

# The PARASCOPE

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## Air rifle clinic and competition has large turnout

A large turnout of competitors and volunteers made for another satisfying two-day air rifle clinic and competition at the HealthSouth Harmarville rehabilitation facility in Indiana Township, Allegheny County, Pa., on 17 and 18 March.

The top shooters in category SH1 were Keystone PVA member David Gifford with 466.5 points, Doug Horning with 412.7 points, and Terry Wheeler with 397.8 points.

In shooting category SH2, in which the shooter is permitted to use a stand to support his or her rifle, the very close results were Lorraine Rutter with 558.9 points, Keystone PVA member Tom Strang with 557.9 points, and Billy Henry with 556.3 points.

The annual event is a partnership among HealthSouth Harmarville, which hosts it; the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, which organizes it, provides volunteer helpers for it, and encourages veterans to participate in it; and the Keystone PVA, which provides food, beverages, other supplies, volunteers and competitors.

Keystone PVA congratulates the medalists and thanks everyone for participating in another recreational event for veterans.



The gymnasium of the HealthSouth Harmarville rehabilitation hospital was again the site of the annual air rifle seminar and competition over the weekend of 17 and 18 March 2018. In the below photo, support personnel and other competitors surround the six medalists: **Tom Strang, Lorraine Rutter, Doug Horning, Billy Henry, David Gifford, and Terry Wheeler.**



**Seeking nominations for the Board of Directors election! See the details on page 2.**

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# Reports of the Officers and Directors

## President's Report . . . . . Jim Riemer

### Annual Election of Directors

Chapter members will be receiving ballots to elect or re-elect three Directors for the Keystone PVA Board of Directors in July. The terms will run from 01 October 2018 through 30 September 2021. The appointed committee will count the ballots on Friday 10 August at the chapter office. The results of the election will be reported at the Membership Meeting, 11 August 2018.



### National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Participants in the 2018 National Veterans Wheelchair Games have been receiving confirmations listing their athlete numbers and the events that they have entered. I've been receiving copies of the athlete registrations which list the athlete number, division and the events that the athletes have entered so I can put together a list of participants and their events. Participants will have until 24 June to make changes or corrections to their registration package.

The national office of the Paralyzed Veterans and the VA hold monthly "Coaches Calls" every third Wednesday to update information & answer questions pertaining to the upcoming Games. Sports Director Jerry Baylor and I will continue participating in the teleconferences and will report any updates to the participants. But if you wish, you can be on the call. The chapter's athletes receive an e-mail prior to the call with the dial-in information.

The Keystone Board of Directors have authorized the use of the chapter's oversized van to deliver competition equipment to the Games. Athletes should look for information on reserving space on the van in their mail.

The same mailing will include an order form for polo shirts, T-shirts, and tank tops. We are trying to get this information out so that you have plenty of time for preparation and questions.

### Three seats to open on the Keystone PVA Board of Directors

On 30 September, the terms of three current members of the Keystone PVA Board of Directors will expire. Any life member (paralyzed veteran) of the chapter may run for election by the members to one of these seats, the terms of which are three years.

Distance from the chapter office for a member has proven to be only a minor inconvenience to serving on the Board. Members live as much as 230 miles from the office, and yet provide excellent service and leadership for their fellow veterans. But applicants need to understand the rules, laws customs and duties that go along with Board service. Proper service is not easy, but it's not burdensome and it has its rewards.

The Board meets once a month, in person at the office and joined by phone when a director cannot make the trip. Meetings take a little more than 90 minutes, and most members stay afterward to have lunch. A new Board member will have plenty of support from experienced Board members and an experienced staff. Call the office to get details, 412-781-2474 or 800-775-9323.

Our day at Kennywood Park is right around the corner and our date is 11 July 2018. This is one of the wheelchair days plus many other folks will be at the park celebrating Irish Day at Kennywood. There will be a variety of entertainment with ballad singing and Irish step dancing. This will be a fun day and will give us the opportunity to wish our athletes participating in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games the best of luck.



We are in the process of planning our Annual Awards Banquet at the Hampton Banquet Hall in Gibsonia. The date is Thursday, 04 October 2018. The banquet will remain pretty much the same as in the past. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. there will be appetizers and a cash bar.

