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the Wheel

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*Past National, President
returned the Vaughan
charter back to our Chapter
President, Josue Cordova at
our monthly membership
meeting July 25th, 2018.*

Congratulations to Vaughan Chapter for becoming a Voting Chapter again!!!!!!

By Maria Hernandez, Executive Director

I want to thank and acknowledge everyone that was involved, helped, believed and supported Vaughan Chapter to be reinstated as a voting chapter which was formerly announced at the 72nd National PVA convention.

In my opinion, the Vaughan Chapter is where it is now because of one man who believed that we could stand up on our own again and who was not willing to leave the first founding chapter of PVA to disappear. This man came forward with his support, guidance, mentoring and a new vision for our chapter. This man took the risk by proposing to the Executive Committee to allow him to be the liaison to guide us, step by step to gain our charter back.

All the credit for Vaughan been here today should first be given to Homer Townsend Jr. who was the first one to take the lead after Vaughan Chapter was put on monitoring. He believed that the Vaughan Chapter would rise from the ashes and establish itself to be worthy of regaining our Charter back.

After Mr., Townsend passed away Mr. Ken Weas and Mr. Bill Lawson stepped forward to continue Mr. Townsend, Jr's vision and mission for Vaughan Chapter to achieve its goal. Because of their knowledge and expertise, recommendations, support and guidance, we continued on the road to recovering our Charter. Mr. Weas and Mr. Lawson assembled and appointed a new and fresh team of Officers and Board of Directors who listened to their advice and committed themselves to work hard to continue to serve our disabled veterans. Their commitment to following the structure needed is what made this Chapter a voting chapter again. On behalf of Vaughan Chapter Officers, Board of Directors, Members and Staff THANK YOU! We have risen from the ashes and we are SO back!

To the Executive Committee, National Directors for voting YES at the 72nd Annual Convention for the opportunity to start fresh again a GREAT big Thank you. We won't let you down!





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2018 Membership Meetings

September 26th

October 24th

November 28th

WHERE: Hines VA Hospital; Building #128, SCI Multipurpose Room

TIME: 12:00 (noon) CST. **Lunch is provided.**

If NOT able to attend in person, you may also join via conference call by dialing in at 1800-724-2485 conference code: 456000 (State your name when joining the meeting)

2018 Board of Directors Meetings

Vaughan Chapter, Board of Directors Meetings are held at the Chapter Office on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend as a member (no voice and no vote). Listed below are the dates of the B.O.D meetings for 2018.

September 19th

October 17th

November 21st



Poker Tournament event (no gambling) at the Hines VA SCI building. This year we had 10 players at our 2nd year poker event. Congrats!! to 1st, 2nd & 3rd places winners of Walmart gift cards.

President's Report

By Josue Cordova, Vaughan Chapter President

Greetings Vaughan Chapter Members

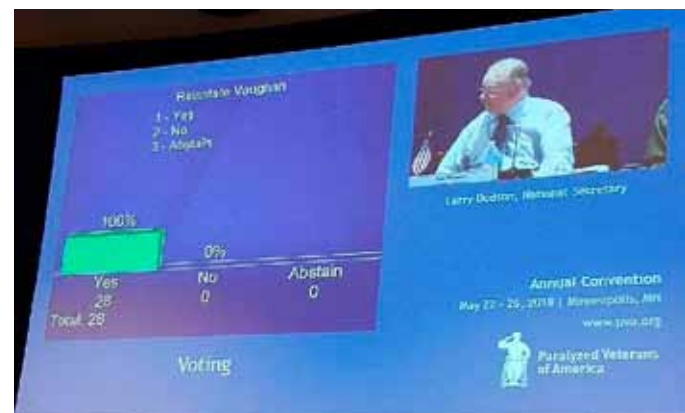
I am so excited to announce that we are a Chapter in good standing once again! After a long hard road, we received our Chapter Charter back from National PVA. This is worth repeating: We are an independent chapter again! This August, September, and October we have exciting things planned for our Chapter. We will need your help to make it successful. ALL Members need to become active so that we remain a Chapter in good standing. Our board members are frequently at Hines and can advise you about upcoming events that you can help with.

