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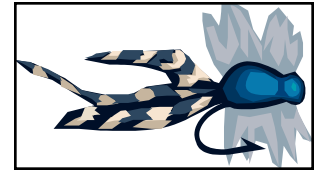
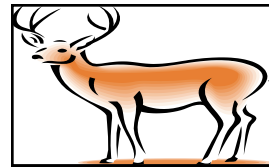
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## Attention All Hunters and Fisher Persons

By  
Stan Brown



PVA and Outdoor Recreation Heritage Fund (ORHF) annually sponsor several hunting events and fishing opportunities at various locations. Most of these opportunities are primarily paid for by our national organization; participants are generally required to pay for transportation to the site and sometimes food. Our local Gateway chapter may be able to help on those costs. Listed below are some known upcoming events:

Vermejo Park Ranch (CA) PVA Elk Hunt-December 5-10,  
applications due 11/1/10

Wounded Heroes Deer Hunt (WV)-November 22

Huntley Farm Whitetail Hunt (Warrenton, VA)-November 28

Florida Deer Hunt-December 1

Dee Dot Deer/Hog Hunt (FL)-December 7

Lost Creek Ranch Whitetail and Pig Hunt (TX)-Dec. 29

Black Bear Hunt -Tyonek, Alaska, 1 week late May or early June 2011

Kenai Fishing Event - Kenai Peninsula, Alaska, 1 week between July & September 2011

Moose Hunt - Fairbanks, Alaska, September 9-15, 2011

Please call our office (314-427-0393 or 800-426-4058) for more information or application requirements. Please also visit the Outdoor Recreation Heritage Fund site by going through the Sports and Recreation tab of the PVA website (PVA.org), and then click on the Outdoor Recreation Heritage Fund tab on the far right column near the bottom.

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## President's Report

By Stanley D. Brown

### *Format of a President's Report*

As I read the reports of presidents in other PVA chapters, I notice several, if not most, provide a chronology of what they've done in their last two months. As I look back at my articles, I realize I don't do that and don't provide an accounting for what I've been up to. I usually try to apprise our members of some event or issue I think is relevant to us. For some time now, I've been ranting and raving about our healthcare at the John Cochran facility and the acknowledged VA plans to move our SCI unit from Jefferson Barracks to the John Cochran facility. Bringing these issues to the forefront in our newsletter seems more important, but feel free to ask me what I've been doing (or not doing) on your behalf. Also feel free to tell me if you'd rather see (read) a report with detailed activities or perhaps some other information.



### *Congressman Russ Carnahan Letter to the VA Secretary*

This in no way is meant to be a political endorsement, but Gateway PVA needs to sincerely thank Congressman Carnahan for his efforts on our behalf regarding the problems at the John Cochran VA Medical Center and the VA plans to move our SCI/D unit from Jefferson Barracks to the John Cochran facility. The last paragraph of Congressman Carnahan's October 4, 2010 letter to VA Secretary Shinseki states: "In closing, moving the SCI unit from Jefferson Barracks to John Cochran will negatively affect both veterans and their families. Therefore, I urge you to reconsider plans to move the unit. Thank you for your attention to this matter."

### *Membership Involvement*

When I read Ruth's "attaboy" in this issue, I see she makes some valid points. I'm continually troubled on how to get more people involved with the board and doing things. Two issues ago I mentioned our board approved having two long-distance appointed board members. I asked for people to call me and let me know if they were interested. Not a single person called. I'm also disturbed we can't get our younger members more involved. I wonder if their success with working full-time, raising a family, and perhaps going to school, makes their involvement impossible. I would sincerely like to hear the ideas of our members on these topics.

### **Gateway Chapter PVA Wishes to Welcome the Following New Members:**

Paul Christian - Dexter, MO  
Mitchell Geiger - Imperial, MO  
Everett Hughes - Carbondale, IL  
Matthew Lamb - St. Louis, MO

Ronald Emory - University City, MO  
Chris Gutierrez - Hillsboro, IL  
Darren Kopf - St. Louis, MO  
Kevin Lopeman - Chanute, KS

### **Also Welcome to the Following Transfers:**

Vienna Smith - Lees Summit, MO  
William Greer - Kansas City, MO

Richard Rosenberger - Lawrence, KS  
Charles "Doug" Barnes - Belleville, IL

### **MIA**

Please call, write or email us if you know the whereabouts of the following members. Our contact info is on page 2.

Jason W. Austin  
Floyd R. Henderson  
Cecil C. Rodgers  
Jeramie C. Waters

Dennis L. Bazant  
Keith Roberts  
Leon Smith  
John T. Wood

Robert E. Collins  
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James Sullivan-McGuire

## Attaboy

By Ruth Kult

Hello once again.

This will be very short and not very sweet. Thanks and “attaboy” to everyone who voted. As usual the votes were minimal. I for one have an extremely hard time with this. I’m sure there are a few people that don’t have the access or the ability to vote, but out of 651 members, plus or minus a few people, we can’t even get 100 votes. Almost 50 votes were cast; a few more than last year, but still a terrible showing.



