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FAREWELL to Colonel Steven E. Braverman, M.D.

Vaughan Chapter PVA thanks hospital director Dr. Braverman for his outstanding leadership and dedication to our fellow veterans as Director of Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, from September 2016 to September 2019. The Vaughan Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America gratefully wishes him a farewell and good luck in his new role as Medical Center Director of the Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System.

It isn't often that a new Director serves the veterans with the compassion and off duty time spent with our disabled veterans as he did.

As we all know, he attended a majority of the events Vaughan Chapter held for our SCI members. we are thankful for all he did for Hines VA and for working hand to hand with Vaughan Chapter. He instituted many incredible changes and improvements to Hines, one of the first VA Hospitals that opened post-WWI.



VPVA members wish him (and his family) continued success in his new assignment in California.

As a fellow veterans, we bid him a fun farewell and hope he will remember us as fondly as we will not forget him. We leave with his favorite quote... "Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory." George S. Patton

Independent Living Apartment/Residential Care Facility Dedication



Congratulations to the Hines Residential Care Facility for the newly remodeled Independent Living Apartment and RCF Kitchen area, helping Veterans and caregivers practice rehabilitation skills prior to going home. At Hines RCF, they work to enhance and restore functional ability and quality of life to Veterans with physical impairments or disabilities. Vaughan Chapter was honored to be part of the ribbon-cutting ceremony. VPVA also donated all the cooking utensils for the RCF kitchen as well as for RCF ILA. The importance of these two facilities is for newly injured SCI veterans to prove the skills they learned in Rehab in a controlled setting before going home. The RCF Kitchen is an upgrade to the residents' ability to be more independent, even though living in an institutional environment.



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2020 Bi-Monthly Membership Meetings
dates will be sent via email and regular mail to
you by the end of December.

WHERE:

Hines VA Hospital; Building #128, SCI Multipurpose Room

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

If not able to attend in person, you may also join via
conference call by dialing in at 1-888-537-7715 Passcode
72787546#. State your name when joining the meeting.



2019 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. meeting for 2019. **December 11**

VPVA Executive Director's Letter

By Maria Hernandez
Executive Director

After Vaughan Chapter Sports Director Robert Arciola unexpectedly retired, Phil Kolb and I sat together and quickly worked as a team to make sure the Land of Lincoln B.A.S.S Tournament 2020 will still take place. As novice arrangers of this much looked forward to outing, please accept our apologies to everyone if we missed anything to make the event as good as Bob's! Thank you all for your understanding; overall, Vaughan Land of Lincoln BASS TOURNAMENT was a success with the tremendous support and voluntarism from everyone that was part of this tournament. We hope that next year's event will be better since we now have a greater understanding of what goes on and what is needed to accomplish this special event. Please accept a huge thank you to everyone involved in the tournament, which made it happen, especially our sponsors Gary Yamamoto Custom Baits and Fish Styx. Thank you to the donors from Blue Mountain Ice for donating the much-needed ice and to the Black Diamond Harley Davidson for donating the water, and to EVERYONE that made an in-kind donation. THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers that committed to helping out all three days: Sesser-Valier High School Outdoorsmen Club; Sesser -VFW Cox Post 4753 : Rich Miller Commander, Kevin, David, Craig, Paul, Kurt, Wade, Jeff, Camden and of course Maggie Stacey who did a fantastic job singing the National Anthem all three days and to the volunteers from Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Thank you to the committee that was formed on such short notice to help out with ideas, suggestions, etc.: Ted Liefer, Site Superintendent III; Shawn Hirst of Fisheries Biologist from IDNR; Ed Millar, Mike Walen, Janeen Woodard and Travis Greaves, lastly to our official photographer Audra Prinster who at the last minute volunteered to take all the pictures. Forgive me if I left anyone out! This event would not have been possible without all your efforts. For this, I am grateful!

On behalf of Vaughan Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America, THANK YOU all for your support and making this a successful tournament.