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and we did not know if our chap-
ter would survive. Having said
that, **Mission Accomplished!***

It has been a long time coming and we did not know if our chapter would survive. Having said that, mission accomplished! On May 23, 2018, at 2:15 PM, at PVA's National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Vaughan Chapter was given back full control and voting rights. Through our hard work, dedication and commitment we have gained full function of our Vaughan Chapter PVA. We were reinstated by unanimous vote from our sister chapters. Let me start out by thanking Former National President Bill Lawson, Former National Vice President Ken Weas and our Executive Director Maria Hernandez for their unfailing commitment, guidance and dedication. We have been able to establish our independence as a Chapter in the PVA because of these pivotal people, among countless others. They worked tirelessly through the bleak and unsure years, when Vaughan chapter was on the brink of cessation. Those were the darkest days for our Chapter, and they labored relentlessly. Former National President Bill Lawson: Thank you for coming to our July membership Luncheon and presenting our Charter back along with a Plaque celebrating our hard work and commitment in accomplishing our Chapter's independence. It was an absolute honor receiving it. A special thank you to our National

Director and Sports Director Robert Arciola for remaining steadfast and dedicated to the mission. He helped ensure that the Vaughan Chapter remained relevant through these difficult years. Robert Arciola has been actively involved in Veteran Committees and Chapter sponsored sporting events around the Chicagoland area and State of Illinois. Thank you to Vice President Anthony Powell, Treasurer Gerald Brown, Secretary Dennis Scanlan, and Board of Directors members Art Wolf and Leo Moore for your dedication, perseverance and involvement to the Vaughan Chapter. None of this would be possible if it were not for all of you, and the commitment you have made to volunteer your personal time. I recognize that you have volunteered diligently for our members, our Chapter, and our communities. I cannot thank you enough, and I am honored to work alongside you. Another thank you to our Assistants at the Chapter office, Administrative Assistant Donna Pettiford and Editorial Assistant/New Application Coordinator Fran Jiracek for the hard work you do at our Chapter office. You keep the board members, and me, informed and prepared in order for us to be of service to our members and community. And last, but not least, thank you to the members and volunteers who have been active in our meetings, events

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Voting results for the reinstatement of Vaughan Chapter at 72nd Annual Convention.

Greetings from the Chief

By Michael S.A. Richardson MD FACP
Chief, Spinal Cord Injury/Disorders

Our year continues to be filled with activity and improvements. The physical plant, our treatment protocols, the staffing personnel and ratios plus the customer feedback have all been positive and encouraging. Of course, this is no time for resting on our laurels, patting our backs, or becoming complacent. Even as we labor to maintain the excellent system of caring, the VHA continues to be under attack from outside efforts seeking to move Veterans' medical care into a privatization arena. Pros and cons of such a shift are being debated and single anecdotes of poor care coordination are trumpeted as system wide failures.

In our SCI System of Care the designation as a VA "Foundational Service" has allowed our needs in nurse staffing, equipment and service procurement to be recognized and increased. Here at Hines the new resurfacing and striping of the Iowa Parking Lot, the replacement of the flooring in Building 128, the increase in nurse staffing ratios, and the acquisition of a new assistive technology specialist are all consequences of this designation. The result at the moment is that we are rapidly outgrowing our Building 128 and space to provide care is both limited and overcrowded. One obvious result is the increased occupancy and bed days of care (BDOC) on the acute wards. I am proud to report that satisfaction and attention to patient care has not suffered despite this increase. Our Chief Nurse Jiret and the team have managed to recruit superior, committed, dedicated nursing and nurse caregivers plus our SCI Nurse Educator Mini Paul has implemented an ongoing excellent educational competency program that ensures nursing skills and brings continuing education updates in a timely manner. Throughout all this expansion and improvement my focus continues to be on the health & wellbeing of our Veterans with SCI/D. Naturally we the providers are here to help: Here to assist when things go wrong: Here to care when caregivers are overwhelmed: Here to listen and advise when our opinion is requested. But the center of care still belongs to the Veteran and their caregiver. Knowledge, attention,

practice, and adherence rests with the Veteran himself & herself. The maxim that is often said "Nothing about me, without me" – meaning that the patient must be involved in all plans, decisions, discussions, and actions concerning the plans for care.

