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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.

**Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida
7th Annual**

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I have always thought nurses know more about their patients than doctors. They spend more time with the patients. It might be because of their history. Florence Nightingale was born on 12 May 1820 Florence inherited a liberal-humanitarian outlook from both sides of her family. Nightingale's father educated her. They studied history, mathematics, Italian, classical

literature and philosophy, and from an early age Florence, who was the more academic of the two girls, displayed an extraordinary ability for collecting and analyzing data which she would use to great effect in later life."

Despite the anger and distress of her mother and sister, she rejected the expected role for a woman of her status to become a wife and mother. Nightingale worked hard to educate herself in the art and science of nursing, in the face of opposition from her family and the restrictive social code for affluent young English women. As a young woman, Nightingale was described as attractive, slender and graceful. While her demeanor was often severe, she was said to be very charming and to possess a radiant smile. Her most persistent suitor was the politician and poet Richard Monckton Milnes, but after a nine-year courtship she rejected him, convinced that marriage would interfere with her ability to follow her calling to nursing.

Her most famous contribution came during the Crimean War, which became her central focus when reports got back to Britain about the horrific conditions for the wounded at the military hospital on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus, opposite Constantinople, at Scutari (modern-day Üsküdar in Istanbul). Britain and France entered the war against Russia on the side of the Ottoman Empire. On 21 October 1854, she and the staff of 38 women volunteer nurses that she trained, including her aunt Mai Smith, and 15 Catholic nuns (mobilized by Henry Edward Manning) were sent (under the authorization of Sidney Herbert) to the Ottoman Empire.

She arrived at Selimiye Barracks in Scutari early in November 1854. Her team found that poor care for wounded soldiers was being delivered by overworked medical staff in the face of official indifference. Medicines were in short supply, hygiene was being neglected, and mass infections were common, many of them fatal. There was no equipment to process food for the patients. After Nightingale sent a plea to The Times for a government solution to the poor condition of the facilities, the British Government commissioned Isambard Kingdom Brunel to design a prefabricated hospital that could be built in England and shipped to the Dardanelles. The result was Renkioi Hospital, a civilian facility that,

under the management of Dr. Edmund Alexander Parkes, had a death rate less than 1/10th that of Scutari. Stephen Paget in the Dictionary of National Biography asserted that Nightingale reduced the death rate from 42% to 2%, either by making improvements in hygiene herself, or by calling for the Sanitary Commission. For example, Nightingale implemented hand washing and other hygiene practices in the war hospital in which she worked. During her first winter at Scutari, 4,077 soldiers died there. Ten times more soldiers died from illnesses such as typhus, typhoid, cholera, and dysentery than from battle wounds. With overcrowding, defective sewers and lack of ventilation, the Sanitary Commission had to be sent out by the British government to Scutari in March 1855, almost six months after Nightingale had arrived. The commission flushed out the sewers and improved ventilation. Death rates were sharply reduced, but she never claimed credit for helping to reduce the death rate.

Nightingale still believed that the death rates were due to poor nutrition, lack of supplies, stale air, and overworking of the soldiers. After she returned to Britain and began collecting evidence before the Royal Commission on the Health of the Army, she came to believe that most of the soldiers at the hospital were killed by poor living conditions. This experience influenced her later career, when she advocated sanitary living conditions as of great importance. Consequently, she reduced peacetime deaths in the army and turned her Statistics and Sanitary Reform. Florence wrote Notes on Nursing (1859). The book served as the cornerstone of the curriculum at the Nightingale School and other nursing schools, though it was written specifically for the education of those nursing at home. Nightingale wrote, "Every day sanitary knowledge, or the knowledge of nursing, or in other words, of how to put the constitution in such a state as that it will have no disease, or that it can recover from disease, takes a higher place. It is recognized as the knowledge which everyone ought to have – distinct from medical knowledge, which only a profession can have".

Notes on Nursing also sold well to the general reading public and is considered a classic introduction to nursing. Nightingale spent the rest of her life promoting and organizing the nursing profession. In the introduction to the 1974 edition, Joan Quixley of the Nightingale School of Nursing wrote: "The book was the first of its kind ever to be written. It appeared at a time when the simple rules of health were only beginning to be known, when its topics were of vital importance not only for the well-being and recovery of patients, when hospitals were riddled with infection, when nurses were still mainly regarded as ignorant, uneducated persons. The book has, inevitably, its place in the history of nursing, for it was written by the founder of modern nursing".