*Sesser-Valier High School Outdoorsmen Club;
Volunteers that help out during the entire weekend.*

And lastly, just an update on the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon that was on October 12th, 2019 at the Multipurpose room of Hines VA Hospital SCI Building, this was our first Appreciation Luncheon, and the participation was pretty good. We had a great lunch, prizes, and Anthony Powell arranged a demonstration of how to play Boccia Ball! A game was organized, and several attendees participated in the game. Most important (and the reason for the luncheon) was to THANK our active volunteers and open the doors for prospective volunteers to signup for the MANY new program committees that our chapter needs volunteers to assist with next year. Thank you to everyone that committed to volunteer in the coming year by signing up to help at the identified programs committees. For those volunteers who were unable to attend the luncheon, I'm listing the 2020 committees we need you to help. Liaison, Fundraising, Advocacy, and Sports & Recreation.

You should be receiving the invitation for Vaughan Annual Christmas luncheon coming up on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Vaughan PVA is looking forward to seeing you there. Remember to mark your calendars! Happy Thanksgiving, and Thank you to our volunteers, donors, and sponsors for supporting our Vaughan Chapter mission in 2019.

**I wish you all Happy Holidays,
and a prosperous New Year 2020!**



EVERY VETERAN HAS A STORY. MAKE SURE YOURS IS HEARD.

The Illinois Veterans' History Project, launched by Secretary of State Jesse White in conjunction with the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, creates a permanent record of the names and stories of Illinois war veterans and civilians who served our country during war time. The project ensures that their contributions and experiences will not be forgotten.

In addition to U.S. veterans, those U.S. citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their invaluable experiences and memories.

For additional information about the Illinois Veterans' History Project
or if you would like to share your story, please contact
Sue Burkholder, at 217-785-1537 or by email at sburkholder@ilsos.gov.

Additional information about the Illinois Veterans' History Project can be found at
www.cyberdriveillinois.com



Illinois Veterans' History Project

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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President's Report

By Josue Cordova, Vaughan Chapter President

Greetings, Vaughan Chapter Members

2019 is quickly coming to an end. Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. We've had an incredible 2019, and the Vaughan chapter board and I are so excited about what 2020 has in store for our members and our community. We've had a great summer and fall, and I'm so excited to tell you about it and let you know what you're missing if you haven't had the opportunity to participate and get involved.

The Illinois lottery sent a camera crew to interview our Vaughan Officers and Board of Directors and talk about the wonderful partnership between the Vaughan chapter PVA and the Illinois lottery. That partnership has lasted more than 30 years. An awesome short video has just been released, which can be view on YouTube, chapter Facebook page and chapter website.

Our Vaughan chapter sports teams and committees are really coming together, and we're excited to see our events, outings, and tournaments that will be taking place next spring and summer. Some of the different sports committees that we'd like to encourage all our members to join and participate in our bowling committee, bocchia ball committee, and Trap shoot committee. This November, we had a group of members participate in a wheelchair curling clinic that took place in Villa Park, at the Windy City curling club. The clinic was an absolute, fantastic time and was quite a success!

These are some wonderful committees and exciting sports that we want to encourage all our members to be a part of! If you have an idea of a sport or activity you'd like to participate in, please call the office and let us know. Something that has been brought to my attention has been a chess committee. This could take place at Hines SCI center. Last, but certainly not least, I want to talk about the successful Land of Lincoln Bass tournament that took place from October 4 - 6, 2019 at Rend Lake. I'd like to congratulate and thank our Bass tournament director, Phil Kolb for a successful bass fishing tournament. Phil worked incredibly hard to put together and did so with very short notice. I'd also like to thank our numerous volunteers in southern Illinois who showed an astounding amount of dedication and support for all our anglers fishing from the boats and from the shore.

Finally, I want to recognize and thank our phenomenal Executive Director, Maria Hernandez. Not only does Maria work incredibly hard Monday through Friday keeping our chapter office running successfully, but she also went down to southern Illinois to support our chapter and its members, during the tournament. There are no words to express our absolute gratitude for all the hard work you've done. We are humbly grateful for your dedicated, selfless hard work. You continue to work tirelessly not only for the chapter but for all our members.



In closing, I want to remind every member that we can only be successful with your participation and commitment. We need each one of you to make the chapter a success. I pray and wish that you have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas to you and all your loved ones.

Thank you and God bless!

