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**Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida
8th Annual
Jerry Dugan Memorial Charity Golf Tournament**

MetroWest Golf Club Orlando

April Board Meeting is a **Zoom/Hybrid** - April 14th 10:30 AM.

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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.



Registration 8:00 AM Shot Gun Start 9:00 AM
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President



The National convention will be in Atlanta and while I'm there I would like to visit the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum. The museum houses U.S. President Jimmy Carter's papers and other material relating to the Carter administration and the Carter family's life. What I found most interesting, in my research on the museum, are the special exhibits. Such as Carter's Nobel Peace Prize and

rediscovered the desk and had it brought to the Oval Office in 1961. The desk was removed from the White House after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and went on a traveling exhibition with artifacts of the Kennedy Presidential Library. It was then put on display in the Smithsonian Institution. President Jimmy Carter brought the desk back to the Oval Office in 1977, where it has remained since, save that George H. W. Bush used the C&O desk in the Oval Office but kept the *Resolute* desk in the White House. The desk has been modified twice. Franklin Roosevelt requested the addition of a door with the presidential seal to conceal his leg braces and a safe, but it was not installed until 1945, after his death. A 2-inch-tall (5.1 cm) plinth was added to the desk in 1961 and replaced in 1986. Many replicas have been made of the *Resolute* desk. The first was commissioned in 1978 for a permanent display at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, Massachusetts, and since then five

a full-scale replica of the Oval Office as it was during the Carter Administration, including a reproduction of the *Resolute* desk.

The HMS *Resolute* was abandoned in the Arctic waterway Taryunnuag in 1854 while searching for Sir John Franklin and his lost expedition. It was found in 1855 floating in Davis Strait by *George Henry*, an American whaling ship. *Resolute* was repaired and returned to the United Kingdom as a gesture of goodwill from the United States. The ship was decommissioned in 1879, broken up, and a competition was held to design and build a piece of furniture from its timbers that Queen Victoria could give to the American president.



other presidential libraries and many museums, libraries, tourist attractions, and private homes and offices have acquired copies of the desk. The **Oval Office** is the formal working space of the President of the United States. Part of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, it is located in the West Wing of the White House, in Washington, D.C.

Morant, Boyd, & Blanford won this contest, and this desk was constructed shortly after. Two other furniture pieces were created from the timbers of the *Resolute*: the Grinnell desk, made for the widow of Henry Grinnell, who spent significant sums of money trying to find Sir John Franklin and his ships; and a table made for Queen Victoria's steam-powered yacht *HMY Victoria and Albert*.

The *Resolute* desk was received at the White House on November 23, 1880, and shortly thereafter was moved to the second floor. It stayed in the President's Office and President's Study until the White House Reconstruction from 1948 to 1952. After the reconstruction, it was placed in the Broadcast Room where Dwight D. Eisenhower used it during both radio and television broadcasts. Jackie Kennedy

The oval-shaped room features three large south-facing windows behind the president's desk and a fireplace at the north end. It has two built-in bookcases, and four doors: the east door opens to the Rose Garden; the west door leads to a private study and dining room; the northwest door opens onto the main corridor of the West Wing; and the northeast door opens to the office of the president's secretary. Presidents generally decorate the office to suit their personal taste, choosing furniture, drapery, and often commissioning their own oval-shaped carpet. Artwork is selected from the White House's own collection, or borrowed from museums for the length of the president's term in office.

Steve Kirk



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Veterans' Home Prepares to Open



PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. – Officials with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs are actively preparing for the May 2022 opening of a new state veterans' home in Port St. Lucie.

"It's almost time for our doors to be open to residents and staff. We're actively hiring health care professionals and supporting team members," said Steven Rule, administrator of the 120-bed Ardie R. Copas State Veterans' Nursing Home in the Port St. Lucie community of Tradition. "For those wanting to apply, call (772) 241-6132 or go to <https://bit.ly/34nEiko>. We encourage all who want to serve our state's most deserving veterans to apply for all positions of interest." To read more, go to <https://bit.ly/3rApyI9>.



State Seeks Name for New Veterans' Home in Orlando

FDVA invites public input for renaming Lake Baldwin State Veterans' Nursing Home.