The venue is quite accommodating with accessible parking that can accommodate any type of vehicle. The food is excellent and it is a good time to meet and enjoy the company of your fellow members, plus Agnes Strang, our volunteer coordinator, puts together a fantastic raffle.

The Banquet is an important event because our new Board members will be sworn in then. This year we will elect or re-elect three new board members whose job will be to work effectively in serving you and doing what is best for our members and the chapter. We will also present several awards acknowledging service to our members and chapter. Along with all of this, we will have prizes for our bowling league winners.

You are welcome to send me an email with any questions at [george.neelan@yahoo.com](mailto:george.neelan@yahoo.com) or call me at 724-443-0229.



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# Sports and Recreation Report . . . . . Jerry Baylor, Sports Director

*Fishing and hunting reports are by Tom Strang, Associate Sports Director. The bowling results are from Jim Riemer. Jim also coordinates the chapter's participation in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.*

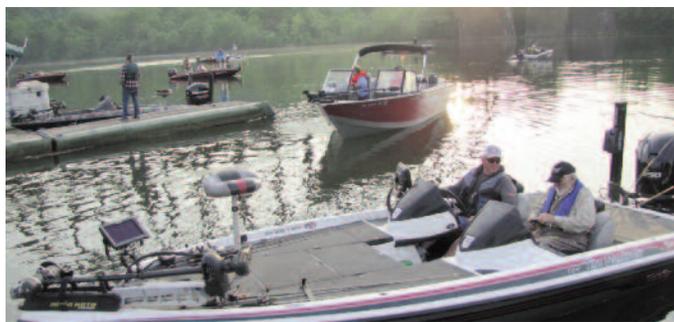
The Buckeye Wheelchair Games were held at the Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio in late April. I hope to have results for you in the next Parascope edition. The Keystone chapter was well represented by our athletes.

The registration deadline has passed for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) that will take place in Orlando, Florida at the end of July and early August. Athletes should know by now if all of their requirements have been met and they have completed the registration process. I will be online for the monthly "Coaches Call" held by the VA organizers of the Games, and I will report any updates to our Board of Directors. Athletes who want to get in on the calls should call our chapter office for the details.

The Bass Tournament is coming up on 17 June. I have been working on acquiring prizes for it.

Keep up to date on sports and recreation by reading our newsletter, PN Magazine, and Sports & Spokes Magazine. Questions about wheelchair sports? Please contact me and I will do my best to help you. You can reach me by email at [jeb1369er@aol.com](mailto:jeb1369er@aol.com) or call me at 412-855-7139.

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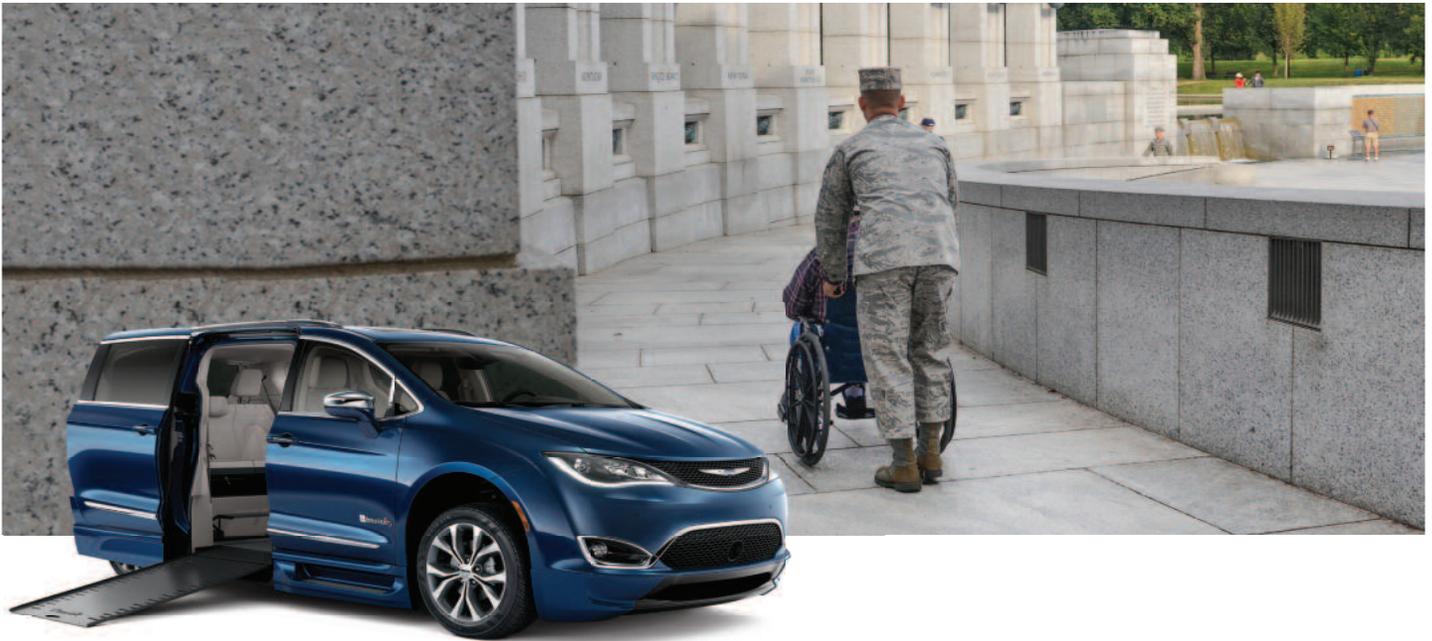
Entry fee, boat captain —\$20.00      Entry fee, disabled angler — \$30.00