Josue E. Cordova
President
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Vaughan Chapter

Sports & Recreation

Land of Lincoln 2020 PVA BASS Tour Results.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the competitors
for your participation and all the winners.

Saturday open disabled angler Competition.

1st place to angler Jack Barber and boat partner Brian Bennett.
2nd place angler Arthur Hunt and boat partner Jeff Farmer.
3rd place angler Paul Julian and boat partner Dave Dickinson.
Lunker Award Winner: Ricky Kelly with a catch weighing 05.83lbs

Sunday Team competition

1st place Brian Conroy & boat partner James Schubert
2nd place Mike Schmitz & boat partner Brennon Mccord
3rd place Arthur hunt & boat partner Jeff Farmer
Lunker Award Winner: Brian Conroy with a catch weighing 05.96lbs

Bank Competition day 1 Saturday

1st place, Gary Holland
2nd Place, Michael Murphy
3rd place, Charlotte Clark
BIG FISH Winner: Gary Holland

Bank Competition team day 2 Sunday

1st place, Gary Holland and Charlotte Clark
2nd place, Donna Hendrickson & Michael Murphy
3rd place, Winston Woodard & Charlotte Clark
BIG FISH Winner: Charlotte Clark



Team competition, Brian Conroy, angler & James Schubert boat partner with Phil Kolb.



Sunday open Team competition, 2nd place Mike Schmitz, angler & Brennon McCord boat partner, Phil Kolb



Sunday open team competition, 3rd place Arthur Hunt, angler and Jeff Farmer boat partner and Phil Kolb



Sunday bank team competition, 2nd place Donna Hendrickson & Michael Murphy and Phil Kolb



Gary Holland, Charlotte Clark and Phil Kolb. 1st place Sunday Bank Team competition Charlotte Clark winner of the BIG FISH.



RIGHT; BASS participants at the BASS Tournament. Big Fish Award winner: Gary Holland Bank competition day 1 standing. Lunker Award Winner: Charlotte Clark with a catch weighing 01.91lbs

Honoring Those Who Served!

VETERANS DAY & AWARDS DINNER

Vaughan Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America

November 16, 2019

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Veteran's Day Dinner to honor our veterans. I want to give a special thanks to everyone that contributed to making this possible. Thank you to our volunteers, to the DuPage Honor Guard, (Jim Myrick) for presenting colors; to the University of Illinois Extension (Chanita Anderson) for the donation that her students collected for our veterans; to Fran Jiracek for helping with the presentation of the plaques and awards to our retired Nurses & Doctors. This wouldn't be complete without sending a big thank you to Rev. Melvin Jones for his Invocation and a special thank you to the Chief of SCI/D service Dr. Michael Richardson for presenting this year's VPVA Awardees with their plaques they so richly deserved for their care of our SCI/D Hines veterans.

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the recipients of the well-deserved **Certificates of Appreciation** Hines VA Hospital SCI/D Angel Groyco, Sue Skryd, Steven L. Harris and Katelyn Murray, LCSW on SCI North.

This years VPVA Service Awardees are as follows;

Dr. Zeba Iqbal, MD for 16 years of service

Dr. Rama Devi Parachuri, MD for 18 years of service

Dr. Robbie Logan, MD for 14 years of service

Teodorina (Jiret) Saez, RN & Chief Nurse for spinal cord and mental health for 45 years of service

Anna Marie Hennon, LPN for 34 years of service



Dr. Zeba Iqbal, MD for 16 years of service with Dr. Richardson.



Dr. Rama Devi Parachuri, MD for 18 years of service with Dr. Richardson and Fran Jiracek.



Anna Marie Hennon, LPN for 34 years of service with Dr. Richardson and Fran



Chanita Anderson, University of Illinois Extension Youth Program Coordinator



Angel Groyco and Vice President Anthony Powell recipient of a certificate of appreciation SCI/D



Steven L. Harris & Anthony Powell recipient of a certificate of appreciation SCI/D

Dear Member/BOD,

It was with great pleasure, as I took advantage of using the Life Enjoyment Fund this past weekend. I along with a lady friend of mine, attended the “National Women Veterans United” “All About the Blue” 2019 Fundraiser Awards Luncheon.

