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All a person is remembered for is what they did for others.

As mankind thinketh in their minds... so they are.

Adversity is Inevitable ***** Stress is OPTIONAL.

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GOD created you to be SUCCESSFUL and HAPPY.

REGRET looks back, FEAR looks around... FAITH looks UP.

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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

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Paralyzed veterans and their families who suffer demonstrable losses after a natural disaster can file for financial assistance through PVA's Disaster Relief Fund. The fund offers a grant of up to \$1500 to any veteran or veteran's family and was established to give recovering families a jumpstart toward the road to recovery, whether that means replacing lost food and clothing, repairing a damaged roof, or restoring a flooded basement back to livable conditions.

To assist requesters in the distribution of relief funds, they must comply with the following accountability procedures:

1. Funds will only be provided to PVA members.
2. A maximum of \$1,500 per individual or family will be granted. Each application must be evaluated for need. Maximum disbursements will not be made in all cases.
3. Funds may be used for transportation, temporary shelter, food, modifications for accessibility, prosthetic appliances, and medical supplies. The funds will not be provided if other assistance has been provided to pay for the items in the request (insurance, FEMA, etc.). Funds will also not be approved to cleanup, fix, or replace damages not related to the veteran's primary dwelling.

Applications can be received by the PVA Chapter or the National Service Office. Once an application is received it is to be reviewed by the Chapter President or designee, and the National Service Officer. All applications require the approval of the Chapter President or designee, and the National Service Officer (NSO).

After approval from the Chapter and National Service Office the application is to be faxed to the Associate Executive Director of the Veterans Benefits Department for final approval. (Include all estimates and receipts). Disbursements exceeding \$1,000 must have verification that the assistance requested is valid. (Inspection by PVA, etc.)

In cases where the NSO and chapter disagree regarding approval, or either is not available the application will be faxed to the attention of the Associate Executive Director of the Veterans Benefits Department for final decision.

All original documentation will be forwarded to the AED of Veterans Benefits for accounting and review purposes. Copies of applications are to be maintained in the PVA Chapter offices. A copy of the Disaster Relief Fund Application follows:

If you need assistance with submitting a request for assistance please contact our Executive Director John DeMauro at johnd@pvacf.org.

Steve Kirk



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Florida homeowners and renters in counties who had uninsured damage or losses caused by Hurricane Milton may be eligible for FEMA disaster assistance.

Currently eligible counties: Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, DeSoto, Duval, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, and Volusia.

Ways to Apply for Disaster Aid:

FEMA Disaster Assistance



Online: www.DisasterAssistance.gov

Call: 1-800-621-3362

When you apply, have the following information on hand:

- The address of your damaged home or apartment
- Names of people living in your household
- A description of your disaster damages
- Insurance information
- Your Social Security Number
- A telephone number where you can be reached or left a message
- An address where you can get mail
- If you want your disaster assistance funds sent directly to your bank, provide FEMA your bank information

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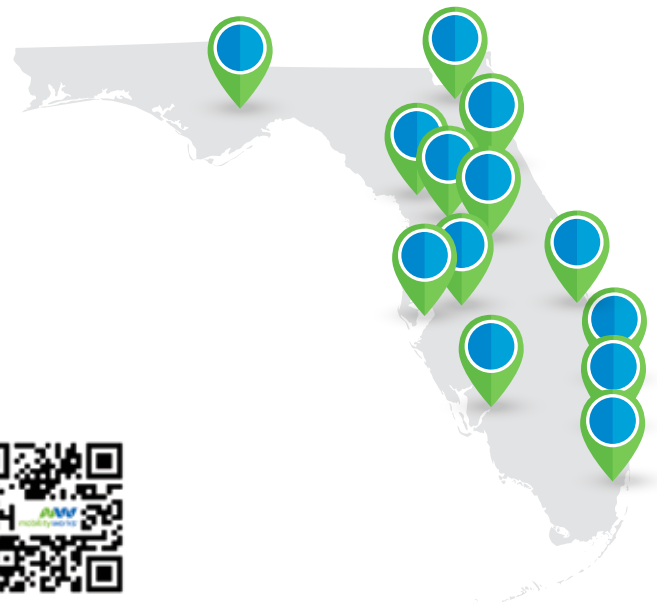


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Government Relations

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As reported last month, due to the VA's shortfall with Fiscal Year's 2024 budget, a temporary funding resolution to avoid a government shutdown is Congress' #1 priority. Below is a summary of what has been going on, and the potential outlook for the near future.