**Members are welcome, even if not competing. Come down for the weigh-in and the picnic!**

## 2017-18 season Keystone PVA bowling scores

<small>Reported as of April 2018. Bowling year: 01 Sep-30 Aug</small>	High Game	High Series	High Average	Strikes	Games	Average
Bill Jakovac	121	303	79	5	9	92
John M. Kellner	168	408	136	14	9	130
William Lightner	149	408	136	55	59	107
Robert Morris	192	410	136	71	51	117
Jim Riemer	193	523	174	36	21	153
Mark Rosensteel	186	516	172	55	36	153

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## Keystone Chapter Events and Meetings for the rest of 2018

Many dates are subject to change. Some events, such as Membership Meetings, are held on properties other than the chapter offices and may be relocated with little notice. Members should contact the chapter office, 412-781-2474 or 800-775-9323, to confirm dates and locations.

### Major chapter activities

Membership Meeting	09 June	Erie VA Medical Center
Bass Tournament	17 June	American Legion Post 940, W. Brownsville, Pa.
Kennywood Picnic	11 July	Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pa.
Membership Meeting	11 August	Heinz Campus, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
Trap and Pistol Shoot	21 – 23 September	Clairton Sportsmen's Club, Jefferson Hills, Pa.
Annual Banquet	04 October	Hampton Banquet Hall, Gibsonia, Pa.
Membership Meeting	13 October	Heinz Campus, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
Veterans' Day	11 November	Various activities around Pennsylvania
Membership Meeting	08 December	Heinz Campus, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

### Board of Directors meetings

All Thursdays, all at the Keystone chapter office in Sharpsburg, Pa.:

17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 23 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 20 December.

### National Paralyzed Veterans of America events

PVA Annual Convention	22 – 25 May	J. W. Marriott Mall of America, Minneapolis, Min.
Nat'l Veterans Wheelchair Games	30 July – 04 August	Orlando, Florida
PVA Fall BOD Meeting	01 – 03 October	Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida

### Office holiday closures

*Office closures do not necessarily fall on the actual or observed day of the holiday*

Memorial Day	28 May (Monday)
Independence Day	04 July (Wednesday)
Labor Day	03 September (Monday)
Columbus Day	08 October (Monday)
Veterans Day	12 November (Monday)
Thanksgiving	22 – 23 November (Thursday and Friday)
Christmas	24 – 25 December (Monday and Tuesday)
New Year's	31 December – 01 January (Monday and Tuesday)