This event was held on Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 1-4pm, at the America Legion Post 330, at 950 Legion Dr. Calumet City, IL. I was honored to be invited to this event, as the NWVU, honored the Military and Women Veterans. The facility was very nice, and the accessibility was well suitable. The ceremonies continued with the announcement of Awards, as to my surprise the Paralyzed Veterans of America was one of their recipients to receive an award. I accepted this award and expressed how honor the PVA, is to be able support, Illinois first women’s veterans service organization.

The midday afternoon continued on, as the NWVU, celebrated and partied into the evening. My guest and I decided that we would grab a bite to eat afterwards. This was a long day, due to the fact that we were participating in an earlier event at the Shirley Ryan Rehab Institute. This use of my Life Enjoyment Fund would be something that I would truly recommend for any member.

Robert Statam, Sr. NSO National Service Officer

40th NVWG MEDICAL FORM

It is time to plan for the 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Portland, Oregon. If you would like to get this year’s medical form with plenty of time in advance and get started as soon as possible, please contact our Chapter office for an electronically fillable version or request to get a hard copy mail to you. This form will still need to be printed off and sent in once you have completed the rest of your 2020 Games registration, which opens in January 2020.

- If you are seeing your VA physician this fall, you can take care of it early and get a jump-start on your athlete registration.
- Do not send the Medical Form until you have completed the rest of your 2020 Wheelchair Games registration. Registration will open in January 2020.
- If your condition changes between the time you submit your registration and the Wheelchair Games in July 2020, you must notify your VA physician and consult with the Wheelchair Games staff.

LIFE ENJOYMENT FUND

Voting MEMBERS!

Attempt a sport or recreational event such as a ball game, dinner, theatre and send in the receipt with an expense report then tell us how accessible the facility was such as parking and entrance or bathroom and counters, and if you recommend the place pointing out any problems, you’d like us to address, if needed, and get fully reimbursed up to \$150.00 per year! Yes, that’s correct refunded up to \$150.00 per year! You can use the funds to cover the travel, lodging and food (NO alcohol) or event ticket/s. if you use a partial amount of the \$150.00; the remainder is available until the fiscal year ends! Call us now for ANY question/s! We’re absolutely serious, so try us!



Can you believe only a few members use this fund every year? Neither can I, so let’s let the cat out of the bag and go do something with our precious summertime and great weather while it lasts! (Fiscal year 10/1/2019 to 9/30/2020).

Information Sheet



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for Veterans



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Camp Pendleton Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
December 2-3, 2019
Camp Pendleton, CA

Cal-Diego Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
January 27-28, 2020
San Diego Naval Base
San Diego, CA

Mid-Atlantic Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
March 4-5, 2020
Colonial Shooting Academy
Richmond, VA

Wisconsin Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
March 21-22, 2020
Milwaukee Area Tech College
Milwaukee, WI

Buckeye Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament*
April 16-18, 2020
Spire Institute
Geneva, OH

**Buckeye Wheelchair Games*

PARALYZED VETERANS BOATING/FISHING TOUR

Mid-America Bass Tournament
September 20-22, 2019
Lake Eufaula
Eufaula, OK

Vaughan Bass Tournament
October 4-6, 2019
Rend Lake
Mount Vernon, IL

Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament
April 3-5, 2020
Lake Harris
Tavares, FL

Kentucky-Indiana Bass Tournament
April 24-26, 2020
Lake Barkley
Kuttawa, KY

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament
June 5-7, 2020
James River
Richmond, VA

Capital Clash Bass Tournament*
June 12-14, 2020
Potomac River
Marbury, MD

**Year-End Tournament*

ANNUAL PVA/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament Chuck Willis Mem.
March 20-22, 2020
Diamond Billiards
Midlothian, VA

Mid-America Billiards Tournament
April 3-5, 2020
Slick Willies Pool Hall
Oklahoma City, OK

Buckeye Billiards Tournament
June 5-6, 2020
Wickliffe Lanes
Wickliffe, OH

Mountain States Billiards Tournament
June 20-21, 2020
Widefield Corner Pocket Billiards
Fountain, CO

