



Paralyzed Veterans of America

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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! We recently bid a heartfelt farewell to our esteemed Director of Operations, Tracey Salameh, who has been an invaluable asset to our chapter. In her brief period of time, her dedication and contributions have left a mark on our organization, and we are profoundly grateful for her leadership and commitment.

As we turn the page, I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Director of Operations. My name is Amy Burns, and I bring with me 13 years of active-duty Army experience, having served in a variety of roles including transportation, drill sergeant, and public affairs. Serving in three combat deployments, I am passionate about continuing my service by supporting the PVA mission and working directly with our veterans and members. I am incredibly excited for this opportunity to be part of something so meaningful and help make a difference in the lives of those who have sacrificed so much. Outside of work, I am a proud single mother to a daughter Amani who just graduated high school. In my spare time I love golfing and cheering on the Green Bay Packers (and any team playing the Vikings). I am eager to embrace this new role and the many adventures to come.

We encourage everyone to visit our Save the Date page of this newsletter to learn more about the exciting upcoming events we have planned. Also check out the recap and photos of the 22nd Annual PVA Fishing Event. Your continued support and dedication are crucial to the success of these events, enabling us to further our efforts in serving the veteran community. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey.

Terry Paulsen & Amy Burns

Upcoming Events

JULY 2025

4: Independence Day (Office Closed)

16: SD Veterans Council Mtg Mitchell VFW Post 1:00 p.m.

10: NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

17: PVA Chapter Annual Picnic - 11:30am-1:00pm

17-22: National Wheel Chair Games - Minneapolis Mn

AUGUST 2025

20: SD Veterans Council Mtg (virtual) 1:00 pm

Aug 27-Sept 1 South Dakota State Fair

28: Veterans Day at State Fair

SEPTEMBER 2025

1: Labor Day (Office Closed)

5-7: PVA Trapshoot (Crooks Gun Club)

8: Doug Brown Pheasant Hunt (Howard, SD)

16: SD Veterans Council Mtg Yankton VFW Post 1:00 p.m.

11: PVA Pheasant Hunt (Howard, SD)



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Happy Birthday!

PVA North Central Chapter Birthday Roster

July 2025

Brian Wallin	Brenda Teunissen
Harlan Van Meeteren	Dan Stapleton
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Stephen Bruggeman	Arlind Williams
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August 2025

Brian Fritzie	Thomas Sunde
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Kurt Kruger	Angeline Enrique
Terry Paulsen	John Lian
Robert Schacherer	

September 2025

Jerry Dale	Kristina Allen
Michael Selvage	Timothy Fox
James Brown	Beverly North
Mickey Dennis	Jerry Bonstetter
William Larson	Paul Groeneweg
Michael Minnick	Rick Albrecht
Terrill Myers	Paul Hanson
Douglas Fenstermaker	Dale Wormstadt
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Charles Thomas	Doug Knight
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	Ronald Schelburg



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 1-90/1-229 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/>

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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.

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 17, 2025 PVA CHAPTER ANNUAL PICNIC

Come join us for great food & great friends!

You're invited to join us for the PVA Chapter Annual Picnic! Come and enjoy a delightful afternoon with great food and even greater company on July 17th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, at the PVA North Central Chapter Office. We'll be serving up brats, salad, chips, and refreshing beverages to keep you fueled for fun and laughter. It's a perfect opportunity to connect with friends and make new ones. We hope to see you there for a fantastic time!



SEPT. 5-7 & SEPT. 8, 2025 PVA MIKE OLSON TRAPSHOOT AND DOUG BROWN HUNT

Join us for an exciting week of outdoor activities beginning with the PVA Mike Olson Trapshoot from September 5th to 7th at the Crooks Gun Club, followed by the Doug Brown Pheasant Hunt on September 8th in Howard, SD. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Trapshoot event, a fantastic opportunity to support the community and enjoy some time outdoors. Whether you're an experienced shooter or new to the sport, your help will be invaluable. If you're interested in volunteering or need more information, please reach out to Terry or Amy. We look forward to making these events a success with your support!

SEPT. 11, 2025 PVA PHEASANT HUNT

Join us in Howard, SD, on September 11 for an exciting day of pheasant hunting! This exclusive event is limited to just 15 participants, ensuring a personalized and memorable experience for all involved. Whether you're a seasoned hunter or a novice eager to learn, this is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors and test your skills in a beautiful setting. Don't miss out on this unique adventure—sign up today to secure your spot and get ready for a day filled with camaraderie and the thrill of the hunt!



