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SEPTEMBER SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS



September gives us an opportunity to pause and recognize the men and women who have answered the call to serve our nation. Their dedication, courage, and sacrifice have helped shape our country and continue to inspire generations of veterans and their families. At the California Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America, we are proud to stand alongside those who served and to continue supporting veterans throughout their journey.

Our Chapter is more than an organization—it is a community. Through fellowship, recreation, advocacy, peer support, and member activities, we strive to create opportunities for veterans to stay connected and engaged. Every conversation, every event, and every shared experience strengthens the bonds within our community. As we move into the fall season, we look forward to continuing that work and creating even more opportunities for our members to participate.

Connecting Veterans Through Fellowship & Service



One of the most important parts of our Chapter is creating opportunities for veterans to come together. Our recreational and social activities give members a chance to step away from the everyday routine, enjoy new experiences, and spend time with people who understand the veteran experience. Whether it is a fishing trip, billiards, Taco Tuesday, or another Chapter activity, these moments create friendships and memories that extend beyond the event itself.

Participation also helps strengthen our sense of community. A simple conversation over a meal or a shared experience during an activity can create a connection that lasts for years. We encourage members to take advantage of the programs available through the Chapter and to invite fellow veterans to participate.

SALUTING THOSE WHO SERVED



Every Veteran Has a Story

Every veteran carries a story. Some stories begin with the decision to raise a hand and take an oath to serve. Others continue through years of military service, friendships formed along the way, challenges overcome, and the transition back to civilian life. Each story is different, but every story represents a chapter of service to our nation.

This September, we invite our members to reflect on their own journey and the experiences that have shaped them. Your story does not have to be extraordinary to be meaningful. The lessons learned during military service, the people met along the way, and the obstacles overcome can inspire another veteran who may be walking a similar path.

Looking Forward to a Strong Fall Season

As summer comes to an end, we look forward to a new season filled with opportunities for fellowship, recreation, service, and connection. The months ahead provide another chance for our members to come together and continue building on the momentum of the Chapter.

We encourage everyone to stay informed about upcoming meetings, activities, and PVA events. Your participation is an important part of our success. Whether you attend every event or join us occasionally, your presence helps strengthen the community we are building together.



Message from the PVACC President



Final Preparation

This month, I decided to go against the newsletter's theme and talk about a third-rail topic nobody wants to think or talk about: what will happen after I die? The irony of it is that there is not much for you to do because others will need to tend to your needs, last wishes, last rites, and the legal journey when you die. During the last six months I have seen members and friends pass away with no wills, life insurance, medical directives, burial rites, or plans. In the aftermath, family members were left to pick up the pieces and sort through paperwork, honor the loved one, and journey through laws and legal protocol, which can be overwhelming. I have also talked with family and friends of mine who have had close near-death experiences and, if they died, lacked life insurance, wills, medical directives, funeral/burial services or plans. The reasons (excuses) for not having wills, insurance, medical directives, or plans have been numerous and sounded plausible, or people just put off and forgot, but the results will be the same: someone will have to take responsibility for you in an awkward and chaotic situation with usually no precedent and little to no knowledge of how to do it.....

Like many other people, I found a spouse to grow old with, but early into our journey we didn't want either of us stuck with any burdens when we die or burden loved ones should we die at the same time. We both got life insurance, wills, medical directives, burial rites, and plans after we die. I can honestly say, having these plans gives you peace of mind and focus to better enjoy your remaining days left to live.

To all of you who do not have insurance (to cover anticipated expenses, amount up to you if necessary), wills, medical directives, funeral/burial services or plans, consider doing so ASAP! The burden lifted from yourself, and others will be greatly appreciated, and the peace of mind after preparations for after death have been taken care of will bring you calm. Hopefully, when you make your final preparations, the fear of death will lessen, you will sleep better, and loved ones will appreciate your thoughtfulness when you pass and the structured transition that will happen afterwards.

To paraphrase my ancestor Benjamin Franklin (Mom's side), there are only two things certain in this world.....Death and Taxes!



DAVID ZURFLUH
PRESIDENT

CA Property Tax Exemption Veterans



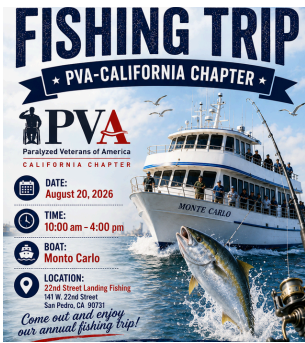
California Senate Bill 296 provides a temporary property tax exemption on the primary residence of qualifying 100% disabled veterans and their unmarried surviving spouses.