The SCI Service is here to help, to advise, to counsel, to discuss. It is up to you the patient to ask, to understand, to remember, to accomplish. Knowing your medication, remembering your skin care regimen and inspection, limiting sitting time, keeping well hydrated, honoring your appointments, telling your provider the truth. These are the responsibilities of the patient. Not alone but as the initiator. The Service cannot and should not "take over". The providers and family must be coaches and support players. However, the quarterback and center is you!

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It has been my privilege to lead such an excellent team of providers, and my honor to be able to care for the men & women who have served our country honorably.



Hines VA Spinal Cord Chief, Dr. Michael S.A. Richardson, M.D., FACP, DTCD recognized by the Vaughan Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America for 10 years of service and dedication. The award was presented by Josue Cordova, Vaughan Chapter President at our monthly membership meeting on June 27th, 2018.

This year has brought a new slate of leadership in our National Paralyzed Veterans of America office and our local Vaughan Chapter. Many of the faces are persons who have stepped up once more to serve and to lead – but there are also some new faces in the crowd and I welcome the fresh eyes and perspective on what we do here in Hines SCI/D. As the fiscal year winds down, we begin to plan for the upcoming FY2019. All ideas are welcome, and any comments are encouraged. In July we had our triennial certification survey for our acute rehabilitation program (CARF). For the second three years we ended that survey with NO recommendations for improvement in the clinical care or follow up management of the persons who went through acute rehabilitation in our program. The surveyors however thought that we should do a better job in publicizing our program and our successes and make it easier for anyone to read about what the rehab program does and offers. We have taken that to heart and are working already on rebooting the Hines SCI/D Service website. A place where information, activities, opportunities, and outcomes can be posted and updated. This in no way detracts from the Hine Facebook or Hines Happening posting. But it will be an easily accessible portal for those new to our Service and our performance.

Finally, I want to thank the Vaughan Chapter for presenting me with an Award in recognition of ten years in my position here at Hines. The award was unexpected and I extremely grateful and humbled by the honor. The time has gone quickly and although we have accomplished a lot there is still much to be done. It has been my privilege to lead such an excellent team of providers, and my honor to be able to care for the men & women who have served our country honorably. I thank the Chapter and all the members, and I greatly appreciate the Award. Thank you for the support during these ten years.

I wish everyone continued joy throughout this rest of Summer.

Michael S.A. Richardson MD FACP
Chief, Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder
Edward Hines Jr VAMC

Hello to My Fellow VPVA Chapter Members

I just wanted to say thank you to all of you who helped us get our Chapter Charter back. We are very happy and proud, and we are looking forward to a long and prosperous future. I also want to start a Chapter Fundraiser Committee I'm looking for any ideas and help from our members. Please contact me at the Chapter Office (708) 947-9790 and I will get in touch with you. If this isn't a project you would be interested, contact any of the Board members to offer your time to any other projects that do interest you. Remember no idea is too small. Vaughan Chapter needs all members to get active, so we can maintain our Charter that we worked hard to have returned to us. Be active in your Chapter!



Thank you,

Anthony Powell, Vice President
Vaughan Chapter PVA

President's Report

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and functions. We are so grateful for all of you. We need you now more than ever!

As we move forward, I want to personally tell every member that we have a place for you at Vaughan Chapter. We need members to participate on committees, outings and functions that all need member representation of our Vaughan Chapter. Please reach out to us and let us know you are ready and willing to help and be involved. Our new goal is not only to be an active charter, but to be the best Chapter in the PVA.