Membership

Duane Biesboer

The Chapter currently has a total of 144 members and 103 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.

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Volunteer Program

Charles Doom

The Chapter has 2254 volunteer hours from October 2024-June 2025.

Social Media Update- NEW FACEBOOK PAGE



Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter

1 like • 1 follower

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!

The 22nd Annual PVA/Firefighters Joel Niemeyer Memorial Gone Fishing Event was a resounding success, bringing together participants, volunteers, and supporters for a memorable day on the water. A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated boat captains and mates, whose generous dedication of time and resources ensured that every participant enjoyed an extraordinary fishing experience. We are immensely grateful to all the donors and volunteers whose contributions and efforts were pivotal in bringing this event to life. A special congratulations to Rick Albrecht for being honored with the Veteran Advocate Award, recognizing his unwavering commitment to supporting our veterans. Additionally, we extend our warmest congratulations to Steve Bull, who was rightfully awarded the Outstanding Boat Captain Award for his exemplary service and leadership. Thanks to everyone involved, the tournament not only celebrated a love for fishing but also fostered a sense of community and support for our veterans.



We want to give a big thanks to our National Director, Greg Brandner, who recently attended the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Annual National Convention in Austin, TX, from May 13-17. This event brought together representatives from chapters across the country to discuss key initiatives and advancements in supporting our nation's heroes.

A notable highlight from the convention was the outstanding participation in PVA's research and education grants, with a remarkable 100% participation rate from all chapters. This achievement underscores the organization's commitment to advancing the well-being and care of veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders.

National PVA leadership expressed concerns about the lack of data on the "return on investment" for various programs and services. To address this, efforts are underway to collect comprehensive data and metrics from bedside to end of life, focusing on initiatives such as the Air Care Act, PVA Games, and assistance with benefits. This data-driven approach will help inform future decisions and optimize resources.

While in Austin, Greg had the opportunity to connect with Scott Griffith, National Director of the Wisconsin Chapter. The two shared a moment of camaraderie, captured in the photo below. Interestingly, Greg has a special connection to the Wisconsin Chapter, having served as its first president from 1980-1981. We're proud of Greg's participation in the convention and his ongoing efforts to advance PVA's mission. Stay tuned for future updates on the impact of these initiatives and the difference they're making in the lives of Veterans.



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Veteran Usability Recruiting Opportunity

PVA recently participated in a briefing by VA's Section 508 Compliance Office, which ensures systems and information technology platforms are compliant with federal laws related to digital accessibility. According to the office, their efforts have increased website compliance from 26 percent in 2022 to 98 percent today.

The VA would like to hear from veterans about the accessibility barriers they encounter. Participating in user experience research studies provides them with a direct link to veterans about how they engage with VA platforms, apps, and other VA systems. If you would like to participate in the user experience studies, visit <https://veteranusability.us/>.

After registering, you'll be asked to fill out a Participant Recruiting Screener Questionnaire which will determine your eligibility for specific studies. The VA will send studies that align with the responses given in the Screener Questionnaire to further determine your eligibility for participation in each study.

ASSIST ACT INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

On May 13, Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) introduced the Automotive Support Services to Improve Safe Transportation (ASSIST) Act (S. 1726) in the Senate. In 2023, Congress passed legislation that was intended to codify the adaptations VA could provide to disabled veterans to modify their vehicles as part of the department's medical benefits package.

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On May 19, H.R. 1364, the House of Representative's version of the ASSIST Act passed unanimously.

PVA Holds Annual Advocacy/Legislation Seminar

On June 10-12, PVA held the 2025 Advocacy Legislation Seminar in Washington, DC. Over 150 PVA members and chapter leaders and staff participated in the event.

Attendees visited the offices of over 300 members of Congress. PVA's priorities included preserving VA's spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D) system of care, increasing disability access in VA, and improving access to housing and vehicle modifications.

House Passes Legislation Supporting Employment of People With Disabilities

The first week of June, the House of Representatives passed several pieces of legislation, most of which related to the Small Business Administration (SBA).

One of these bills, H.R. 1634, the Think DIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act, would establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the SBA and the National Council on Disability. The MOU seeks to provide assistance for people with disabilities who are interested in becoming entrepreneurs or who want to be self-employed.

It would also help small businesses with hiring individuals with disabilities and increase accessibility for the workplace. Additionally, it increases outreach and education to help more people with disabilities access information about how to become business owners.

