



# North Central Chapter



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## Here's what has happened in the last few months and what's to come!

Thank you for supporting and following along with the PVA! In January, we hosted a celebration of life for Michael Olson at the PVA office for his friends and family. We had a great turn out, with many wonderful stories about Mike's life experiences.

January and February we updated our website and wrapped up our chapter audit, which was cleared by Eide Bailly. Our 990 and 990T was completed, and our Annual Chapter Report was submitted. You can view our audit on our **new website** if you are interested. Please go to [www.ncpva.org](http://www.ncpva.org) to view the new website layout!

Lastly, in March there was a Women Veterans Plus 1 event at Our Savior's Lutheran Church to celebrate women in the military.

Our 22nd Annual Gone Fishing Tournament is quickly approaching! Everyone wanting to participate must have turned in an application by April 1st. We will notify those that are selected to attend this year's fishing event on May 22nd-23rd, 2025!

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our non-profit relies on the kindness and support of our community. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

*Terry Paulsen & Tracey Safameh*

## Upcoming Events

### APRIL 2025

**1: Gone Fishing Application Due**

**10: Board meeting @11am  
Lunch @Noon  
Membership meeting @1pm**

**16: SDVC Meeting:  
@ Hot Springs 9am MT**

**20: Easter Sunday**

**21: Easter Monday (Office Closed)**

### MAY 2025

**5: Cinco de Mayo**

**8: Victory in Europe Day**

**9: Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

**11: Mother's Day**

**17: Armed Forces Day**

**22-23: Gone Fishing Tournament**

**26: Memorial Day (Office Closed)**

### JUNE 2025

**14: Flag Day**

**15: Father's Day**

**19: Juneteenth (Office Closed)**

### \*SAVE THE DATE\*

**TRAPSHOOT: September 5-7**

**DOUG BROWN HUNT: September 8**

**PVA PHEASANT HUNT: SEPTEMBER 29**



## April Marks Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Month

Throughout the month of April, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and its 33 chapters across the country will be highlighting the unique challenges veterans with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) face, and how people can get involved and help. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 44,000 veterans live with spinal cord injury or disease. Paralyzed Veterans of America is the only veteran's organization dedicated to serving veterans with SCI/D.

This April, during Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Month, we're encouraging the public to really get involved and learn about the unique challenges paralyzed veterans face and how they can help and give back to support these veterans. We will also be celebrating the accomplishments of some of our veteran members living with spinal cord injury and all that they have achieved despite their disability.

Our members are active and playing sports, some aspiring to compete at the Paralympic level; they are going back to work in fulfilling jobs and careers; some are starting their own successful businesses, or going back to school to earn their degree; and many are continuing to give back and serve other fellow paralyzed veterans to let them know that life is not over after injury." Paralyzed Veterans are encouraging the public to get involved and support our nation's paralyzed veterans by doing one of the following:

**Hire a Veteran:** if you run a business, consider hiring a veteran. Paralyzed Veterans' Operation PAVE (Paving Access for Veterans Employment) program works directly with employers to find qualified employees.

**Share your story:** Paralyzed Veterans is currently looking for individuals to share their travel experiences as a passenger with a disability on its new website [www.airaccess30.org](http://www.airaccess30.org). These stories will help Paralyzed Veterans continue the fight to ensure that people with disabilities receive consistent and nondiscriminatory treatment during air travel.

**Get involved:** Volunteer your time to help veterans. Contact your nearest Paralyzed Veterans Chapter to learn about volunteer opportunities at [www.ncpva.org](http://www.ncpva.org)

**Donate now:** Donate to Paralyzed Veterans now and help support our programs and services that are provided free of charge to veterans. Programs like adaptive and rehabilitative sports and recreation, benefits and employment counseling, and research and advocacy to ensure our nation's paralyzed veterans have a voice.



# **Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter**

## **“Darrell Jepson Memorial”**

### **Educational Student Scholarship Program**

#### **Introduction**

The goal of this scholarship program is to assist in providing education and training for veterans with spinal cord injury and diseases of the central nervous system as well as members of their families.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter will review all applications and will determine the amount of funding each applicant will receive.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

1. All applicants must be citizens of the United States.
2. Applicants must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student at any accredited college, university, vocational school or online courses in the United States.
3. Applicants must complete their first year of post-secondary study prior to application. Under no circumstances will scholarship awards be given for more than two (2) years.
4. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing degrees as Registered Nurses, Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists.
5. Scholarship recipients must notify PVA North Central Chapter if they are no longer enrolled in school.
6. Selection shall be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status.
7. If the member is deceased, applications will be denied unless the member was active with the Chapter.