Thank you and God Bless

Sports & Recreation

by Robert Arciola, Sports Director

The additional fishing derby events scheduled for this year have been canceled. There's simply not enough support to organize and promote the three local events. They were announced as something we wanted to try new for local members, but there was no interest. At this point, there's simply no reason to push forward organizing an event nor funding it. It's always nice to see members attend the Bussee Woods Derby as was the case this year. Everyone had plenty sunshine, food and volunteer. Thank you for the help with our members and for our members coming out....come back again next year!

The chapter needs to know right now if you're a trapshooter. If you are, please contact the sports director immediately. If you've never shot before, you're missing out on a lot of fun! We also need volunteers in organizing next spring's Chapter/PVA event. It's moved to the Chicago suburbs, so there's no excuse for not getting involved this year! We're also thinking of putting on a fun shoot as we have several shot shells remaining from past

events. If you're interested, please let the sports director know by calling.

One of our events members and family benefit from is the Chicago Memorial Day Parade held each year on Street. This year our members came out again helping to garner media and local attention for chapter and PVA. The members are always treated well by the tens of thousands of spectators along the route. We also had the bus and a float for family and friends to ride on. Lunch, parking fees and mileage is usually provided to members for their participation. All of this is important to the many citizens who love our veterans and America and it is important for our exposure in letting them know there's a heavy price paid for our freedoms.... sometimes it's seen ending in gravesites and other times it's years of toil in a wheelchair. May next year you consider it an honor in coming out with us in honoring our men and women who paid the ultimate price. It's always worth going....

Our Chicago Cougars lacrosse team dropped out of the sport. We've not yet

heard any interest in what motives will take place for next year. The sports budget will be condensed even greater if I hear nothing very soon. If you are interested, please let me know now. If you're done with lacrosse and have equipment that is ours, please be kind and return it promptly.

We are currently forming a VPVA Bowling league. It's being worked on now. If interested, please contact the sports director. We are wanting to establish it in weeks and it will likely go on throughout the year. We hope to budget for every aspect of expense imaginable and include prizes, food and other costs. Please consider joining today no matter where you live.

Bids submitted to PVA for the Land of Lincoln Bass Tournament, Midwest Invitational Bowling Tournament and trapshoot have been completely awarded to Vaughan Chapter. Here's what we need: volunteers; donations for raffle items; donations for goodie bags; donations of monetary value to help offset the costs

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Vaughan One Day Fishing Derby Busse Woods



Beautiful day for fishing with our members!!!! Our one-day fishing derby at Busse woods was just perfect. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted our members to enjoy the day.

of cash prizes, equipment, food and fees; sponsors, AND PARTICIPANTS. Without these critical items and people, we can't put on a great event.

Our 21st Land of Lincoln Bass Tournament is scheduled October 5-7th. Bank division anglers fish for all species and participate one or two days. The separate Open division (boat) is two days and you compete against all other disabled anglers the first day and then team up with your randomly assigned boat partner the second day catching only bass. Each day there's cash and prizes payed out to top performers in each division. Participants DO NOT have to be a veteran to participate! Please spread the word! Registration for anglers with disabilities only in the Open Division is September 5th. Bank anglers may register up to the event registration day October 5th. Food is covered in the registration fee for the weekend: Bank entry fees (2-days) \$80, Open Division \$135. Volunteers are available to assist you with most nearly every aspect. All you need to do is register and come on down to Rend Lake in Whittington, IL and enjoy yourself! You may register online www.pvabasstour.com or go there and download a form and waiver. If you have a question, please contact the sports director.

The NVWG and NGAG are all over and medals are awarded. It's too soon to tell how well our athletes did, but there were a record number of participants in Orlando enjoying themselves! Now, before you know it, hunting season will be here...time to get your gear together, plan your hunts and let us know what you like to do or if you need help. We have limited adaptive equipment on hand that may benefit you.