H.R. 1621, the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Report Act of 2025, also passed the House. This bill would require the SBA to submit a report to Congress highlighting challenges faced by entrepreneurs with disabilities. These bills will now move to the Senate for further consideration.

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FRAUD ALERT !!!

Protect Veterans from Pension Poaching

The VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) cautions veterans to be alert to a form of financial exploitation known as “pension poaching.” VA pension benefits are available to wartime veterans or their surviving spouses who meet certain age or disability requirements and have limited income and net worth.

Veterans are targets of a wide range of pension-poaching schemes, all of which attempt to steal their assets. Frequently, scammers promote suspect legal or financial products or services that are designed to qualify otherwise ineligible individuals for a VA pension, either by falsifying financial information or restructuring assets to meet criteria.

Others may charge large fees to represent unsuspecting veterans in pursuing pension benefits for which they may not qualify. Some may also try to sell in-home care to eligible pension recipients that may be overpriced or is never provided.

Scams often start with a dishonest lawyer, financial planner, or insurance agent soliciting veterans through cold calls, mail campaigns, or in-person encounters at a senior center or assisted living facility. Steer clear of and report to the OIG individuals and organizations that

- claim to guarantee eligibility for a particular benefit;
- encourage false reporting of income and expense information, reallocating assets to trusts, or purchasing annuities to qualify for a VA pension;
- charge upfront fees or a percentage of any awarded benefit to file VA claims or applications (free help is available from VA-accredited individuals and entities);
- apply pressure to provide sensitive financial information like credit card numbers; or
- attempt to redirect VA deposits to a bank account controlled by a caregiver, power of attorney, claim representative, or anyone other than the rightful beneficiary.

From the Office of Brad Friez

National Service Officer

For this edition of the PVA Chapter Newsletter I wanted to go over the Caregiver Support Program among other topics. It seems that there is a fair amount of confusion about this VA benefit. There are actually two programs, the Program of General Caregiver Supportive Services (PGCSS) that just provides support with no stipend or application required and the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) which includes all the services PGCSS with the addition of a stipend for the caregiver to care for the Veteran in the home rather than them going to a nursing home or mental health facility.

To apply for PCAFC, the Veteran must be 70% rated or higher. Those 60% + unemployability DO NOT qualify as they would for contract nursing home. They must also be receiving care from a caregiver in the home for a minimum of six continuous months. The application is VA form 10-10CG. Veterans can also apply at www.caregiver.va.gov.

Once the application is submitted the Veteran and Caregiver participate in a series of assessments to determine if the Veteran meets the clinical eligibility for the program. Veterans must be in need of hands-on assistance on a daily basis with one activity of daily living (feeding themselves, dressing, bathing, going to the bathroom, grooming themselves, or moving) OR they have some sort of condition that makes it unsafe for the Veteran to be left alone. The Veteran's functioning is looked at NOT their diagnosis. This is determined through a review of the assessments and the Veteran's medical records by a VISN based eligibility team.


If the application is denied, the Veteran and Caregiver can reapply any time and as many times as they like. They also have the option appeal the denial through a variety of avenues. It is strongly suggested that Veterans utilize both clinical appeals through VHA first as these appeals are processed in 45 days versus going straight to the Board of Veterans Appeals path. The Board of Veterans Appeals typically takes years. But the clinical appeals cannot include additional evidence but basically a restating of the evidence of record at the time of the original application. For appeals submitted at the Sioux Falls VA which only requires a letter to the patient advocate, the first clinical appeal goes to the eligibility team at VISN 10 which covers Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. If the first clinical appeal is denied, the same process can be followed to submit a second appeal to VISN 20 which covers Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and small parts of Montana and California.


If an appeal is submitted to the Board of Veterans Affairs, the Veteran forfeits all other appeal options. This appeal also must be filed within a year from the decision date. You can always call the national caregiver support line if you have more detailed questions about appeals, 1-855-260-3274.

Lastly, we would like to wish Tracey Salameh well as she and her family have moved to Iowa. We are also thankful for Amy Burns who recently started her duties with the North Central Chapter.

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), 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!



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SDDVA TO HOST “WHAT’S” BREWING EVENT IN Sioux falls

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA), in partnership with Minnehaha County Veterans Service Officers Tyler Grotewold and Douglas Roderick, and Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer David Ekle, invites all veterans, especially those from Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties, to attend a special “Coffee and Conversation” event in Sioux Falls.

This gathering is part of the Department’s “What’s Brewing” program—an outreach effort to connect directly with veterans, hear their stories, and provide updates on services and benefits available to them.

