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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.***



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# *Chapter President*

## *Steve Kirk*

The last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century was supposed to be a time of peace and prosperity. World War Two was over and the troops were home building new lives. However, the Korean War started in 1950 and the Vietnam War in 1955 (the US had about 900 military advisors involved in 1960 and by the end of the war 58,200 service members had died). The last twenty years saw wars in Lebanon, Granada, Libya, the Persian Gulf, Panama, The Gulf War, Somali War, Bosnian and Croatia War, and the Kosovo War. Throughout these tumultuous years as the world made a transformation, music in America had transformed as well.

The early 1950s continued many of the musical trends from the 1940s, as bandleaders and musical standards continued to dominate the top of the charts. But then Elvis Presley showed up and revolutionized the music scene. Elvis topped the charts in both 1956 and 1957, the two years that preceded the first-ever Hot 100 ranking. In 1958, the weekly Hot 100 chart debuted with Ricky Nelson's Poor Little Fool in the No. 1 spot, though it was Volare by Domenico Modugno that ended up being the best-performing song that year, based on the number of weeks it spent on the chart, the number of records sold, and how much airplay it received. Here is a list of songs you might remember (if you are old enough) from the 1950's. 1950 Goodnight Irene by Gordon Jenkins and His Orchestra and the Weavers, 1951 How High the Moon by Les Paul and Mary Ford, 1952 Cry by Johnnie Ray and the Four Lads, 1953 The Song From Moulin Rouge (Where Is Your Heart) by Percy Faith and His Orchestra featuring Felicia Sanders, 1954 Little Things Means a Lot by Kitty Kallen with Jack Pleiss and His Orchestra, 1955 Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White by Pérez Prado and His Orchestra, 1956 Don't Be Cruel by Elvis Presley, 1957 All Shook Up by Elvis Presley, 1958 Volare (Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blue) by Domenico Modugno and in 1959 The Battle of New Orleans by Johnny Horton.

The 1960s saw a seismic shift in the types of songs people listened to. While the year 1960 saw the orchestral Theme from a Summer Place top the Hot 100, it wasn't long until pop acts began dominating the charts: The Beatles reached No. 1 for the first time with I Want to Hold Your Hand in 1964, and also produced the most popular song of 1968, Hey Jude. Some songs, such as 1965s Wooly Bully, never actually reached No. 1, but still performed better in terms of overall sales and total airplay than any other song that year. By the end of the 1960s, pop and rock music had completely displaced orchestral tunes as the most popular music genres in the country. Remember The Ballad of the Green Berets by Staff Sergeant Barry Sadler in 1966 and in 1967 To Sir With Love by Lulu?

The 1970s were a time of rich musical diversity. The decade opened with the folksy vocal stylings of Simon & Garfunkel atop the charts, but by 1979, the Hot 100 was all about powerful drums and raging guitar solos, and the Knacks My Sharona was the most popular song in the decade's final year. During the years in between, legendary performers such as Barbra Streisand, Rod Stewart, and Paul McCartney's Wings topped the charts. One my favorites came to us in 1970 Bridge Over Troubled Water by Simon & Garfunkel. And then in 1971 Joy to the World by Three Dog Night. Remember Dawn's 1973 hit Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree featuring Tony Orlando or the 1974 hit The Way We Were by Barbra Streisand.

In the 1980s acts such as George Michael, Prince, and the Police dominated with their smash hit songs. What's notable about this decade is that pretty much every one of the top-performing songs continue to get widespread airplay today, proving just how much of an impact the 1980s had on the musical world. Hits from the 1980's included 1980 Call Me by Blondie, 1981 Bette Davis Eyes by Kim Carnes, 1982 Physical by Olivia Newton-John, 1983 Every Breath You Take by the Police, 1984 When Doves Cry by Prince, 1985 Careless Whisper by Wham! featuring George Michael, 1986 That's What Friends Are For by Dionne and Friends, 1987 Walk Like an Egyptian by the Bangles, 1988 Faith by George Michael and in 1989 Look Away by Chicago.

The 1990s saw the rise of R&B and rap music. Boys II Men topped the Hot 100 in 1992 with End of the Road, and 1995 saw Coolio's Gangstas Paradise climb to No. 1. Meanwhile, Elton John's Candle in the Wind 1997 topped the Hot 100 chart as a tribute to the late Princess Diana. In fact, that song is the second highest selling physical single of all time, with 33 million copies sold, around 17 million fewer copies than Bing Crosby's White Christmas.

As the world looked to the turn of the century all eyes were on the millennium and once again there were wars and there was music. Each had their place in our country's history, and each had direct influence on our lives and the way we lived them.

*Steve Kirk*



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# *Executive Director*

## *John DeMauro*



As we begin a new fiscal year, here at the chapter, we have a full slate of Board of Directors (see page 2). Danny Guppenberger and David Rountree have been re-elected to serve for another three-year term. By the time you get this publication, the new warehouse we are having built on the property will be completed (see photo below). Plans for a grand opening are being put in place. The building will house our chapter van and sixteen foot box truck. It will also house all the medical durable equipment that is donated to our Refurbished Equipment Exchange Program (REEP). Through this program we have given away over three million dollars' worth of wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, hospital beds, etc. to those in need in our community. We use this program to give back to the community and promote PVACF. Through this program we have developed multiple partnerships with other organizations and foundations that then support the programs we have that serve our membership.

