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Mid-Atlantic Chapter



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

2025 ALL WRAPPED UP

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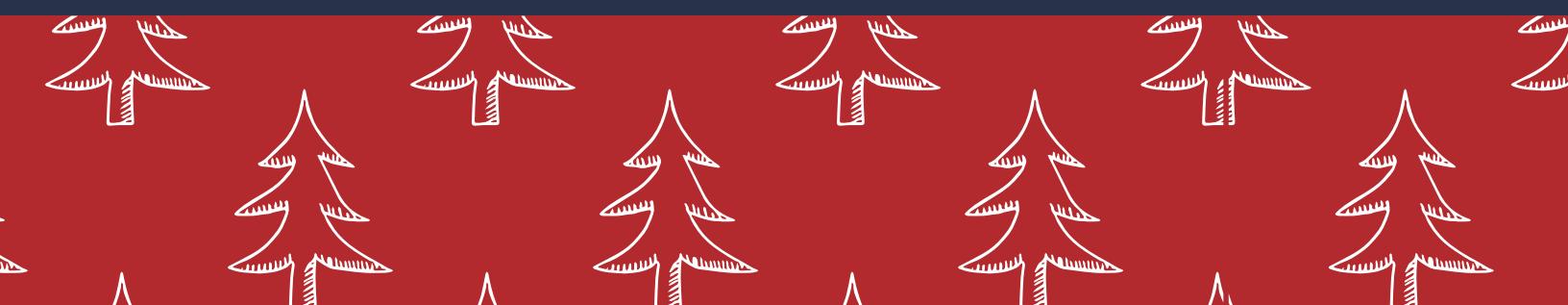
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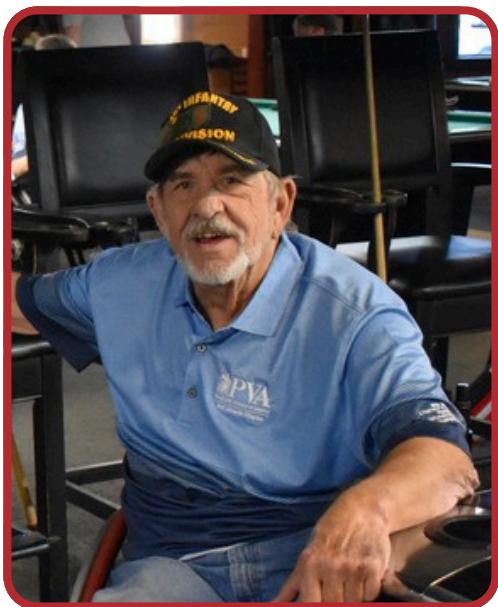


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OUR PRESIDENT'S WORDS

Jimmy May

On behalf of our Board of Directors and entire Mid-Atlantic team, we hope that your holiday season has been filled with the blessings and enjoyment of family and friends, good health and a bright outlook for what 2026 has in store for all of us.

Our chapter continued to flourish this year, but there is one thing, one big thing, that I believe we continue to struggle with – and as a chapter member reading these words, YOU can easily be a part of the solution.

We call it chapter engagement, and we are not alone – most chapters throughout the country are grappling with the same dilemma.

Our chapter is the second largest in the country, with more than 850 members, but there are literally hundreds of you who, unfortunately, are members in name only – we don't see you or hear from you or have you take part in any of our programs, events and functions.

Listen, I understand that it is not always easy for many of us to get-out and get-going, but a part of our mission is to encourage you with all the strength we can muster to share in the things that we offer.

Not everyone likes to fish or hunt or go bowling or shoot pool – believe me, I get it.

But simply being around other Veterans, other chapter members, can be energizing.

Flip through these pages and take a look at the pictures from our annual Holiday Banquet – it's the perfect example of a relaxing, enjoyable, fun day with members and their families.

In February we'll have just as much fun and food and lots of laughs at our Super Bowl Party.

Along with becoming a part of our Women's Council, these are just some of the fun ways to get involved and be an active member of our chapter community.

Additionally, if there is something unique that you enjoy, maybe a hobby or a spare time pursuit, let us know – there may be other members who have a similar interest.

My hope is that as you make your New Years' Resolutions, you consider attending an event, stopping by to say hello or just giving us a call . . .

Together, let's get-out and get-going in 2026!

With wishes for a wonderful new year....