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 Location: El Riad Shrine (510 S. Phillips Avenue) – Sioux Falls, SD Time: “What’s Brewing” conversation begins at 10:00 am (CT).

“The ‘What’s Brewing’ series serves as an important platform for meaningful conversations with our veterans,” said SDDVA Secretary Jeremiah Schneider. “These gatherings not only allow us to better understand the concerns and challenges veterans are facing, but also provide a forum to share updates on benefits, services, and resources available to them.

It’s our duty as advocates to stay connected to their ex periences and honor the sacrifices they’ve made in service to our country.” Secretary Schneider, members of the SDDVA team, and CVSO’s Grotewold, Roder ick, and Ekle will be available to answer questions and provide information on a wide range of veterans’ benefits and services, including compensation, education, pen sions, healthcare, burial benefits, the State Veterans Cemetery, and the State Veterans Home.



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

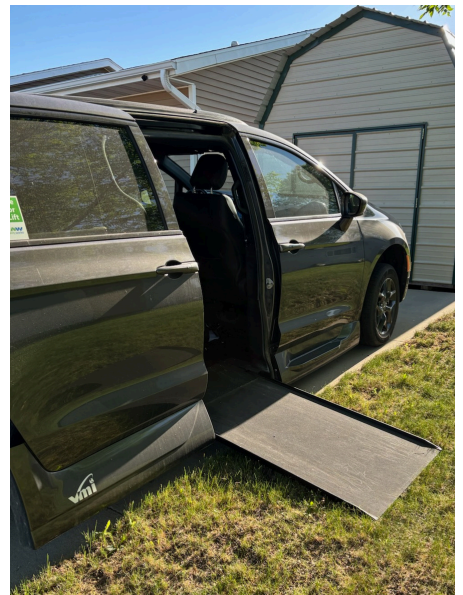
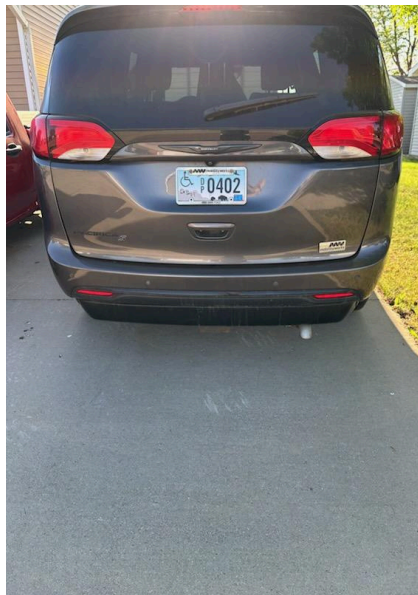
Mental Health: Exploring strategies for addressing the mental health needs of military families and veterans, with a focus on military cultural responsiveness, trauma-informed care, and effective suicide prevention approaches.

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.

For Sale

The family of Mike Olson is selling Mike's 2020 Chrysler Pacifica Touring Van. The vehicle is equipped with the wheel chair ramp and the family is also including Mike's wheel chair. Current mileage is 78,000 miles. If you are interested or know of someone that may be in need of an accessible van please contact Colin Olson at (605) 201-5690



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DAV DRIVE TO VICTORY

Golf Tournament • August 13th

Sponsorship Opportunities

The DAV Drive to Victory Golf Tournament will be held at Prairie Green Golf Course in Sioux Falls on August 13th. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, cart rental, breakfast, lunch and a silent auction and raffle following the tournament. Thirty-six teams (144 golfers) will play on a 4-person team scramble format with a shotgun start.

All sponsors will be featured on the DAV Drive to Victory Golf Tournament social media platforms and at the tournament as well as Chapter newsletters. Sponsors are also welcome to provide a pre-approved promotional item to include in each golfer's swag bag.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS TOURNAMENT BENEFIT LOCAL VETERANS PROGRAM,
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Victory Platinum Premier Event Sponsor - \$7,500

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- Opportunity to Display Company Banner at Tournament - Registration & Clubhouse
- Opportunity to Participate in Media Interview Requests
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards from June - Tournament
- Social Media Link Backs/Mentions
- Premier Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Victory Gold Hospitality Sponsor - \$5,000

- Registration for 8 Players (2 Teams)
- Opportunity to Display Company Banner at Tournament - Registration
- Signage Display at Breakfast and Lunch
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards from July-Tournament
- Social Media Link Backs/Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Golf Cart Sponsor - \$3,500

