold its 2020 Annual Convention and Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting on May 26 – 29, 2020 at the Omni Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Due to the nationwide shutdown due to the virus, the face-to-face meeting was canceled. Instead, Zoom conferencing was held with more with than 110 participants. Representing the Central Florida Chapter was National Director Craig Enebach, President Steve Kirk and Executive Director John DeMauro. We were required to participant in three training sessions beforehand, and remarkably, the actual meeting went very well. Everyone seemed to respect others when speaking with little talk-over. However, the meeting was condensed to the bare basics with Executive Committee Reports (and questions), Executive Director and Staff Reports (with day-long questions), Resolutions and the Election of Officers for the upcoming fiscal year. National Treasurer Tom Wheaton gave a detailed and enlightening financial report with better than expected revenues with less than budgeted expenses. While the forecast is not particularly rosy it is certainly not as bleak as we anticipated. Next came the Report of the Executive Director and his staff followed by a lengthy question and answer session. A slate of eight Resolutions were proposed with results as listed below:

NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTER	STATUS	VOTE CNT	MY VOTE
20-M-SP	Special Rules of Order for FY 20 Annual Convention via Zoom	Executive Committee	Passed	33-0-0	Yes
20-M-1	Spouses/Caregivers Committee	Executive Committee	Passed	33-0-0	Yes
20-M-2	Volunteer Award Presentation Changes	Executive Committee	Passed	33-0-0	Yes
20-M-3	Attendant Daily Fee	Gateway	Withdrawn		
20-M-4	Clarifying Chapter Audit Submission Verbiage	Executive Committee	Passed	33-0-0	Yes
20-M-5	Chapter Newsletter Requirements	Executive Committee	Passed	33-0-0	Yes
20-M-6	Chapter Grant Expenditure Requirement	Gateway	Failed	13-20-0	No
20-M-7	Chapter Sports Grant	Gateway	Passed	33-0-0	Yes

Craig Enebach

We Do Help



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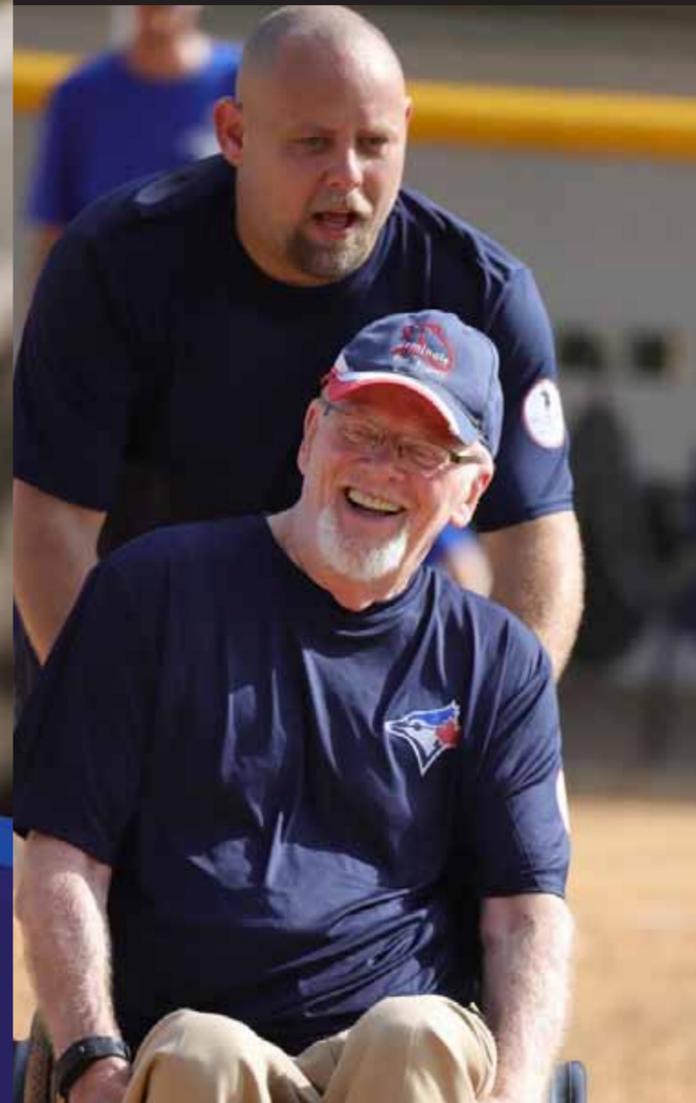


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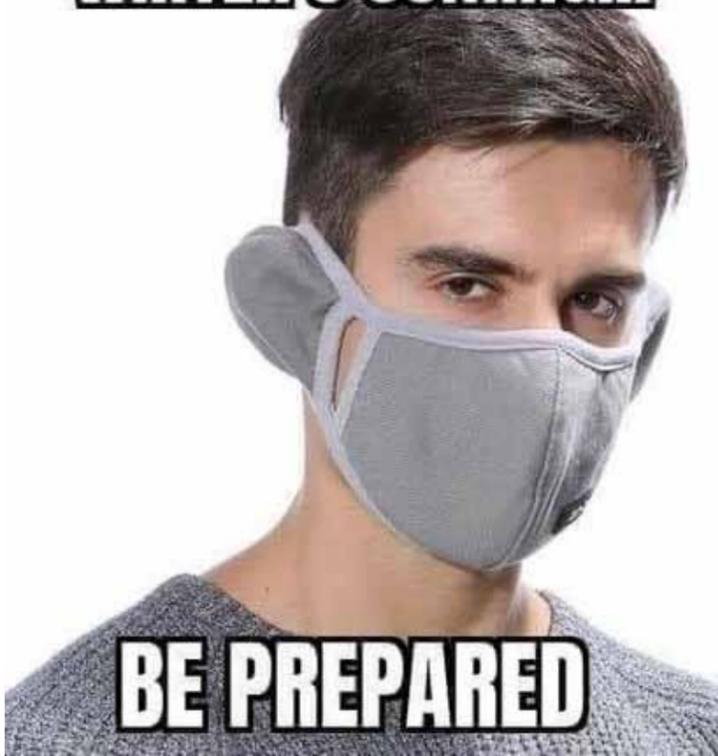
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