#### **General Guidelines**

Amount of funds available will be determined by the PVA North Central Chapter Board of Directors. Scholarships will vary according to the number and merit of applications received and the total funds available. At no time will a grant exceed \$1,000.00 per academic year.

Students must provide a copy of the transcript of grades from the previous semester in order to obtain funding for the upcoming semester. Checks will be made payable to the college. Under no circumstances will payment be made to the student.

Students will receive one half the scholarship amount each semester after providing their previous grade transcript (must obtain a 2.0 or more g.p.a.), registration, and proof of enrollment.

Application forms may be obtained from the PVA North Central Chapter, 209 N. Garfield Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

**Applications must be postmarked by July 1st. There will be no exceptions.**



Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter  
"Darrell Jepson Memorial"  
Educational Scholarship  
Program Application

For Office Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous PVA Scholarship Award Recipient? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT EDUCATION PLANS

List the school you have been accepted for or are enrolled as a full-time student. Attach verification of full time status (e.g. letter of acceptance, class schedule, confirmation of registration)

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attending: From: \_\_\_\_\_ Through: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PAST EDUCATION

Beginning with the present, list all secondary and post-secondary institutions and trade schools you have attended. Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXPERIENCE

List any honors or awards you have received:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

List professional or work related experience (paid or volunteer):

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

List any extracurricular activities you have been involved in:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

## RELEASE

I certify that the preceding information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all decisions rendered by the North Central Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Scholarship Committee on the award and administration of scholarships are final. If I am selected as a scholarship recipient, I authorize North Central Chapter PVA to use photographs, statements, or general information contained in this application for publicity purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If student is not a PVA Member-Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Applications must be postmarked by July 1st. There will be no exceptions.**

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## PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

209 N. Garfield Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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President, Chuck Doom  
Vice President, Harlan Schmidt  
Secretary, Greg Brandner  
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Duane Biesboer  
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Membership Officer: Duane Biesboer  
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Greg Brandner

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## **Notice of PVA North Central Chapter Election**

### **Election Timeline**

April 1	Nominations open. Nominations may be made in person or by any other electronic means.
April 30	Nominations Close.
May 1	Ballots will be mailed out with a self-addressed return envelope. Ballots must be returned in the envelope in a timely manner.
June 13	Election results will be reported at the Annual Membership Meeting.
October 1	New term of office begins.

In accordance with Chapter bylaws, Election of Officers will be held annually, and the Officers will serve a one (1) year term. Officers include: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors will serve a three (3) year term. At the Annual June Chapter Membership Meeting, election results will be announced.

The Chapter Election Committee will count the ballots and tally up the results. This committee is Steve Wagner and Rick Albrecht who are two non-voting individuals.

In the event of a tie, it will be broken at the next membership meeting. A tie will be broken by a verbal vote of the membership where a quorum, as defined by a chapter's bylaws, is present.

If you have any questions on the election procedure, contact the Chapter Office.

## OFFICIAL NOMINATION BALLOT

### Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter

**FY 2024-2025**

Any Chapter member interested in serving on the Chapter Board of Directors may nominate themselves and/or any other Chapter member that is eligible for membership. **Members who are nominated must be certified eligible for membership by National PVA before the June elections.**

Nomination for President: (1 year term) \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for Vice President: (1 year term) \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for Secretary: (1 year term) \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for Treasurer: (1 year term) \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Directors (3 year term) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your completed ballot to the chapter office. All nomination ballots must be returned in the envelope in a timely manner.

### CURRENT OFFICERS

President	Chuck Doom
Vice President	Harlan Schmidt
Secretary	Greg Brandner
Treasurer	Gene Murphy

Current Board of Directors	Duane Biesboer-term ends 9/30/2025
	Rodney Melcher-term ends 9/30/2025
	Kristine Shaffer- term ends 9/30/2027
	Bonnie Schmidt- term ends 9/30/2027

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member signature (please sign legible)      Date

# SAVE THE DATE

**Event:** Community Action for Veterans Conference

**Dates:** September 22-23, 2025

**Location:** Denny Sanford Premier Center

**Description:** The Community Action for Veterans Conference is a two-day professional development event designed to empower service providers to better support military families and veterans, especially in rural communities. This conference will bring together **social workers, healthcare providers, educators, nonprofit leaders, and policymakers** to share best practices, build collaborative networks, and enhance access to vital resources for military-connected individuals.