Jimmy May
President
PVA Mid-Atlantic Chapter



Upcoming Events

JAN. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
JAN. 7	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEB. 4	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEB. 8	SUPER BOWL PARTY
FEB. 21	BASS BARGAIN BAZAAR
MARCH 13-14	BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT
MAY 1	SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN
JUNE 13	OLD DOMINION BRAWL FISHING TOURNAMENT
JULY 9-14	NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

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TO SUPPORT PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

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We experienced a heartwarming performance of Christmas songs from the Littleton Academy student choir, and their art students designed Holiday cards for our members.



HOLIDAY BANQUET

at The Acorn Center
in Littleton, NC

The PVA Mid-Atlantic Chapter celebrated 2025 with a festive holiday banquet full of family, friends, food, music, raffles, and presents.

Thank you to all of the members, partners, family, and friends that attended!

Happy Holidays!



VIEW THE HOLIDAY BANQUET ALBUM



TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Mid-Atlantic Women's Council

Not sure if you are aware, but your Mid-Atlantic Chapter has more than 130 women Veterans who are a part of our membership – one of the largest chapter groups in the country, and one of the few chapters which offers a unified forum for ideas, while having a lot of fun in the process.

Our Women's Council is now in its third year and ready to grow, expand its offerings and actively engage more members.

This is an invitation to you to become a part of something very meaningful and beneficial.

- Our Women's Council has planned outings to share in the enjoyment of things that are special to you.
- Many of our members have also been influential in advocating for the unique needs of women Veterans.
- Women's Council meetings are held both in-person and via Zoom so they are accessible to each of you.

All we ask is that you give it a try and share in the pride of the PVA Mid-Atlantic Women's Council.

For more information, please contact either:

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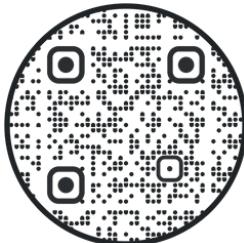
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9th Annual PVA Mid-Atlantic INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SCRATCH DIVISION		A DIVISION	B DIVISION
1	Brooks Martin	Chris Murphy	Brent Paterson
2	George Holscher	Rich Goebel	Charles Powell
3	Jason Nelson	William Ingersoll	Jennifer Maher
4	Frank Goebel	John Melvin	Mark Hartney
5	Shawn Beam	Dave McGinnes	John Stacy

High Game	Shawn Beam	Chris Murphy	Mark Hartney
High Set	George Holscher	Rich Goebel	Jennifer Maher

Doubles Tournament

1st – Rich Goebel and Frank Goebel
2nd – Jimmy May and Mike Marcheskie
3rd – Toodie Perry and Mark Hartney
4th – John Kellner and Brooks Martin

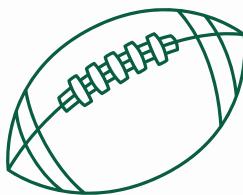
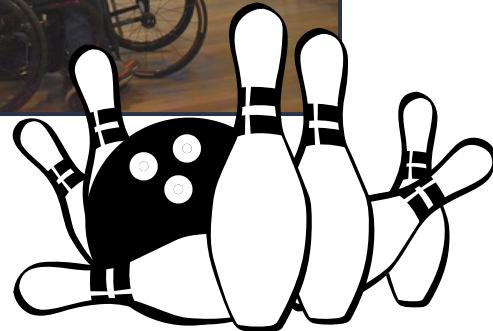
Up & Down Tournament

1st – Chris Deckard
2nd – Eddy Hutchens
3rd – Bob Goddard





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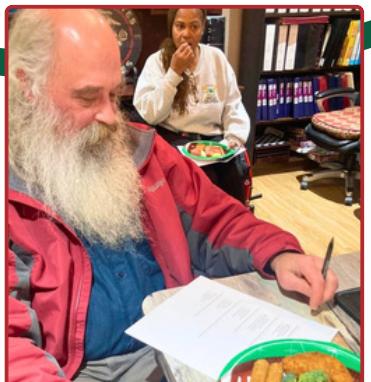
SUPER BOWL PARTY

Join us Sunday, February 8 for great food, a great game, and great friends! Our annual Super Bowl party is open to all PVA Mid-Atlantic Members and their guests. Kick-off is at 6:30PM.