ORLANDO, Fla.– The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs is accepting nominations for the renaming of the Lake Baldwin State Veterans' Nursing Home, scheduled to open later in 2022. The 112-bed facility, a former U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community Living Center on the VA's Lake Baldwin campus, is currently being renovated as a state veterans' home and scheduled to open to residents in 2022. To read more, go to bit.ly/3B5p1RE.



The 2022 edition of the Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide is now available online. Go to https://floridavets.org/resources/va-benefits-guide/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery to take you to an interactive version.



John DeMauro

Maximizing Caregiver Hours through Medicaid Long-Term Care

most of us don't get the caregiving hours we deserve. You're expected to lean on family or live out our days in an assisted or skilled nursing facility. This does not have to be the case.

I currently receive 140 hours of in-home care through Medicaid long-term care program. I am a C3 complete quadriplegic with a Home-Based Community Services Waiver from Medicaid. I also live in Florida and selected Humana as my Medicaid long-term care provider. Since my diving accident in 2014 I have jumped through many of the hoops and busted through Medicaid bureaucracy in order to obtain the amount of hours I received from Medicaid.

Many people, and veterans are forced to utilize family members or find outside the box approaches to obtain caregiving. Here I am going to describe the coding and different verbiage utilized by Medicaid that is necessary to maximize your level of care. I drew these directly from the Medicaid website and my own personal care plan. These are breakdown of my hours.

- Personal Care: (T1019 Personal Care Services 43 hours) These are services to assist the functionally impaired elderly with Bathing, Dressing, Ambulation, Housekeeping, Eating, Supervision of Self Administered Medications, Shopping Assistance, Transportation and Accompanying a client to a clinic or doctor's office; Transfers, Personal Hygiene and Toileting. These services are routinely performed by Certified Nursing Assistants and/or Home Health Aides.
- Homemaker Services or Chore Services: (S5130 Homemaker Services 43 hours) These are specific home management duties including Housekeeping, Laundry, Cleaning

Refrigerators, Minor Home Repairs, Sewing, Transportation, Meal Planning and Preparation, Shopping Assistance, etc., these duties are routinely performed by Companion or Homemaker level caregivers. Should the client/patient have a condition that might require the caregiver to have the assessment skills necessary to determine that a client might need hands on attention in a given situation then the services of a CNA or HHA might be warranted.

- Companion: (S5135 adult companion 54 hours) Strictly for the purpose of visiting a client who is socially and/or geographically isolated for the purpose of relieving loneliness and encouraging continual social interaction. Transportation may be involved in this service. Homemakers or Companions routinely perform this service.
- Respite Care: The services performed during Respite Care may be the same as the aforementioned "Personal Care Services" but with the intent of relieving and offering rest for the permanent caregiver (usually a family member).

Most individuals considered homebound and that are receiving services for Medicaid long-term care are eligible for the above selections. All of these are used to increase the amount of care received during a one-week period.

Individual resources may vary but a prudent individual should always maximize their benefits to increase their level of independence. Anyone seeking help should contact the chapter office or reach out to me directly and I'll be more than happy to provide you with anything and everything I can do to assist you in increasing your level of care and your quality of life.

Charlie Morrill



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Up and Coming Events



Annual Spring Fun Festival is coming soon

The last time I attended a festival was pre-COVID-19. My

wife, Rosa, and I strolled through Lake Eola Spring Festival, eating and drinking everything possible. We picked up trinkets because we felt they were something we had to have or just too adorable to pass. We laughed, took pictures, and locked in the memories of a fun-filled day.

PVACF Spring Fun Festival

Are you ready for some fun? We are proud to provide our members and family a place for gathering and entertainment. On April 9, 2020, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, our chapter will be hosting our Annual Spring Fun Festival, with lots of popcorn, food trucks, games, giveaways, races, music, displays, and demonstrations. Everyone of all ages should attend.



autocycles are designed for sports driving, touring, commuting, and city driving. And Sky Power Sports will bring two ATVs for a hands-on demonstration. ATVs are durable and reliable utility vehicles for recreation, farming, and ranching. Our Spring Fun Festival is a family destination to remember, so mark your calendars.