In addition, the conference will feature a VA 1-on-1: Veterans Assistance Expo, where VA staff, veteran service organizations, community service providers, and government partners will offer direct services, resources, and information.

## LEARNING STRANDS

**Mental Health:** Exploring strategies for addressing the mental health needs of military families and veterans, with a focus on military cultural responsiveness, trauma-informed care, and effective suicide prevention approaches.

**Rural Challenges:** Addressing the barriers and solutions to improving healthcare access, social support, and resource availability for veterans and military families living in rural communities.

**Caregiving and Military Family Life:** Empowering military caregivers and families by providing resources, support systems, and understanding of the impacts of military life on family dynamics and well-being.

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# **From the Office of Brad Friez**

## **National Service Officer**

We wanted to go over some basics about Veterans benefits for Veterans and other family member clients of our office.

When we represent a Veteran or other client we help them complete their Power of Attorney form (VA Form 21-22) along with the Intent to File a Claim Form (VA Form 21-0966). The POA form allows us to represent an individual before the VA and the Intent to File form gives that person an effective date for one year for the VA benefit they are attempting to obtain if we do submit that claim within that year period of time. IE – if we were to submit the Intent to File form on April 15, 2025 we would have until April 14, 2026 to submit a claim and then the effective date would be then on April 15, 2025. The VA will send out a form letter in response reflecting the Intent to File Form had been received and encourage that individual to follow through with an actual claim for benefits. The VA form letter will be sent out to that person within about two weeks of when the Intent to File form had been submitted to the VA. Many individuals will reach out to our office with the mistaken belief that the Intent to File is actually the claim when in reality it is a pre-cursor form to the claim. The claim form will still need to be submitted. The one-year time of the Intent to File form allows us and the client to gather all the necessary evidence in advance of submitting the eventual claim.

Many times, we are not able to reach our Veterans and clients of the office because we do not have the current contact information. Thus, it is very important to notify our office and the VA Hospital and Regional Office of current contact information to include address, cell/home phone numbers, and your email address. Additionally, please make sure your voice messaging systems on home and cell phones are set up and cleared out occasionally. Also, if the VA is paying benefits you need to ensure they are aware of any changes to your family size. Lastly, it is strongly suggested to schedule an appointment for assistance with your VA benefits and if you are not able to make it to that appointment, please inform our office of that need to cancel that appointment.

I also wanted to express my condolences for those of us impacted by the recent passing of Rick Barge and Don Loudner. Rick was the long time Quartermaster of the VFW in South Dakota. Don was the first National Commander of the Native American Indian Veterans, Inc. (NAIV).

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## Membership

Duane Biesboer

The Chapter currently has a total of 142 members and 102 Associate Members.

**Regular membership is FREE!** If you know of anyone who has a spinal cord injury or disease, please have them contact the Chapter office.

**Annual Dues for 2024-2025 have been mailed out. If you have not sent that in, please do so!**

Thank you to those who have sent in their dues!!

Please notify the Chapter when you have a change of address.



### CFC Campaign

If you are a federal government employee or your employer offers a charitable giving campaign through United Way, you can help us to continue our programs and services we offer to our members, veterans, and other individuals with disabilities.

**CONTRIBUTION CODE:**  
**54682**



**988- SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

## Volunteer Program

Charles Doom

The Chapter had 693 volunteer hours from October 2024-December 2024.

### Social Media Update- NEW FACEBOOK PAGE



Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter

See dashboard Edit Advertise

We are in the process of updating our social media pages and we needed to start a new Facebook page. Please follow our NEW Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566417141295>

or by searching Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter and the page will look like the one above with the pheasant hunt picture. We will be posting events, pictures, and other news throughout the year on here to keep our members and community up to date on our chapter!

## **Governor Larry Rhoden signs senate bill 52**

Governor Larry Rhoden has officially signed Senate Bill 52 into law, a critical piece of legislation that will allow for the expansion of the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery. This move is designed to address the need for additional space, ensuring that the cemetery can continue to serve veterans and their families for years to come.

It's important to note that, based on current utilization trends, the need for expanding other burial areas at the cemetery is not anticipated within the next eight to ten years. This makes the expansion of columbarium space the priority, as it directly addresses the issue of space shortages for cremated remains.