- Registration for 4 Players (1 Team)
- Company Signage on Golf Carts
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards from July-Tournament
- Social Media Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Beverage Cart Sponsor - \$3,000

- Registration for 4 Players (1 Team)
- Company Signage on Beverage Cart(s)
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards from July-Tournament
- Social Media Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Exclusive Ball Sponsor - \$2,500

- Logo Imprinted on Golf Balls - Each Golfer Provided a Sleeve
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards from August-Tournament
- Social Media Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Exclusive Hole 19 Happy Hour Sponsor (Keg) - \$2,000

- Signage Display at Keg
- Opportunity to Provide Branded Giveaway Cup
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards the Week Prior to the Tournament
- Social Media Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Exclusive Snack/Koozie Sponsor - \$1,500

- Opportunity to Provide Koozies and Swag Bag
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards the week prior to the tournament
- Social Media Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Hole Sponsor - \$500

- Signage at Hole
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards the week prior to the tournament
- Social Media Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Flag Sponsor - \$250

- Logo Positioned on Flag
- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards the week prior to the tournament
- Social Media Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle

Pin Prize/Game Sponsor - \$150

- Recognition on Sioux Falls Electronic Billboards the week prior to the tournament
- Social Media Mentions
- Recognition at Lunch - Silent Auction/Raffle



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Keys to Progress Vehicle Giveaway Event

Since the start of Progressive's Keys to Progress® vehicle giveaway program in 2013, Progressive has given considerable time and resources to provide more than 1,100 veterans with reliable transportation so they can get back on the road and move forward in life. The program has also provided vehicles to veteran-affiliated organizations dedicated to military-focused community outreach.

The program's main event is a one-day giveaway held at Progressive offices and affiliated locations across the United States. We will be holding our 13th annual Keys to Progress vehicle giveaway event on November 6, 2025, with the goal of gifting vehicles to recipients in all 50 states, giving away an estimated 100 vehicles to veterans and their families as well as some active-duty members, Gold Star spouses/domestic partners, veteran-owned businesses and non-profit organizations.

On this special day, Progressive—together with business affiliates and several military and charity organizations—will present the vehicles to the recipients.

Progressive works with military and charity organizations to find recipients in need of a vehicle and gather their stories. Vehicles are donated to recipients through a non-profit organization.

As a company, we see the need in our communities to provide support to military men, women and/or their surviving spouses/domestic partners who may be facing tough circumstances in life – from difficult personal and family health needs to excessive rent burdens, unemployment and even homelessness. One of Progressive's Core Values is the Golden Rule. This Keys to Progress vehicle giveaway program is a wonderful way to put that into action, extending the principle to people who have given so much for their country.

The events have been a remarkable success, attracting the attention of the media and communities across the country. We look forward to creating even more memories and opportunities for our deserving recipients.

We want to provide **at least one recipient per event location** with a vehicle. **We plan to hold the event on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at most locations, so please mark this date on calendars now!**

Progressive thanks you for joining us to support this important effort



Visit [Progressive.com/KeystoProgress](https://www.progressive.com/KeystoProgress) for more information



Application for the Progressive Keys to Progress® Veteran Vehicle Giveaway Program

Completed applications and all supporting documentation should be submitted by Sponsors between Friday, April 4, 2025, and Friday, August 1, 2025.*

Recipient Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria at the time their application is submitted:

- Fall into one (1) of the following categories and provide the listed supporting documentation:
 - Military veteran
 - Form DD214
 - Active-duty E-4 or lower
 - Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) showing pay grade
 - Spouse of an Active-duty E-4 or lower military member who is overseas
 - LES showing pay grade and valid marriage certificate
 - Gold Star status
 - Form DD1300 or DIC eligibility letter
- Household annual income must be below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines table issued by the Department of Health and Human Services.
 - See [Poverty Guidelines](#) (click “Chart Showing different multiples of poverty guidelines ...” under “Files”).
- Have a clean driving record—no major infractions in the past seven years.
 - “Major infractions” may include, but are not limited to, operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances, driving with a suspended, revoked, or invalid license, and reckless driving.
- Does not own a vehicle or is able to demonstrate an existing hardship with current vehicle.
- Be able to provide their most recent federal income tax filing or current VA benefit statement.
- Be able to pass a background check of entire adult life span, which will include, but is not limited to, any criminal activity.
- Be at least eighteen (18) years old or the age of majority in their state of residence (which is nineteen [19] for residents of Alabama and Nebraska).
- Be a legal resident of the fifty (50) United States (including the District of Columbia).
- May not be any of the following:
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