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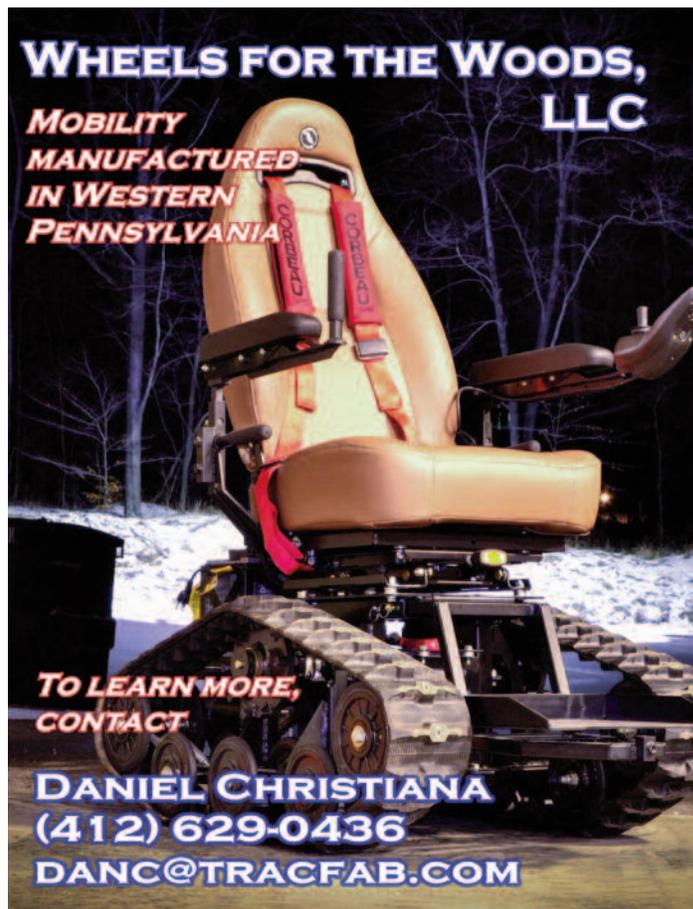
## Hunting and Fishing Events

Tom Strang, Associate Sports Director

The 15th Annual Keystone PVA Bass Tournament will take place on Sunday, 17 June 2018 at the American Legion Post 940 Marina in West Brownsville. Check-in is at 5:30 a.m. The registration fee for members is \$30, however your check will be returned to you when you arrive. Disabled anglers will be paired with able-bodied boat partners by random public drawing. Trophies and prize money will be awarded to winning teams. There will be fishing prizes. Following weigh-in, participants will be treated to a picnic. The application deadline is 01 June 2018. Call the chapter for an application/ rules/release form.

For hunting and fishing events in Pennsylvania, a valid Pennsylvania hunting or fishing license is required. Life members should keep their fishing license and/or hunting license receipts so Keystone PVA can reimburse them.

The Wounded Warriors of Western Pennsylvania (WW WPa.) has stocked its Washington County Pennsylvania pond with large trout for members to catch and take home this spring and summer. June, July, and August you can fish on the Mon River on their pontoon boat by calling Jeff Curtis at the WW W Pa. office at 724-328-4037 to become a member and to schedule a fishing date. You can also check them out online at <http://wpa-woundedwarrior.org/>.



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# Project Easter Bag reaches 500 hospitalized veterans



Assembling 500 Easter Bags in the chapter conference room were (left to right) **Tom Strang**, Volunteer Coordinator **Agnes Strang**, **Jean Jakovac**, **Sarah Congie**, **Stacey Jakovac**, and **Jim Moore**. A few days later, Agnes, Sarah and others distributed them to 500 hospitalized veterans.

## Project Easter Bag report . . . . Agnes Strang, Volunteer Coordinator

Project Easter Bag, one of the Keystone chapter's services for hospitalized veterans, was accomplished throughout the month of March. Students from two schools—Allison Park Elementary School in Houston, Pa., and Muse Elementary School in Muse, Pa.—decorated the bags. Our donors were very supportive and generously donated the necessary funds. From those donations we purchased the products for the bags, which included deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, soap, and socks, with some items chosen specifically for our male veterans and some for our female veterans.

Our volunteers came to the office to pack the bags, and then we delivered 500 bags on Holy Thursday to the Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System and the Southwestern Veterans Center.

The sentiments heard from our veterans when we delivered the Easter Bags were so rewarding. Everyone seems to benefit from this project: the veterans, the children, the families, and the volunteers. Thank you to our Board of Directors for approving this project for another year, and especially to our generous donors. Their support makes many of our hospitalized veterans projects possible.



# benefits box

VA benefits information for our members  
from David Ray,  
National Service Officer II  
Based in Orlando, Florida



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## Enrollment Categories

One of the most frequent questions I am asked as a National Service Officer concerns the qualifications for getting health care from the Veterans Health Administration. Here are the enrollment categories in the VHA:

Categories 1, 2, and 3 are for veterans with compensable service connected disabilities. Category 1 is the highest and veterans do not have a copay for anything.