The signing of SB 52 is only the first step in the expansion process. The next crucial step will be for the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs to apply for a grant from the National Cemetery Administration. Governor Rhoden has been a strong advocate for South Dakota's veterans, and his signing of SB 52 underscores his continued commitment to providing the necessary resources and support to those who have served in the armed forces.

By ensuring that the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery has the space it needs to accommodate future burials, Governor Rhoden is helping to guarantee that the state remains a place where veterans are honored and remembered. "The South Dakota Veterans Cemetery will remain a vital and respected place for veterans to rest, as well as a symbol of the state's gratitude for their sacrifices.



# SERVICE-CONNECTED MATRIX

BENEFIT	DERIVATIVE
Non-Compensable 0 percent disability rating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">10 point Veteran preference in federal hiring</a></li><li>• <a href="#">No cost health care and prescription drugs for service connected disabilities</a> (if income limits are met)</li><li>• <a href="#">Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Commissary and Exchange Privileges</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Use of commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) retail facilities, in-person and online.</a></li></ul>
Compensable 0 percent disability rating* <i>*Note: In some instances there are individuals who have separate and more than two zero percent service connected disabilities who are paid at the minimum 10 percent. (38 CFR 3.324)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">10 point Veteran preference in federal hiring</a></li><li>• <a href="#">No cost healthcare and prescription drugs for service connected disabilities</a> (if income limits are met)</li><li>• <a href="#">Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Waiver of VA funding fee for VA home loan</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Burial and plot allowance</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Commissary and Exchange Privileges</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Use of commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) retail facilities, in-person and online.</a></li></ul>

Service-connected disability  
rated at 10%

- [No cost health care](#)
- [Prescription medications for service connected disabilities](#)
- [Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility](#)
- [Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan](#)
- [10 point Veteran preference in federal hiring](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment \(with a serious employment handicap\)](#)
- [Burial and plot allowance](#)
- [Commissary and Exchange Privileges](#)
- [Use of commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation \(MWR\) retail facilities, in-person and online.](#)

Service connected disability  
rating at 20%

- [No cost health care](#)
- [Prescription medications for service connected disabilities](#)
- [Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility](#)
- [Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan](#)
- [10 point Veteran preference in federal hiring](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment](#)
- [Burial and plot allowance](#)
- [Commissary and Exchange Privileges](#)
- [Use of commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation \(MWR\) retail facilities, in-person and online.](#)

Service connected disability  
rating at 30 - 40%

- [No cost health care](#)
- [Prescription medications for service connected disabilities](#)
- [Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility](#)
- [Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan](#)
- [10 point Veteran preference in federal hiring](#)
- [Direct hire authority](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment](#)
- [Additional compensation for eligible dependents](#)  
(may include aid and attendance for eligible spouse)
- [Burial and plot allowance](#)
- [Commissary and Exchange Privileges](#)
- [Use of commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation \(MWR\) retail facilities, in-person and online.](#)

Service connected disability  
rating at 50%

- [No cost health care and prescription medications](#)
- [Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility](#)
- [Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan](#)
- [10 point Veteran preference in federal hiring](#)
  - [Direct hire authority](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment](#)
- [Additional compensation for eligible dependents](#)  
(may include aid and attendance for eligible spouses)
- [Concurrent receipt of military retired pay](#)
- [Burial and plot allowance](#)
- [Commissary and Exchange Privileges](#)
- [Use of commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation \(MWR\) retail facilities, in-person and online.](#)

Service connected disability  
rating at 60 - 90%

- [No cost health care and prescription medications](#)
- [Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility](#)
- [Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan](#)
- [10 point Veteran preference in federal hiring](#)
  - [Direct hire authority](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment](#)
- [Additional compensation for eligible dependents](#)

(may include aid and attendance for eligible spouses)
- [Concurrent receipt of military retired pay](#)
- [Individual Unemployability](#)

(must be unemployable due to service connected disabilities)

[Dependents Educational Assistance](#)

[Special restorative training](#)

[CHAMPVA–Civilian Health and Medical](#)

[Dental care](#)

[Burial and plot allowance](#)
- [Commissary and Exchange Privileges](#)
- [Use of commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation \(MWR\) retail facilities, in-person and online.](#)

Service connected disability  
rating at 100%

- [No cost health care and prescription medications](#)
- [Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility](#)
- [No cost dental care](#)