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Hosted by the Vaughan Chapter PVA

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Marina:
Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, Rend Lake
11094 Ranger Road
Whittington, IL 62897
(618) 629-2320

Registration:
October 5th 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Partner Pairing at 7:30 p.m.
Roland Lewis Community Building - Veterans Memorial Park
800 S. 27th St. Mt. Vernon, IL 62864



Host Hotel:
DoubleTree (formerly Holiday Inn)
222 Potomac Blvd.
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
618-244-7100

Tournament Contact:
Robert Arciola
(630)204-2015
robertarciola@msn.com

Able-Body Boat Partners Also Needed

For more information and to register go to www.PVABASSTOUR.com

We also have contacts with IDNR and accessible hunts you may enjoy taking advantage of.

In preparation for that, next month the annual IDNR trapshoot will be held which may also assist you in your shooting skills. This is a free event each year in Southern Illinois hosted by them and sponsored by our chapter. There is a very nice banquet and NWTF auction with plenty raffles benefiting the disabled Wheelin' Sportsmen organization.



Robert Arciola, Dale Nelson and Stacey Deane, finish 1st place Doubles competition at the 2nd Great Plains PVA Invitational Bowling Tournament

Government Relations Report

Our efforts to continue pushing for affordable in accessible houses has been on going in Chicago. We testified at Chicago's zoning hearing committee once again for another development of about 300 units near O'Hare Field. Much to our dismay, the Chicago zoning committee shut this proposal down by a vote 7 of to 5. On a good note, we attended a groundbreaking ceremony for a development of 30 units. This development is supported by the McHenry community quite well. We met the regional director of HUD, the mayor and the executive director of Full Circle Communities nonprofit developing the property.

Since the last newsletter, we continue to oversee the Quincy Veterans Home issues related to the outbreak of Legionnaires disease which has killed 13 veterans over the few years. So far, we found now the governor and state legislator has come to an agreement to help resolve matters concerning a new home development. While honoring and celebrating the DAV at their annual state convention in , I met the new IDVA director appointed to replace Erica Jefferies who recently announced her resignation. Stephan Curda, Ph.D. a OEF and OIF 30 year veteran who comes to the agency right as the General Assembly authorized \$53 million to make repairs to existing Illinois Veterans Home Quincy (IVHQ). The money will also be used to begin construction on a new facility and make improvements to the water infiltration system. Costs could exceed \$200 million overall.

The longer delayed Chicago Veterans Home a 200-bed facility dedicating 40 specialty beds for dementia and Alzheimer's veterans which originally broke ground in 2016 is probably just as complex and costly. In addition to the previously-reported State legislature budgetary delays related to the state budget impasse, state records show the restart of construction on the 200-bed facility has been stalled by the discovery of a major design error in the original building plans.

It's so bad the state Capital Development Board is preparing to pay to partially demolish, then redo, the incomplete five-story shell (that's all that's there) of a building under construction at 4250 N. Oak Park Avenue. The foundation needs to be dug up as well as the underground ductwork before that can occur. There are many pre poured concrete wall slabs which need to be replaced as well. There are no current cost as to what the project is going to be until they do this preliminary work nor can they come up with a date in which they estimate it will be complete. Yes, it is a mess! You can thank just about everyone here!

We'll continue to keep you informed and note any changes as they occur. In the meantime, please try to write your state legislature, the governor, media, and tell everyone you know about what the heck is going on in Illinois.

2018-2019 Vaughan Chapter, Educational Scholarship Award Winner

Paralyzed Veterans of America's (PVA) primary goal has been to assist its members and their families in improving the quality of their lives. This goal has been addressed through a wide variety of activities, including support of programs designed to provide education and training.



*Juston W. Woodard (Knox College),
PVA Member – Vaughan Chapter*

PVA established an Educational Scholarship

Program to assist PVA

members and their immediate families in gaining a post-secondary education.

Full-Time Student Award Winners - \$1,000 each

Thank you, VOLUNTEERS!



From left; Nathan Terry, Anne Veltri, Mike Walen, Phil Kolb, Patrick Brock, David Bourke, Thae Smith, Chris Philips and younger volunteer Jose Luis Cabral. Not in the picture, Jerry Hodina and Eric Philips.



Robert Arciola being sworn in as National Director.