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Where and when did the words May Day become one word, Mayday, with an entirely different meaning? May Day was what the 1st day of May was referred to, signaling the beginning of spring activities. The May Pole and the maypole dance which originated as part of Germanic pagan fertility rituals, were just a few of the things done on May Day during festivities of the day. Originally, the dancers danced around a living tree. Dancers usually performed this dance in the spring on May 1 or what is known as May Day. However, at some point May Day became an internationally recognized radio word to signal distress (“mayday, mayday, mayday”) used mostly by aircraft or boats.

Mayday first came into English in 1923. There was a lot of air traffic between England and France in those days, and evidently, there were enough international problems over the English Channel that

both parties wanted to find a good distress signal that everyone would understand. Although there already was a distress signal, that everyone understood, it was a problem with telephone transmission. There was—S.O.S.—but there were some problems with it. In the early days of the telephone there was often difficulty distinguishing the letter “S”. SOS was most commonly used in telegraphic communications, where the unmistakable pattern of SOS in Morse code (...---...) was easy to remember and easy to decipher. Ships that were in distress used SOS predominantly. Aircraft, by comparison, used radio and not telegraph as their primary means of communication, and when in distress, a pilot would not have time to clarify to anyone listening that they meant S as in “Sam” and not F as in “Frank.” A short, easily understood word that could not be mistaken for something else was

necessary. On February 2, 1923 The London Times reported in an article entitled “New Air Distress Signal” Owing to the difficulty of distinguishing the letter “S” by telephone, the international distress signal “S.O.S.” will give place to the words “May-day”, the phonetic equivalent of “M’aidez”, the French for “Help me.” The Times article went on to say that the new distress call was tested by an RAF “flying-boat” whose engines had failed over the Channel. They gave the signal three times and said

their engines had failed, and radio operators in Croydon and Lympne received and transferred the signal to Dover, which sent out help. It is believed that mayday was coined by Frederick Stanley Mockford, a senior radio officer in Croydon. The call spread well beyond the Channel; the new distress signal’s use was

reported as far away as Singapore. In 1927, the United States formally adopted it as an official radiotelegraph distress signal, explaining in Article 19 of their resolution that mayday corresponds “to the French pronunciation of the expression m’aider.” There is actually a correct way to make a mayday distress call. One should say “Mayday, mayday, mayday” and then give the name of the vessel or aircraft one is commanding and then give coordinates of the location of the vessel or aircraft. The distress call should be repeated three times and then the caller should say “over” to indicate the end of the distress call. The caller should then wait 30-60 seconds before calling out again.

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Sport: IRacing

Just before this “COVID” stuff started to hit, I noticed a table in the Chapter office with 2 computers and computer screens. It didn’t really catch my eye until I noticed a steering wheel in front of the screen. Little did I know it was the introduction to a new sport called “I Racing”. In my own words, IRacing is “Grand Turismo” on steroids. I soon heard that one of our very own chapter members was heavy into the sport. His name is Eddie Hawks and he even has a car with a PVA sponsorship logo that he races. Eddie joined the Air Force in 1981 and retired

in 2004. He was a mechanic in the Air Force on F-16’s, A-10’s, F-4E’s and F-15’s. He was also deployed in Desert Storm 4 times and became

a PVA member in 2004. His history and sport interested me, so I thought I’d set up a Zoom call and ask him what this “IRacing” stuff was all about. The following is what I’ve learned:

What is IRacing?

“IRacing” is short for Internet Racing. IRacing is a License based driving and racing simulator that has over 100 cars and 100+ tracks.

What does it take to get started in IRacing?

First you have to have a good gaming PC that can handle the graphics. The cost of a typical gaming PC can range between \$300-over \$3,000. The simulator requires a force feedback wheel, shifter and pedals. After you acquire the hardware, you have to purchase a membership. Most IRacing memberships range from \$5/month to \$8/month. The membership comes with 16 cars and 22 tracks. The rest of them are for purchase.

What do you mean by license based?

IRacing has a system to rate your safety and skill level. When you first start you have a safety rating of 4.99 and IRating of 1200. IRacing uses license classes ranging in order from rookie, D, C, B, A, Pro and World Championship level. There are also 6 disciplines (NASCAR Oval Racing, Road Racing, Open-Wheel, Dirt Racing, Rally-Cross and Off-Road Dirt Road). You start every category as a Rookie. In order to compete in an “A Level” car you must first compete at the lower levels and work your way up.

Are there sponsorships like the pros have in NASCAR or Indy Cars?

Yes, there is a pro series in IRacing that competes for \$100,000 a season. These “series” are owned by real NASCAR owners and drivers. We also have leagues where we put sponsorships on our cars. Often, sponsors



pay for your membership fees or provide other small financial support. I run a PVA car just to put the word out about PVA.

Can people watch you race?

