

paralyzed veterans of america

Founded in 1946 by veterans of World War II, PVA started out as a small organization, a group of men committed to helping each other, sharing their hard-learned strategies for living with spinal cord injury, and working to improve their communities.

Current technological and medical advances are saving the lives of even more severely injured servicemen and women, but they face a difficult road to reintegration into the civilian world – to jobs, family, and accessibility within their homes and communities.

But just as we did in 1946, PVA is here to provide help – and hope for the future. Through the PVA Outdoor Recreation Heritage Fund, we continue to promote a lifetime of health and fitness and improved quality of life for veterans and anyone with spinal cord injury or disease.

Improving Lives, Building Futures.

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Sgt. Jason Wittling, USMC (Retired) today with his wife and kids.

“At first I felt lucky to be alive. But after a few days of intense pain and being unable to move, I wanted to die.

Then I came home to America and met my PVA representative. He told me I wasn't alone. That he and PVA were there for me. PVA would be my friend for life.

So thank you for supporting PVA. It means more to me and my family than you will ever know.”



what is the pva outdoor recreation heritage fund?

In 2001, the PVA Outdoor Recreation Heritage Fund was established to support PVA's many outdoor sports programs. Your gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law, and will support PVA's many outdoor sporting activities.

who can participate?

PVA's priority will always be America's paralyzed veterans. However, these programs are open to all individuals with physical disabilities.

what kind of outdoor sports?

The Heritage Fund supports many different outdoor sports including fishing, handcycling, recreational shooting and hunting, and is always open to other sports.

make a donation now

We need your help to let our nation's paralyzed veterans rebuild their lives. Public support of the Heritage Fund is crucial because, with your help, our nation's veterans may still lead fulfilling lives and participate in the many sports programs that the Heritage Fund supports.

You may also donate to the Heritage Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign and

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pva's commitment to outdoor sports

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), a Congressionally chartered non-profit veteran service organization, is dedicated to providing quality outdoor sports opportunities for paralyzed veterans and others with disabilities. Such activities promote a lifetime of health and fitness while providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to gain sports skills and be among other disabled outdoor sporting enthusiasts. These programs encompass a wide variety of activities on the local and national levels and facilitate full individual participation.

Wounded servicemen and women returning from Afghanistan and Iraq remind us that PVA's mission to assist paralyzed veterans is as vital today as it was in 1946 when PVA was first founded.