ANNUAL PVA/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Nevada Bowling Tournament
December 5-8, 2019
Sunset Station Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Mid-America Bowling Tournament
April 9-12, 2020
Firelake Bowling Center
Shawnee, OK

Vaughan Bowling Tournament
April 30-May 3, 2020
Bowlero
Romeoville, IL

PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

Mid-Atlantic Shooting Sports Tournament
TBD
Conservation Park of Virginia
Charles City, VA

Nevada Shooting Sports Tournament
March 13-15, 2020
Clark County Shooting Park
Las Vegas, NV

Cal-Diego Shooting Sports Tournament
March 27-29, 2020
Redlands Shooting Park
Redlands, CA

Lone Star Shooting Sports Tournament
May 22-23, 2020
Desoto Gun Club
Waxahachie, TX

Vaughan Shooting Sports Tournament
June 5-7, 2020
St. Charles Sportsman Club
Elburn, IL

Iowa Shooting Sports Tournament
June 12-14, 2020
Otter Creek Sportsman Club
Cedar Rapids, IA

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Tournament*
June 26-28, 2020
Brown County Sportsman Club
Green Bay, WI

**Year-End Tournament*

BOCCIA

PVA National Boccia Tournament
October 22-26, 2019
The Pavilion at Lamay
St. Louis, MO

Bayou Boccia Tournament
January 31-February 1, 2020
Harrison County Shelter
Gulfport, MS

Buckeye Boccia Tournament*
April 16-18, 2020
Spire Institute
Geneva, OH

Mid-Atlantic Boccia Tournament
May 7-9, 2020
Fort Monroe
Community Center
Hampton, VA

Vaughan Boccia Tournament
June 26-28, 2020
Fountain View Recreation Center
Carol Stream, IL

**Buckeye Wheelchair Games*

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Springfield, VA

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January 18, 2020
Warner Robins, GA

Top End Euro-American HC Championships
February 1-2, 2020
Gainesville, FL

PVA Racing High Performance Camp
February 3-8, 2020
Brooksville, FL

Valley of the Sun
February 14-16, 2020
Phoenix, AZ

For more information, visit: pva.org/sports

Service Officer's Report

By Robert Statam, Sr. NSO

Veterans Community Care

You may remember the topic from the May's edition, where I discussed the VA's Mission Act. The Veterans Community Care program is a component of the Missions Act. It provides care to veterans through community providers when VA cannot provide the care needed. Veterans Community Care is based on specific eligibility requirements, such as; availability of VA care, and the needs and circumstances of individual Veterans. Although, the veteran may be eligible for community care, they still have the option to receive care from the VA medical facility. Some of us can remember the Veterans Choice Program, which ended June 6, 2019, the dated the Mission Act, became effective.

A number of improvements were made, which formed this Community Care service; such as:

Consolidated Community Care, where existing programs were combined; **Better Customer Service**, streamline internal processes with improved education and communication resources for veterans, Veteran Service Organization (VSO) partners, and VA employees, that are involved in these operations; **New Urgent Care Benefit**, provides eligible veterans with access to non-emergency care for certain conditions in the VA network of community providers. (this is one that a lot of veterans will be pondering over, because; veterans can walk in to providers in the network without authorization), but please beware that there may be co-payments associated with this benefit, depending on the veteran's priority group and the number of times the benefit is used); **New Community Care Network (CCN)**, a network of community providers administered by Third Party Administrators (TPA's), as VA will directly coordinate with veterans to schedule community care appointments. **Modern IT Systems**, VA is modernizing its information technology (IT) systems to replace a patchwork of old technology and manual processes that slowed down the administration and delivery of community care. The VA feels that once, this is in place it will speed up the aspects of the Community Care.

Although, the veteran may be eligible for community care, they still have the option to receive care from the VA medical facility.