Category 4 is for catastrophically-disabled veterans receiving a non-service connected pension with aid and attendance. These veterans are exempt from all copays except for extended stay care such as the Community Living Centers. This is the enrollment category that impacts a vast majority of non-service connected spinal cord injured veterans. In all likelihood if you have a non-service connected spinal cord injury you will be in this enrollment category unless you qualify for a higher enrollment category because of other service connected disabilities. For some veterans Category 4 is actually advantageous over Categories 2 or 3.

Categories 5, 6, and 7 impact veterans who have non compensable service connected conditions, meet certain service criteria and are below the income limit. There is generally a copay for these veterans.

Category 8 is the most complex of the enrollment categories. Many veterans in Category 8 can be enrolled if they meet certain criteria. Category 8 veterans simply do not meet any enrollment criteria and their income is too high.

If you have any questions please contact your local Paralyzed Veterans of America National Service Office.

## Director/Lebanon VAMC Site Leader/Legislative Director . . Chris Fidler

The Veterans Activity Center in Building 18-1 of the Lebanon VA Medical Center will be closed until further notice. Apparently, some asbestos was found when tearing up the old floor. The Social Room in Building 18-B (directly below the VAC) is being used as a temporary area. The Social Room doors will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on most days except Monday. But due to staffing issues this schedule could change. Future schedules will be posted on the doors of both the Veterans Activity Center and the Social Room.

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, 28 May in the city of Lebanon. The parade moves out at 10 a.m. Roads will be closed around 8:30 a.m. to allow us to assemble. If you are interested in participating as part of the Keystone PVA group, please e-mail me at [teamfidler@aol.com](mailto:teamfidler@aol.com) or call and leave me a message at 717-865-0009.

**2018 bingo dates at the  
Lebanon VAMC**  
**Building 18 Social Room, 7 p.m.**  
All veterans are welcome to attend.  
Tuesday, 05 June  
Thursday, 23 August  
Thursday, 18 October

# Volunteer help wanted!

The men and women who help the Keystone Paralyzed Veterans serve their fellow veterans have been reliable, willing and able. In fact, they have probably spoiled us!

But we are doing more for veterans than ever, and if we want to keep up the pace, we need some more help.

We are especially looking for a volunteer who will help us get our "thank yous" and other recognitions done in a timely manner.

Also, we need more hands to help with Project Easter Bag; checking in and loading equipment to be transported to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games; calling our lawmakers to remind them about the needs of paralyzed veterans; and more!

If you are a current volunteer, thank you! No need to respond. But if you'd like to help out a little, please contact Executive Director Joe Dornbrock, 412-781-2474, 800-775-9323, or [keystonepva@comcast.net](mailto:keystonepva@comcast.net).



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# Keystone Chapter Health and Recreation Points System

To be eligible for chapter sponsorship to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and other recreational programs, a member may earn points by participating in these activities. Sponsorship by the chapter requires 12 points per EACH event.

Attendance at a Keystone PVA membership meeting	3 points
Attendance at a Keystone PVA membership activity, <i>e.g., Easter Bag distribution, Fish for Fun, Kennywood Picnic, Annual Awards Banquet</i>	2 points
Return SCI Survey following Annual SCI Appointment	2 points
Volunteer at a V.A. Hospital (4 hours or more)	2 points
Volunteer for Keystone PVA (4 hours or more)	2 points
Work out at V.A. or Rehab center with coach or therapist	1 point
Participate in a Keystone PVA sponsored sports or recreational activity, <i>e.g., bowling, fishing, hunting, trapshoot, etc.</i>	1 point
Sign up a regular voting member	2 points
Represent Keystone PVA at community functions, <i>e.g., Sharing and Caring, Soldiers &amp; Sailors, United Cerebral Palsy, Veteran Support Groups</i>	2 points
Ride, walk or roll in a Veterans Day Parade	3 points

- ☛ Members are required to attend at least one Membership Meeting prior to attending a sponsored event.
- ☛ To receive credit for mileage, volunteer time & points, member MUST forward a Time Sheet—Volunteer Program Report (formerly titled the “Keystone PVA Volunteer Expense Voucher”) and an After Action Report to the chapter office by the close of business on the 7th day of the following month. If the office is closed on the 7th, expense vouchers are due by the close of business the next working day.
- ☛ All volunteers at the VA Medical Centers must complete volunteer training and receive a volunteer ID card. The volunteer hours MUST be in the name of PVA. Volunteer is responsible for forwarding the monthly VA Volunteer by Organization Report (VS26) to the chapter office by the end of the following month to receive travel expenses.