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National Director Report

By Robert Arciola, National Director

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you in my first report, the PVA National directors has witnessed the chapter meet and exceed necessary requirements to regain control of its Charter. This was a very long and necessary process that began in 2010. It has been an emotional roller coaster for me since day one. Since I've been a member to PVA, I've seen three sister chapter become severed. This was not going to happen to my chapter.

I cannot thank enough people who assisted our chapter at the national level as well as the many National directors who patiently waited for our leaders who have rendered there assistance to us over those years. I wish to thank also our staff and chapter members who stepped up and dedicated a significant part of their life to render assistance to our members. Keep up the good work everybody! It is worth it!

It is been since 2010 that our chapter was privileged to cast a vote at the national level regarding a variety of issues, policy change, elections, and debate. It should be was a pleasure to take part in the activities this year, being the first year since 2010.

...you should be proud of your chapter once again gaining control of its Charter and you should be proud of PVA for who they are and what we do together.

You would like to think that it would be appropriate also to congratulate all of the newly elected leadership in our executive committee. Since then, I have learned that Mr. Kenneth Weas has tendered his resignation as senior vice president. Well I know his decision is sound, I do know he is an invaluable asset to PVA and has been invaluable to us as a chapter helping us along the way the last 8 years. Good luck and God bless to Ken and his family, I wish them all well!

Our convention presented us once again with very important policy, budget and program decisions. One of the decisions has caused every chapter a reduction in the

PVA Chapter Grant. The only decision where to buy a chapter was excluded was the Puerto Rico chapter who is still rebuilding from the past hurricane. There was quite a bit of executive session where I am not allowed to discuss. Suffice it to say, you should be proud of your chapter once again gaining control of its Charter and you should be proud of PVA

for who they are and what we do together.

I'll be headed to Washington DC for a two-day training seminar before our next meeting of the national directors. I will continue to keep you abreast of the changes and activities during my two-year tenure. If any of you have any specific questions, please always feel free to contact me.



The 72nd Annual Convention where Vaughn Chapter was reinstated as a voting chapter of PVA. Vaughn Chapter Officers and Board of Directors. from left to right Immediate Past National President Al Kovach, Board of Director Arthur Wolf, Vaughn Chapter President Josue Cordova, Board of Director & National Director Robert Arciola, Chapter Secretary Dennis Scanlan, Executive Director Maria Hernandez, Board of Director Leo Moore, Vice President Anthony Powell.



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SPOKES on The Wheel

Welcome back to our new series, Spokes on the Wheel. This August, we have the privilege of introducing Ed Millar, an incredible volunteer who has been assisting our chapter and members for over 10 years.

Ed, where are you from?

My grandparents originated from Norway and moved to the United States in 1903. I was born and raised in Chicago, and I still live in the same house I grew up in for over 69 years. Four years ago, I had the opportunity to visit Norway and visit some of my family that still lives there.

Were you in the military?

Yes, I was drafted into the Army.

When and where did you serve?

In 1965, I was drafted and sent to Fort Knox for Boot Camp. In 1966, I served in the First Cavalry Division and was sent to Vietnam. I served at "An Khe" in the central highlands, halfway between Saigon and Hanoi. I was 22 years old when I was drafted.

Do you have any hobbies?

I stair climb. I stair climb 5200 steps a week. What started as only a few flights of stairs before I was huffing and puffing, now every year I climb the Willis Tower, the former John Hancock building and the former standard oil building, now called the Aon center in downtown Chicago. Also, nine years



ago I took up yoga which was offered in a class at Hines VA hospital. Now, every morning for about 45 minutes, I do yoga before I leave for the day.

How did you first get involved with the Vaughan chapter?

In 2008, I met Vaughan chapter member Joe Cruz. At the time, Joe lived near me and I helped him by giving him a ride to Hines VA for PVA meetings and functions.

Executive director Maria Hernandez invited me to become an associate member and a volunteer, which I enjoy doing very much. I'm happy to help out whenever I get a call from the chapter office, when volunteers are needed for membership meetings and Vaughan chapter functions.