We want to thank those who have donated to the cost of this project. The Harper Family Charitable Foundation gives \$125,000 towards the cost of the building and supports the annual budget of the program every year. They also annually support the overall budget of the chapter. AGED gave \$20,000 towards the cost of the building and annually supports the overall budget of PVACF. Nelson Investments gave \$15,000 towards the cost of the building and annually supports the overall budget of PVACF. We are grateful for these and others who, every year, give funds to support our annual budget.





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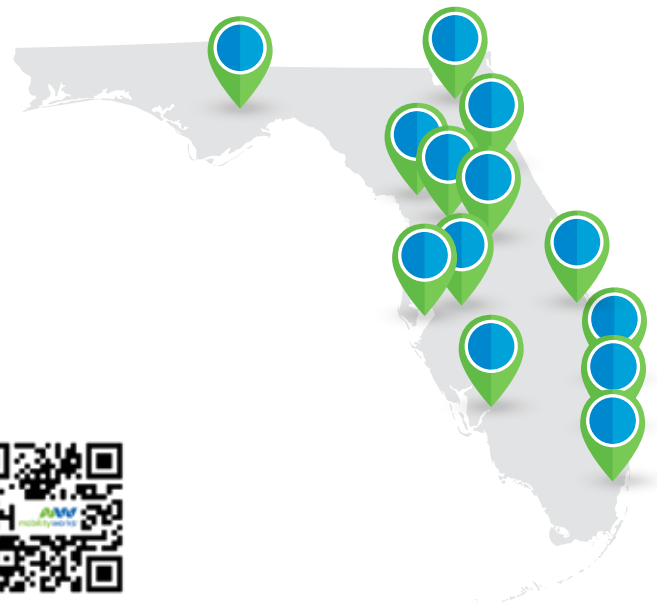


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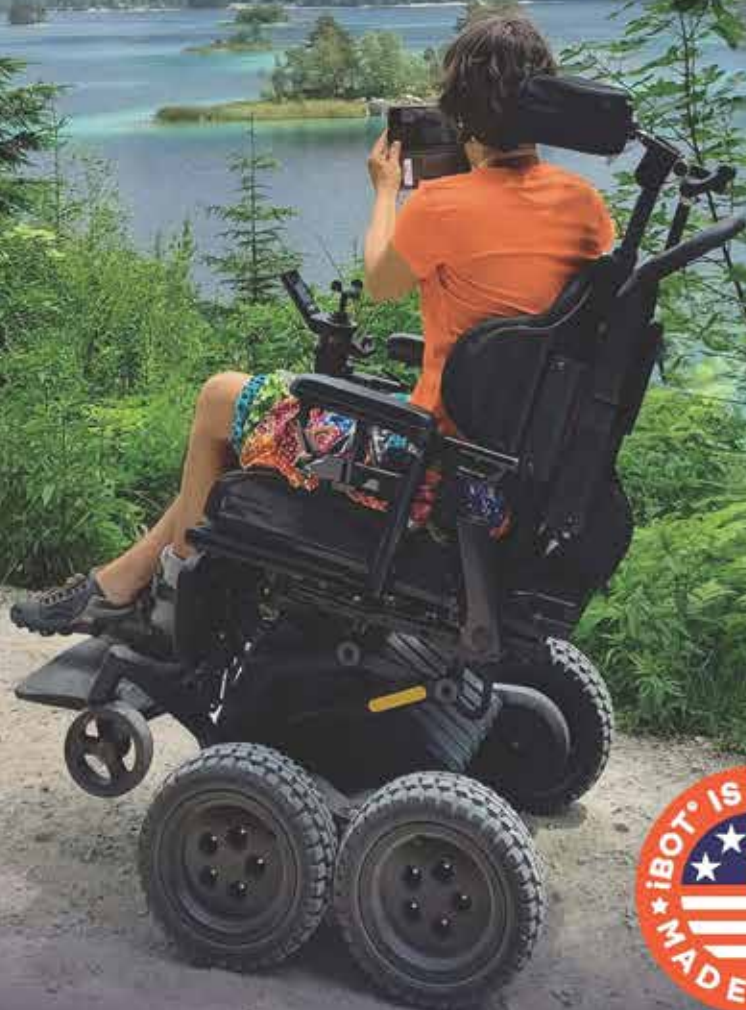




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## April 26, 2025

Registration 7:30 AM Shot Gun Start 9:00 AM

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# *Roger D. Sack*

## *VP/Sports Director*

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A monthly competition will begin the last week of October in preparation for our PVA National Air Rifle Championship in Feb 7-8 2024.

Our recent Golf Club give away in August was a success. Thanks to Brian Roddy for his assistance and Harmony Golf Course for their assistance.

A 1 hour training class and free clubs were given. PVACF received \$230 in donations from this event.

The next clinic and give away will be in mid-October. It will continue quarterly and we will also be introducing tournament play to be added.

April 26, 2024 PVACF Golf Tournament

An archery training dates will also be placed on the website before the end of the month.

Come out and shoot on a digital range at the chapter in October.

Bowling - Eddie is looking to put together a PVACF/Veteran Team to enter into a local Bowling League to compete. Those that are interested, please contact me or Eddie Hawks for more information.



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