For more comprehensive information on chapter programs, refer to Operations Manual Section 8, which was sent to every member. You can access “Ops Man Section 8” on the chapter web site, [www.kpva.org](http://www.kpva.org), or by calling the office.

## MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

- ☛ All receipts submitted for reimbursement must be dated within the Chapter’s current fiscal year, 01 October—30 September.
- ☛ The Chapter has an annual picnic at Kennywood Amusement Park and an Annual Awards Banquet.
- ☛ Keystone PVA will reimburse voting members for their annual resident hunting license, with a limit of one (1) Antlerless Deer License annually. Member must send a copy of all licenses and a receipt to obtain reimbursement. The cost of a resident fishing license will be reimbursed. Members may also be reimbursed for their membership dues for sports club memberships.
- ☛ **Member Recreation Reimbursement Fund.** Keystone PVA will reimburse voting members up to \$100 for attending any recreational event one time during the fiscal year or until the fund is depleted. Member must send receipts within 30 days of the event to the chapter office including a short description of the outing; good photos appreciated.
- ☛ The Chapter currently has a weekly bowling league available to members as a recreational activity and to practice for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG). Scores are in the newsletter and awards will be presented at the Chapter annual banquet. The Chapter may also reimburse members for other activities offered at the NVWG such as trapshooting and archery.
- ☛ Reimbursement for hunting, trapshooting and fishing programs that Keystone PVA supports or sponsors.
- ☛ Members that accumulate 12 points or more by attending membership meetings, attending Chapter functions, volunteering at VA medical centers, etc., qualify to participate in the Keystone PVA Sports and Recreation Program.
- ☛ All program expenses must be approved by the Keystone PVA Board of Directors.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

## JUNE

01 Charles Reigleman  
 02 David Pyle  
 04 Joseph Branch  
 04 Robert Szoszorek  
 05 Jim Riemer  
 06 James Pittman  
 09 Robert Dorsch  
 09 Serena (McCloskey)  
 Gregory  
 10 Roger Koscielniak  
 10 David Kucherer  
 11 Rick Sarocky  
 13 David Cooper  
 13 Kenneth Ochs  
 13 Kevin Williamson  
 15 Tino Yaccich  
 16 Robert Wilt  
 20 Joseph Saffell  
 24 Michael Carr  
 24 Berl Duvall  
 24 Thomas Otte  
 24 Andrew Womeldorf  
 29 Gina Congie



If we missed your birthday, let us know!  
 Give us a ring at the chapter office,  
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 if you spot an error.  
**Many happy wishes to all our members, associates, and volunteers!**

## JULY

02 George Westbrook  
 03 Brendan Beck  
 07 Paul Carruolo  
 07 Doris Ganzy  
 09 Theodore J. Anspach

12 John J. Allman Jr.  
 16 Richard Griffin  
 16 Taylor Strang  
 16 Francis Watt  
 17 Robert Cinciripini  
 17 Sherry Lightner  
 18 Sarah Congie  
 18 Donald Speicher  
 19 Thomas McNamara  
 19 Michael Salasky  
 21 Daniel Hika  
 22 Phillip Allen  
 24 Jerald R. Johnson  
 24 Jamie Morris  
 25 Kenneth Walters  
 26 Linda Berkheiser  
 26 Barton Duva  
 26 Paul Gatalski  
 26 Andrew J. Ogdin  
 27 Carl Larose  
 28 Gary Robertson  
 29 John Larese  
 30 Michael Offen  
 30 Jessie B. Parks  
 30 Timothy Sager

**Next Membership Meeting: SATURDAY, 09 JUNE 2018**

Meeting sites: Erie VAMC, Lebanon VAMC, and the Heinz Campus of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. See the back page!