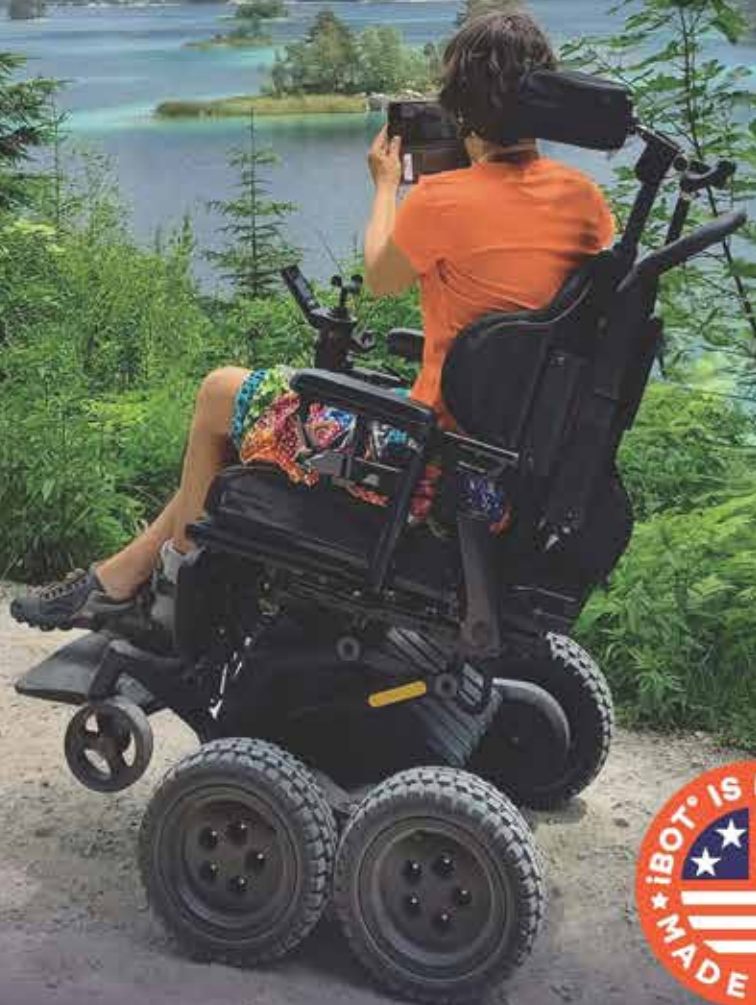
- o July 15th, VA informed congress they need an additional \$15 billion To continue payments through the end of the FY. Otherwise, roughly 7 million veterans and beneficiaries wouldn't receive their checks by Oct 1st. VA said it also needs an additional \$12 billion to provide medical care for FY2025. Bills have been introduced in both houses to provide the additional funding, including accountability provisions to figure out how we got here and to prevent it from happening again. PVA is urging a VSO press conference – Wednesday morning 10am at VFW headquarters – urging Congress to act quickly. President Thomas will be speaking on behalf of PVA, focused on properly funding VA healthcare. Too many unanswered questions about the \$12 billion for VHA care, so Congress probably won't work on that issue until after the election. Congress will likely allow VA to use the money already allocated until they can approve the necessary additional funds.
- o Continued Resolution – to keep government open, House introduced a 6-month resolution at current year spending levels. It ignores VA's request for additional VHA spending but would allow the department to use the existing funds to avoid shortfalls. Voting component would essentially cause it to be DOA.
- o National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) bills – include provisions lifting 65% cap, Justice for ALS bill, Richard Starr Act

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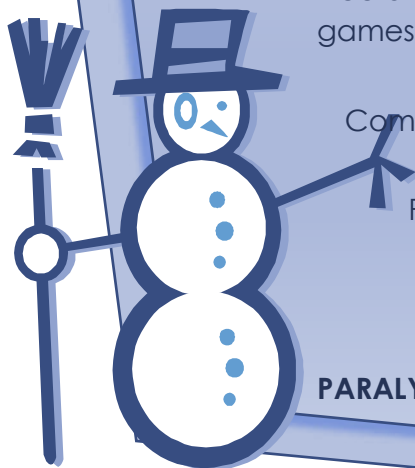
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