Yes, most of the leagues I race in are broadcasted on Facebook, YouTube and twitch. They all are live and can be viewed later on. I can also post a link to all broadcasted races on my Facebook page. I can also stream the race from my cockpit live.

Do we have simulators in our chapter?

yea, I built 2 simulators. Both have hand-controls, and one set also has pedals. IRacing donated two Free accounts to the chapter, and anyone can login and have fun racing each other or race the IRacing cars.

Are there some leagues or organizing committees for IRacing?

Yes, there are hundreds of leagues on IRacing. I race in a league just for disabled racers and other leagues that require you to setup your own cars.

How often do you race or practice?

I race 4 times a week in league races. The practice depends on the track and if I am setting up the car. I can spend 4 hours a day setting up a car just for the next race if I don’t have a setup yet. The simulator garage is just like a real garage. You can adjust everything on the simulator that you can on a real race car.

Are there any real NASCAR drivers that race on IRacing?

Yes. Almost every NASCAR driver practices on IRacing before they go to the track now since they have no practice anymore on the real track. I have raced against many real NASCAR drivers over the years. They usually are there to have fun which makes it fun for us as well.

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GAINESVILLE - The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System has recently been identified as the most complex U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system in the country. "Several new clinical services,

advancements in research studies, and the increase in number of resident slots offered have contributed to our achievement of being ranked number 1 in the country," said Health System Director, Thomas Wisniewski. "This achievement is the accomplishment of all our staff that continuously work to advance VA's mission "to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional care that improves their health and well-being day in and day out." To read more on this article, click here <https://bit.ly/3vNYg0N>

SAVE LIVES Act allows VA to soon provide COVID-19 vaccinations to all Veterans, their spouses and caregivers

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden signed the SAVE LIVES Act into law, expanding VA's legal authority to provide COVID-19 vaccines to all Veterans, regardless of their VA health care enrollment status, as well as Veteran spouses, caregivers and some beneficiaries. The expanded authority depends on readily available COVID-19 vaccine supply and requires VA to continue to prioritize vaccinations and healthcare delivery for our nation's Veterans enrolled in VA care. To read more on the COVID Vaccine, click here: <https://bit.ly/3rgatbe>

Crisis Center's Florida Veterans Support Line Receives Exemplary Review

The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay received a stellar program review for the Florida Veterans Support Support Line (844-MyFLVet) from the VA Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8) on March 2. Veterans and loved ones of veterans can call 1-844-MyFLVet and be connected to a peer who has been trained to provide immediate emotional support, as well as VA and non-VA resources located throughout the community. To read more, click here <https://www.crisiscenter.com/cctbvisn8/>

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(I: 1097)	Health Care Licensure Requirements; Requiring certain physicians to submit specified information to the Department of Health to be exempt from specified licensure requirements; requiring the department to notify such health care practitioners of their exemption within a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021				02/09/21 HOUSE Filed
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(S: 1347)	Educational Opportunities for Veterans; Providing that disabled veterans receiving certain federal educational assistance benefits are eligible to receive an award for the remaining cost of tuition and fees at state universities and Florida College System institutions; specifying applicability of other laws, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021				
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HB 0795	Florida Young Farmer and Rancher Matching Grant Program	Bell	02/22/21	02/05/21 10:13AM	
	Florida Young Farmer and Rancher Matching Grant Program: Creates Florida Young Farmers & Ranchers Matching Grant Program within DEO; provides requirements for recipient eligibility & grant awards; specifies that grant funding is contingent upon legislative appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2021				
	02/05/21 HOUSE Filed				
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	Bingo; Increasing the cap on instant bingo ticket prices; providing requirements for electronic instant bingo tickets and devices that display electronic instant bingo tickets; prohibiting persons from engaging in the manufacture or distribution of instant bingo tickets under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021				
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(S: 1436)	Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network: Deletes provisions for Florida Academic Services Library Services Cooperative and Complete Florida Plus Program; revises provisions for statewide				
SB 0922	Veterans' Preference in Employment	Burgess	03/10/21	01/28/21 02:14PM	
(S: 541)	Veterans' Preference in Employment; Authorizing the state and its political subdivisions to waive certain postsecondary educational requirements for employment for servicemembers and veterans who meet specified criteria; revising the list of positions that are exempt from veterans' preference requirements; requiring, rather than authorizing, each political subdivision to develop and implement a veterans' recruitment plan for specified purposes; modifying point preferences given to veterans and their family members when a numerically based selection process is used for hiring, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021				
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(S: 451)	Specialty License Plates/Honor Flight; Directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop an Honor Flight license plate, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2021				
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(I: 604)	Dental Therapy: Authorizes Medicaid to reimburse for dental services provided in mobile dental unit that is owned by, operated by, or contracted with health access setting or another similar setting or program; requires chair of Board of Dentistry to appoint Council on Dental Therapy within specified timeframe; authorizes dental therapist under general supervision of dentist to administer local anesthesia & operate X-ray machine, expose dental X-ray films, & interpret or read such films if specified requirements are met. Effective Date: July 1, 2021				
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Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans; Providing that a certain exemption from tangible personal property applies to mobile homes owned and operated by certain veterans; providing an exemption from license taxes for mobile homes owned and operated by certain veterans, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
 02/01/21 SENATE Filed
 02/10/21 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