- Cornhole
- Giant connect four
- Outdoor bowling
- Duckpond
- Sack and wheelchair relay race
- Horseshoe
- Wheelchair toss and move
- Bounce house
- Face painting
- Obstacle Course Relay
- Scavenger Easter Egg Hunt
- Giant Jena
- Giant Dominoes
- Spin the wheel
- Car show
- ATV demonstration

Our newest addition to the festival is the car show and the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) demonstration, giving you two more opportunities to enjoy. IMotorsports is bringing the new Vanderhalls. The hand-made three-wheeled

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Annual Fun Festival And Car Show

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 2711 South Design Court Sanford, Florida 32773

- Games
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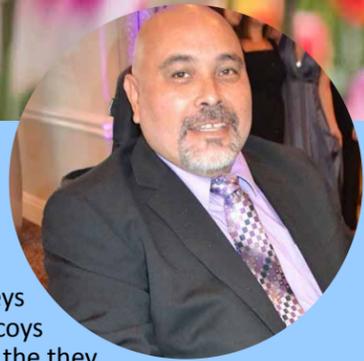
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Sports



As spring comes upon us, outdoor activities and opportunities are ramping up for some, Fishing Season, Cycling, individual and team training for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. But for some of our PVA Members, it is Spring Turkey Season. Our partners with Patriots 4, Mossey Oak, D-Dot Timberlands, Florida Cattleman's Association, Buck Island Ranch had openings that two members of PVA were able to participate in their first Osceola Turkey Hunt. March 4-6th, Bagferry "Ace" Cruz, USMC, from the Virginia Mid-Atlantic Chapter was on the first of two hunts. He attended the Buck Island Turkey hunt with his son in law, a US Army Veteran and a Navy Veteran. He had hunted before, but was in for a different type of hunt, Osceola Turkey. He was met by the Mossey Oak Turkey Thugs and the staff of Buck Island Ranch. With our thanks to Archbold Research Center and the Buck Island Ranch, Mossy Oak and Patriots 4, Major General Randy West, USMC, Retired, for hosting the hunt. A house that is semi-accessible (a work in progress), gives Veterans an opportunity to get a good night's sleep and have family style environment. On March 7-9th, Rick Rettinger, US Navy and myself, both from PVA Central Florida Chapter, had the opportunity to go to the Hilliard Brother's Ranch near Clewiston, Florida for another Turkey hunt. The Mossy Oak Turkey Thugs, Maj. General Randy West, USMC, Retired, along with member of D-Dot Timberlands, Florida Cattleman's Association, teamed up at Hilliard Brother's Ranch. Thanks Hilliard Brother's for your generosity. Veterans get to know one another from different hunting and military experiences, their families, as they meet the team at dinner and fireside chats. Opportunities for the

the outdoors wake up. Birds singing, animals starting to move around, as the sun peeks through an often fog clouded ground. As they wait, Mossey Oak Turkey Thugs call the turkeys to bring them close to their decoys 15-20 yards from the blind. As the they approach, they wait for the gobbler to show up. As he approaches the decoys, the hunter raises his shotgun up to get a good shot on the bird. Then shoots. Excitement is not just in the shot, but watching the beautiful animal show their instinctive response to jealousy of having another gobbler in his territory with his hen. All of our new Turkey hunters were successful and each has unique stories to share about their experiences. New friendships and a new turkey hunters have been added to the ranks.



V Maj. General Randy West, USMC, Ret. and Cruz Strickland, Mossy Oak Turkey Thug



V "Ace" Cruz, USMC and Cruz Strickland, Mossy Oak Turkey Thug

Veterans and the team talk about their experiences and then hit the rack for a good night sleep. The Turkey Thugs, team up with a veteran and get up early before daylight and the before turkeys fly down from their "Hammocks" for the day. As the hunters get into their blind, which is made up of tree cover and cut Palm fronds (either hung or stuck in the ground). It is an exhilarating time to listen to

Congratulations to our hunters and we thank the sponsors for their generous opportunity and skills they shared with our veterans.

If you hunt or are interested in a hunting opportunity, please contact Roger Sack, rogers@pvacr.org to let us know.



V Rick Rettinger, USN and Keith, Zach and Jacob Kelly D-Dot Timberlands

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