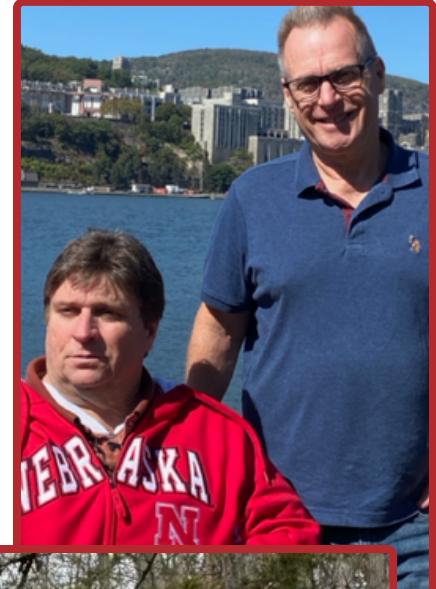
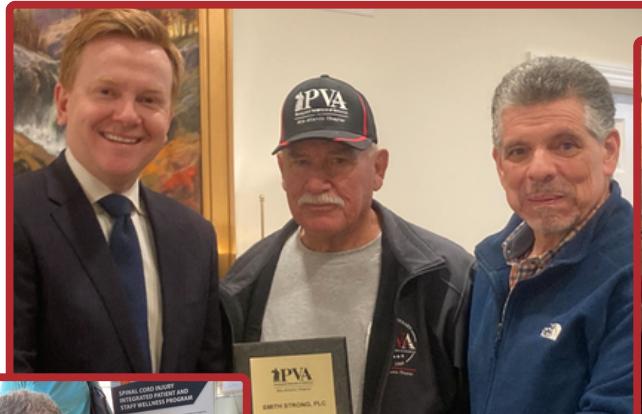
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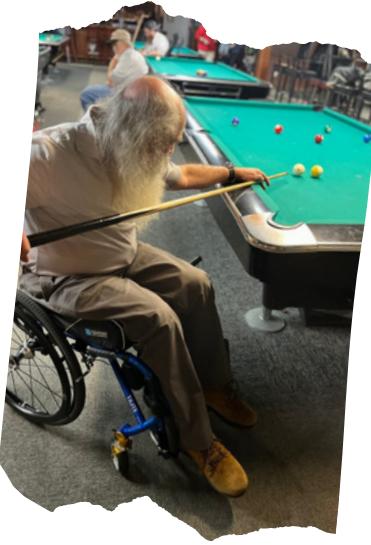


Out and About Mid-Atlantic Style





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10th Annual Charles "Chuck" Willis Memorial Wheelchair 9-Ball Championship

Join us from Friday, March 13 – Saturday, March 14 at Diamond Billiards in Midlothian, VA.

Questions? Contact us at 804-378-0017 or vapva@aol.com



We want to thank Mr. Chris Custer for his passionate work as the
National Service Officer in Richmond.

Following his transfer to Pittsburgh, the process has begun to fill the position.
In the interim, you can still reach Ms. Crystal Randolph at the Richmond office.

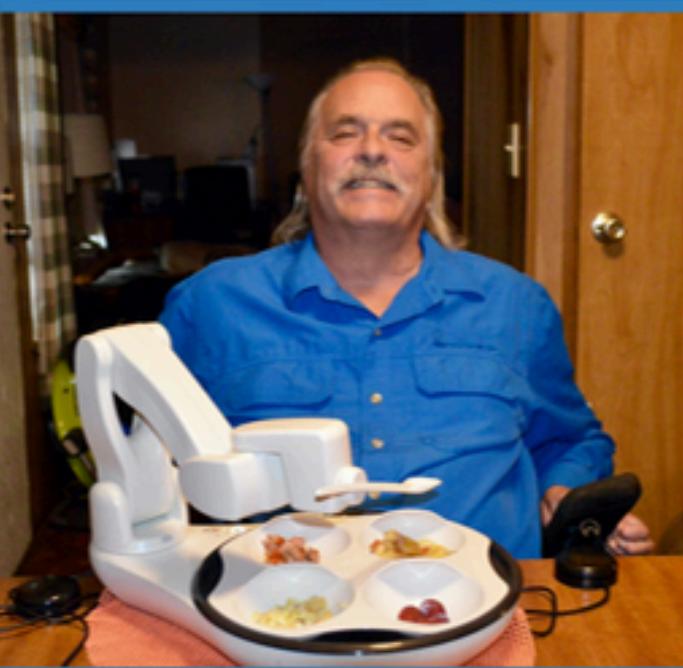
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Rolling with Randall



Randall is Rolling again in 2026 after completing a 270 mile wheelchair journey to The Pentagon and raising more than \$25,000 to support fellow Veterans through the PVA Mid-Atlantic Chapter and MS Research in May 2025.

He will be making a wheelchair journey across North Carolina. Starting at East Carolina University, Randall will be traveling almost 400 miles and ending on Memorial Day weekend at Charlotte Motor Speedway!

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