There are four simple steps regarding the use of this program, which are; Eligibility-VA confirms a veteran's eligibility to receive community care. Appointments- Veteran or VA staff member schedules appointment with a provider in VA's network. Getting Care- Veteran receives care from a community provider in the network, and Billing- Community provider sends the claim to a third party administrator (TPA), or (VA) for payment. Also, remember that veterans that qualified for eligibility under the Choice Program, due to the 40- mile distance criteria are automatically eligible for the Community Care. If you reside in a U.S. state or territory without a full service VA medical facility, and if you meet specific access standards for average drive time, or appointment wait times, (you are eligible). Also, if the veteran and its clinician agree that it is in the veteran's best interest, for medical reasons to be referred to a community provider, or if VA determines it is not providing the care that complies with VA's quality standards. Our awareness of the Veterans Community Care is a great start to understanding the importance of the VA's Mission Act, and how the VA, is trying to improve services for Veteran's overall. As we enter into the use of these programs, I'm sure there will be many more questions to be answered.

If you should have any questions concerning this topic, please feel free to contact;

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Left to right, Phil Kolb, BASS Tournament Director, Maria Hernandez, E.D., Mike Walen, Ed Millar (volunteers).



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In Loving Memory

Vaughan Chapter mourns the passing of our members in 2019.



Mark S. Hiera
3-7-19

Donna M. Cannon
9-20-19

John H. Spinks
4-23-19

Christopher D. Byrnes
10-17-19

Jacob Hunter
8-7-19

James R. Carnahan
10-13-19

Melvin Austin
9-3-19

Richard Moran
11-15-19

John Harris
9-16-19

Reporting Volunteer Hours

A volunteer hour is an hour of an individual's time during which he or she represented the chapter or National PVA in the performance of a job, or by attendance at a meeting or event. The time counted is the time actually spent in the accomplishment of the mission. Reasonable time for travel to and from the location will also be allowed.

Note: Volunteer time is time given by a volunteer who does NOT receive wages (a stipend) from any organization, agency, or company for services provided for that time.

Time spent **PARTICIPATING** in recreational events, i.e., **National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Trap Shoots, Bass Tournaments or other sporting events will NOT** count as volunteer hours. However, the time spent in the organization and supervision of such events may be counted.

Reminder: each volunteer hour has to be reported on a volunteer's time sheet, program code and description needs to be use accordingly.

Volunteer Activity Forms for new volunteers to sign up are available at the office as well as Volunteer Time Sheets for members to submit no later than the 10th of each month by email to vpva@vaughanpva.org, FAX to (708) 947-9755, Address: Vaughan PVA, 2235 Enterprise Drive – Suite 3501, Westchester, IL 60154.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Vaughan Chapter, PVA
800-727-2234

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Every vehicle has value, whether it runs like the day you drove it off the lot or doesn't start at all. Regardless of the condition, it will sell at auction. In return, donors receive a tax deduction, and the proceeds of the sale help provide rehabilitation services, job training, quality healthcare, benefits, and funding for education and research for veterans living with spinal cord injury/dysfunction.

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Did you know that you need to **file a property tax exemption every year** or you could owe property taxes?

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Q. How often do I need to file my disabled veterans' homestead exemption?

Every year in January

Q. What do I do if I forgot to file my exemption?

You may be able to file a Certificate of Correction.

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Are you a disabled veteran who owns a home?



Q. What is the Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption?

The Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption provides a reduction in a property's equalized assessed value to a qualifying property owned by a veteran with a service-connected disability.

To apply, you need to contact your local County Assessor's Office. Once approved, **you must file every year** by the county's deadlines to continue to receive this exemption.

Q. How much is the exemption?

- **\$2,500** to veterans with a service-connected disability of at least **30% but less than 50%**
- **\$5,000** to veterans with a service connected disability of at least **50% but less than 70%**
- Veterans with a service-connected disability of **at least 70% pay zero** property taxes on their primary residence

Q. What about unmarried surviving spouses?

Great news! This exemption is available to the unmarried surviving spouse of a service connected veteran provided that the veteran was in receipt of the exemption prior to their death.

Additionally, the unmarried surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty is exempt from paying property taxes on the primary residence. **They must file every year.**

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**Join us, at our Annual
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Wednesday, December 18**

Hines VAH Auditorium
Bldg #9
Noon—3:00pm
(1) Guest per Member

Mandatory RSVP by:
December 12th by calling at 708-947-
or by email at vpva@vaughanpva.org or
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