HB 1029 Purple Heart Recipient Parking Spaces Barnaby 02/26/21 02/16/21 02:40PM
 Purple Heart Recipient Parking Spaces: Authorizes counties & municipalities to provide certain information to DHSMV; requires counties to provide certain information to department; provides requirements relating to Purple Heart recipient parking spaces; provides noncriminal traffic infraction; provides requirements for clerk of court; provides powers of law enforcement officers & parking enforcement specialists regarding Heart parking permit or license plate & driver license or state ID card when investigating certain violations; provides penalty; provides for issuance of Purple Heart parking permits. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
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 02/16/21 HOUSE Filed
 02/26/21 HOUSE Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
 02/26/21 HOUSE Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee

HB 1097 Health Care Licensure Requirements Learned 02/26/21 02/18/21 08:35AM
 Health Care Licensure Requirements: Requires certain physicians to submit specified information to DOH to be exempt from specified licensure requirements; requires department to notify such health care practitioners of their exemption within specified timeframe. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
 (I: 780)
 02/17/21 HOUSE Filed
 02/26/21 HOUSE Referred to Professions & Public Health Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
 02/26/21 HOUSE Now in Professions & Public Health Subcommittee

HB 1121 Authorization for Use of Military Force Andrade 02/26/21 02/18/21 03:48PM
 Authorization for Use of Military Force: Urges Congress to repeal 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force, to end the war in Afghanistan, & to bring our troops home. Effective Date: Not Specified
 (S: 1804)
 02/18/21 HOUSE Filed
 02/26/21 HOUSE Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 02/26/21 HOUSE Now in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

SB 1168 Special License Plates/Army of Occupation Harrell 02/18/21 02/10/21 07:53AM
 Special License Plates/Army of Occupation; Authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue Army of Occupation license plates; specifying qualifications and requirements for the license plates, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
 02/09/21 SENATE Filed
 02/18/21 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

HB 1187 State Contracting Valdes 02/28/21 02/22/21 12:35PM

(I: 1226) State Contracting: Requires certain agencies to require any vendor awarded competitively solicited contract for commodities or contractual services to use certified minority, woman-owned, or veteran-owned business enterprises as subcontractors or subvendors for specified portion of contract value; requires vendor to identify subcontractors or subvendors when bidding for such contract; requires vendor to report certain information regarding subcontractors or subvendors upon performance or completion of contract. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
 02/22/21 HOUSE Filed
 02/28/21 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
 02/28/21 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 1226 State Contracting Jones 02/18/21 02/12/21 10:07AM
 State Contracting; Requiring an agency subject to ch. 287, F.S., to require any vendor awarded a competitively solicited contract for commodities or contractual services to use certified minority, woman-owned, or veteran-owned business enterprises as subcontractors or subvendors for a specified portion of the contract value; requiring a vendor to identify subcontractors or subvendors when bidding for such a contract; requiring the vendor to report certain information regarding subcontractors or subvendors upon performance or completion of the contract, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
 (I: 1187)
 02/11/21 SENATE Filed
 02/18/21 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

SB 1262 State Park Fee Discounts Harrell 03/11/21 02/15/21 08:36AM
 State Park Fee Discounts; Requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks to provide entrance passes for specified military members and veterans at no charge, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
 (I: 399)
 02/12/21 SENATE Filed
 02/18/21 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations
 03/04/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/09/21, 9:00 am, 37 S
 03/09/21 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
 03/10/21 SENATE Now in Environment and Natural Resources
 03/11/21 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/12/21, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

SB 1320 Purple Heart Recipient Parking Spaces Hutson 02/24/21 02/16/21 02:40PM
 Purple Heart Recipient Parking Spaces; Authorizing counties and municipalities to provide by ordinance that the clerk of the court or the traffic violations bureau supply information in a specified format regarding certain violations to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle within, or obstructing, any Purple Heart recipient parking space unless certain conditions are met; providing that the cost of removal and parking constitutes a lien against such vehicles under specified conditions; providing a penalty, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
 (I: 1029)
 02/16/21 SENATE Filed
 02/24/21 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

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