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## ADVERTISING in THE PARASCOPE

The Parascope is published bi-monthly. Deadline for submission of advertising is the 15th day of the month prior to the cover date. Example: Advertising for the issue for July-August will be due no later than 15 June.  
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# Membership Report . . . . . Tom Strang, Membership Officer

The primary site for the April Membership Meeting was the James E. Van Zandt Medical Center in Altoona. Others joined the meeting by teleconference phone from the Heinz Campus (the “Aspinwall VA”) in Pittsburgh, and the Erie and Lebanon VA Medical Centers, all linked by conference phone. Reports were given by chapter officers and a few topics were discussed including: the 2018 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Orlando, Florida; the Open House to be held at the Altoona VAMC; award presentations for the Pennsylvania winners in the PVA Poster and Poem contest; and the chapter’s shooting sports. Altoona VAMC Public Affairs Officer Shaun Shenk welcomed the Keystone PVA members and gave a brief description on the expanded medical services there and the leadership of recently-appointed VAMC Director Sigrid Andrew.

The primary site for the next Membership Meeting on Saturday, 09 June 2018 will be at the Erie VA Medical Center, 135 E. 38th Street, Erie PA 16504-1559. Other meeting sites expected to join by conference phone will be the Lebanon VAMC and Heinz Campus of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

## MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 30 APRIL 2018

Service connected	128
Non-service connected	<u>127</u>
TOTAL	255
Annual Associate Members	16
Lifetime Associate Members	<u>65</u>
TOTAL	81

**We welcome new member**  
**Joseph A. Dunn**, Lancaster, Pa., Air Force veteran

**and new associate member**  
**Billy Henry**, Kittanning, Pa.

**We mourn the passing of our member**  
**Richard R. Lamarra**, Clementon, New Jersey, on  
15 October 2017 (17-year member, Army veteran)

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## MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Lifetime membership is **free** and there are **no dues required** for qualified **veterans** who apply to the Chapter for membership.

Our newsletter no longer includes a membership application, but you can download one from **[www.kpva.org](http://www.kpva.org)** or just call the office, 412-781-2474 or 800-775-9323.

Life membership in the PVA is available to any U.S. citizen who served on **Active Duty** in the Armed Forces of the United States and who sustained **spinal cord dysfunction** because of traumatic injury or disease. Separation from military service must have been under other than dishonorable conditions.

The Life Member receives all benefits according to the Bylaws of the Chapter of record and has equal voting rights with the other members. The Life Member is also entitled to attend Chapter meetings, hold office at the Chapter and National levels and receive PN Magazine, chapter publications and bulletins from the National Office. In order to hold office, however, the Life Member must receive certification from PVA’s National Secretary.

## Here's another donation box . . .



. . . that the American Thrift Center has placed in the Pittsburgh region, this one at the corner of the Zone 28 bowling and entertainment complex on Freeport Road in Harmar Township, Allegheny County, Pa. Donate at this or the other red boxes, or call 412-469-9663 for pickup, especially if you have a lot to donate.

**BE AWARE!** Look for "Paralyzed Veterans" on the box when that box is red. Also, some other organizations do not keep the proceeds of your donations in Pennsylvania. This second-hand goods donation program is based, organized and operated only in Pennsylvania, and benefits only the programs of the Keystone Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

### Did you call the office to say you will be at the June Membership Meeting?

There will be THREE meeting sites in June—Erie, Heinz (near Pittsburgh), and Lebanon. President Jim Riemer will chair the meeting from the 2nd floor conference room at the Erie VAMC. Call the office, 800-775-9323 or 412-781-2474.

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## The next Keystone PVA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

will be on Saturday, 09 JUNE 2018

(Lunch 12 noon; meeting 12:45 p.m.)

**Primary site: Erie VA Medical Center**

135 E. 38th Street, Erie PA 16504-1559

in the second floor conference room

**Other sites where you can attend:**

#### Lebanon VA Medical Center

1700 S. Lincoln Avenue, Lebanon PA 17042-7529

**Heinz Campus, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System,**

1010 Delafield Road, Pittsburgh PA 15215

in Building 51, Room 1A-109

**RSVP by 01 June**

to **412-781-2474** or **800-775-9323**

## The mission of Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America is

to improve the quality of life of paralyzed veterans by

- Encouraging and supporting spinal cord injury and disease research;
- Improving access to health care and other veterans' benefits;
- Assisting in the expansion of opportunities in wheelchair sports and recreation; and
- Advocating for the rights of disabled people, including the reduction and elimination of barriers to accessibility and mobility.

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