- [Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan](#)
- [10 point Veteran preference in federal hiring](#)
  - [Direct hire authority](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment](#)
- [Additional compensation for eligible dependents](#) (may include aid and attendance for eligible spouses)
- [Concurrent receipt of military retired pay](#)
- [Dependents Education Assistance](#) (must be considered permanent.)
  - [Special restorative training](#)
- [CHAMPVA–Civilian Health and Medical Program](#) (must be considered permanent)
- [Burial and plot allowance](#)
- [Uniformed Services ID card](#)


Service connected disability  
rating at 100% with an  
additional separate 60  
percent service connected  
disability rating


- [Statutory Housebound](#)
- [Commissary and Exchange Privileges](#)
- [Use of commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation \(MWR\) retail facilities, in-person and online.](#)

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# How to Donate to our Organization


Our organization depends on donations throughout the year to host events for our members. Please consider setting up a monthly donation through our website. On our website home page ([www.ncpva.org](http://www.ncpva.org)), you will see a “Donate Now” button. When you click that, you can click the checkbox that says “Make this a monthly donation”. We have had a large increase in participation at events, and we would like to continue to take as many people to these activities as possible. Thank you for your future donations!



Donate to  
**North Central Paralyzed Veterans of America** 


One-Time **Monthly** Yearly

**\$12**  
USD

Use this donation for  
Chapter Donation 

☒ Add **\$0.74 USD** to help cover the fees.

You authorize PayPal to pay North Central Paralyzed Veterans of America \$12.74 around this day each month. You can change or cancel at anytime in your PayPal account settings.

 **Donate with PayPal**

**Donate with Debit or Credit Card**

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# Happy Birthday!

## PVA North Central Chapter Birthday Roster

### April 2025

David VanHorn	David Allen
Carl Stricherz	Carl Oleson
Shaun Rupe	Terry Williams
Bruce Hoffman	Cliff Koele
Linn Garber	John Martin
Frederick Ellwein	Don Latham
Rodney Melcher	Christine Speirs

### May 2025

Roger Holtzman	Scott Petersen
Dennis McNulty	Ken Laughlin
John Kuhlman	Bob Uecker
Gary Nrdean	Larry Johnson
Michael McGinnis	Robert Buchanan
Merle Kjer	Travis Kassten
Eric Vetter	Gary Howey
Sarah Bierman	Steve Whitney
Perry Grimme	John Huntington
Judith Cantrell	Kimberly Hubers
Margie Mercado	Bob DeJong

### June 2025

Eugene Murphy	James Arneson
Charles Doom	John Myers
Duane Biesboer	Dennis Elfring
Steven Wagner	Alan Hughart
Eileen White	William Deknikker
Dean Wilson	Brian Nelson
Fidell Wadsworth	Raymond Durband
David Wren	Jon Albers
Troy Metzinger	Cameron Hoverson
	Stephen Anderson



## SD State Veterans Cemetery Endowment Fund

With the passing of SB 91, the South Dakota Veterans Council established an Endowment Fund with the South Dakota Community Foundation. This fund will be used for the maintenance and operations of the veterans cemetery in Sioux Falls, SD. The South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery is located at the I-90/I-229 area in Sioux Falls, SD and encompasses up to 50 acres of land donated by the City of Sioux Falls. All federally defined veterans, spouses, and dependent children are eligible for burial in the State Veterans Cemetery. We are proud to be able to give our veterans their final resting place on the eastside and keep them close to their families. <https://sdcommunityfoundation.org/for-advisors/existing-funds/south-dakota-veterans-cemetery-fund/>



Have you considered including PVA North Central Chapter in your will or trust?

This type of donation will serve as an investment in our organization that will reap our members benefits for many years to come.



**Get around *safely* and *confidently***

## Do You...

- ☐ Have trouble getting in and out of your vehicle?
- ☐ Have trouble navigating stairways in your home?
- ☐ Have trouble entering or leaving your home?
- ☐ Need assistance getting in and out of bed?

## **Mobility Solutions**

Vehicle Lifts, Lifters  
and Mobility Seating

Lowered Floor Mini-  
and Full-size Vans

Stairlift and Platform  
Lift Sales and Service

Modular and Portable  
Ramps

Overhead and  
Portable Patient Lifts

Veteran  
owned and  
operated.  
Saigon U  
Class of  
'68.

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