Key Provisions

- **Standard Exemption:** Provides a 50% property tax exemption on the first \$1,000,000 of the full value of a primary residence for qualifying 100% disabled veterans or blind/severely disabled veterans.
- **Low-Income Exemption:** Increases the relief to a 100% exemption on the first \$1,000,000 of value for eligible claimants whose household income is \$83,474 or less.
- **Surviving Spouses:** Extends the same exemption amounts to eligible unmarried surviving spouses of qualified veterans.
- **Effective Period:** Applies to property tax lien dates starting January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031 (a 5-year temporary program).
- **Status:** The bill passed the Legislature and was enrolled and presented to Governor Gavin Newsom for signature or veto

You may contact Governor Gavin Newsom's office to show your support: by phone (916) 445-2841 or through his website at [Contact the Governor](#) | [Governor of California](#)

August 2026 Fishing Trip



PVA Upcoming Events



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More Info



PVA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

2026-2027 Schedule

Omaha, Nebraska
Great Plains Chapter
September 11-12, 2026

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Mid-America Chapter
February 26-27, 2027

Memphis, Tennessee
Mid-South Chapter
October 9-10, 2026

Midlothian, Virginia
Mid-Atlantic Chapter
March 12-13, 2027

Westerville, Ohio
Buckeye Chapter
October 22-24, 2026



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If you're interested in the Winter Sport Clinic

Visit the following site below

<https://wintersportsclinic.org/participate/>

Application Deadline November 30, 2026

**VETERANS**
WINTER SPORTS CLINIC

MARCH 27–APRIL 3 | SNOWMASS VILLAGE, COLORADO



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**PATRIOT DAY
PROPOSAL DAY
GRATITUDE DAY
DEAF DAY
BATMAN DAY
SOBER DAY
ALZHEIMERS DAY**

**PEANUT DAY
GYRO DAY
CHAI DAY
SALAMI DAY
FAMILY DAY
GREENPEACE DAY
SCARF DAY**

**VFW DAY
RHINO DAY
RESPECT DAY
SKYSCRAPER DAY
TV DINNER DAY
SUDOKU DAY
COFFEE DAY**



If you are interested in joining any other committees, please let us know. We welcome your participation and value the skills, ideas, and support you bring to our chapter.

We also encourage all members to attend our upcoming meeting to stay informed and receive updates on what's new within the chapter. Your voice and involvement help us continue building a strong and connected community.

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September



Celebrating Our HEROES!

This month, we proudly celebrate the birthdays of our members here at the California Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America.

May your birthday be filled with joy, appreciation, and the recognition you truly deserve. Each of you brings strength, resilience, and heart to our community, and we are grateful to have you as part of our family.

As you celebrate another year, we wish you continued health, happiness, and success in all that you do. May this new chapter bring new opportunities, meaningful moments, and plenty of reasons to smile.

Thank you for being an important part of our community—today, we celebrate YOU! 🎂 🎈

Happy Birthday and best wishes for a wonderful year ahead!



HYBRID CHAPTER MEMBER'S MEETING

ZOOM

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

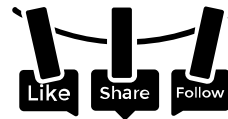
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



We're calling on compassionate community members to join us in making a difference for our veterans at the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Center in Long Beach. Your time and support can bring comfort, companionship, and encouragement to those who have served our nation. Whether it's lending a hand with daily activities, sharing stories, or simply being present, your involvement helps create a stronger, more caring community. Come be part of something meaningful—because our veterans deserve the very best.

If your interested email info@pvacc.org and put in the subject line: Volunteer

MEMBERS NEWS



Dear Members,

To stay connected and receive updates from PVA-California, please ensure your contact information is current.

Email info@pvacc.org or call 562-826-5713 to update your records. Keeping your information up to date helps us provide you with timely news, programs, and benefits.

Thank you,
PVA -California Chapter



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QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:



Do you have a question, concern, or need assistance with anything? Our team is here to help! Please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We want to make sure you stay informed, supported, and connected with all the latest news and updates.

"WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK! 💡"



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE DONE DIFFERENTLY WITHIN OUR CHAPTER? ARE THERE PROGRAMS, EVENTS, OR RESOURCES YOU'D LIKE MORE OF? YOUR SUGGESTIONS HELP US GROW AND BETTER SERVE OUR MEMBERS—LET US KNOW!

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