Ed, is an incredible volunteer, who faithfully assists our members and Chapter every month during membership meetings and other Vaughan chapter functions. We are honored to have Ed as an associate member and a dedicated and hard-working volunteer.

Thank you -- Ed!

More advertising for our Vaughan Chapter.



Here is a picture of our newly wrapped chapter van. If you like how we wrapped our van, and you are 1 of the first 10 callers to let us know, we will send you a small gift.

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**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

Vaughan Chapter

Saturday, September 15, 2018
@ Brookfield Zoo

Members, Associate Members & Volunteers
are welcome to come join us!!

Member & 1 guest FREE

Mandatory RSVP by September 4th, 2018 for free admission to the zoo.
(no exceptions) by Calling at 708-947-9790 or by email to
vpva@vaughanpva.org or dpettiford@vaughanpva.org

FREE Parking: North Parking Lot (8400 31st St, Brookfield, IL 60513) bring invitation or mention event name **PVA Picnic**.

ADMISSION passes will be issued to you the same day of the event at the North Gate **ONLY** (PVA table) from 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. noon **ONLY**.

AGENDA

The park opens at **10:00a.m.** please arrive via the **North Gate** and park in the **North Parking lot**. You are on your own to enjoy the park prior to the picnic luncheon in the Dolphin Pavilion.

12:00p.m lunch is served in the **Dolphin Pavilion**

2:00p.m. lunch concludes, and you will be on your own to enjoy the park.

6:00pm park closes; remember to exit at the North Gate

Would you like to have one of these?

Starting August 1, 2018, volunteers with the most volunteer hours each month get one of these beautiful Armed Forces Plaques. (\$40 value) Just turn in your volunteer time sheet to the chapter by the 10th of each month.

(Excludes officers & Board of Directors)



ROUND PATCH IS 3X3
SQUARE PATCH IS 6X6
THEY BOTH ARE \$10



Fundraising



Attached are photos of specialty items to raise funds for Vaughan Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America. The monies from fundraising of these items will be used to continue funding the various activities our Chapter sponsors for our disabled military veterans. These activities help our veterans get back into the mainstream of life in spite of their traumatic injuries and diseases. We hope you will support our fundraising efforts of these wonderful gift items. We look forward to your support by purchasing any of our items that will bring joy and happiness to our veterans who gave so much. Items can be purchased with cash, check or credit card. Please take a moment to share this information with your friends and support our cause. You can also find additional information in our Facebook page

at <https://www.facebook.com/VAUGHANCHAPTE RPVA/>

Armed Forces Plaques

Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army, Navy & POW-MIA and God Bless America.

They are 11" x 11" Inches, Cost is \$40 each (plus) shipping if you want it shipped to you.

You may also obtain plaques at any of our upcoming events and outings; we will have them available to you as well.

Contact VPVA Office at (708) 947-9790 or reply to vpva@vaughanpva.org to place your order. Cash, charge cards and/or checks accepted.



Vaughan Chapter Hat & T-shirt

\$10 + Shipping

Vaughan PVA
2235 Enterprise Drive, Suite 3501
Westchester, IL 60154



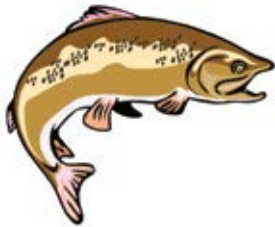
Paralyzed Veterans of America

Vaughan Chapter

800-727-2234

Join Us!!!

FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCAL EVENTS



Sept. 8

Reno Lake Shooting Classic

Sept. 15

VPVA Annual Picnic

Oct. 5 - 7

Land of Lincoln Bass Tournament

Nov. 11

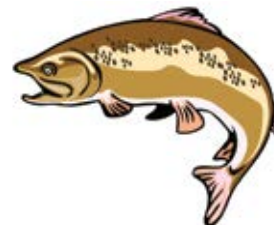
Veteran's Day

Nov. 22

American Legion Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec. 19

VPVA Christmas Lunch



Download the VPVA 2018 Calendar of Events at vaughanpva.org