Like many of you, I too was unaware of just what Gateway PVA supplies the inpatients to try to make their mostly long stays bearable. If some folks are coffee drinkers, the coffee in the dayroom is an example of one thing your Gateway PVA provides. The snacks that Betty so graciously hands out are yet another hidden example. Every third Thursday of the month the Gateway Chapter PVA provides a luncheon mainly for the inpatients to get a chance to eat something besides hospital food during their stay. It is also used as a social gathering to help the newly injured get used to being around large numbers of people. There’s always a purpose. The Gateway PVA also has a van that is basically only a phone call away to schedule transportation. These are just a few of the hidden positives of the Chapter.

There’s one year before the next election and the excuses for not voting are wearing thin. Not knowing the members running, the most commonly used, is a lame excuse that doesn’t fly anymore. If people would read the newsletters that are sent to them and get familiar with the faces, this reason would be eliminated. These newsletters aren’t free to the chapter. They are sent out as a convenience for all members. Please take advantage and read them. At the very least, you can find out the upcoming events, like the next election.



**The gang waits patiently for the grill to heat.**

### Lone Elk Park Picnic



**Bob Huskey & James Williams on the move.**



**Chef du jour, Dave Lyle.**



**Hail, hail the gang’s all here (24 in all).**

## Gateway Chapter Now Running on All Cylinders

We are pleased to report our new building, with a tenant occupying half the space, is working out as we had planned. We've now completely paid off the building (purchased January 2010) and have no mortgage. The rental payments we receive provide a nice profit over and above building utilities and maintenance. We are also looking to rent out another approximately 1000 ft.<sup>2</sup>. The other good news is we finally received our new van from the Missouri Department of Transportation grant. The grant paid for 80% of the cost. We can now transport five veterans in wheelchairs and four in seats. Watching everybody unload at the Lone Elk Park picnic seemed to be never-ending, but it was a great thing to see so many of our members able to attend.



Our beautiful office lobby makes an outstanding first impression to all of our visitors.



Gateway Chapter PVA's brand new home. We now occupy 4,000 sq. feet of this 10,000 square foot office complex.

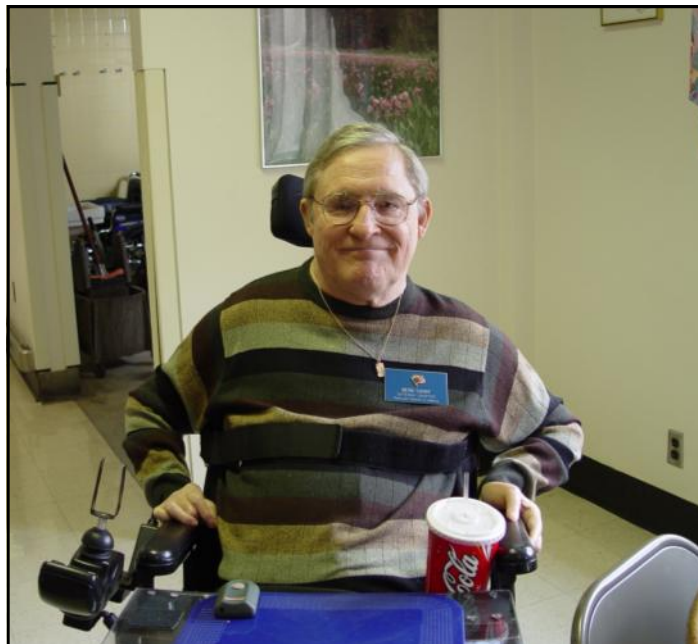


Gateway's new boardroom; where great ideas are born.



Here is our new 2010 Ford Bus that allows us to transport our members, free of charge, to various PVA and VA events. The van is parked on the north side of our building that is equipped with an accessible ramp.

## Gateway PVA Donors



### Don't Thank Us, Thank...

By Susan Lyle

A big thank you goes to the Canoy Family for their continued generosity! Jim Canoy, nephew of our late longtime chapter board member, Denis Canoy (pictured above left), again held a golf outing in his uncle's honor. Jim's event was attended by their friends and family as they celebrated the life of Denis. The Canoy Family raised \$2,490 for the Gateway Chapter sports program. What a great way to remember a great man!

On Saturday, September 25, the Arnold VFW chapter, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association presented our president, Stan Brown, with a check for \$1000. We received a call from Brad "Top" Walker informing us that their group mulled over what to do with the proceeds from a recent motorcycle rally. They came across the Gateway Chapter PVA website and decided they wanted to donate the money to our organization. The picture (above right) is of President Brown receiving the donation check. Pictured from left to right: Shane "Cherry" Deaton, John "White Lightning" Ray, Stan Brown, and Brad "Top" Walker. So, another big thank you goes to the Combat Veterans Chapter 4-4 for their generous assistance.



### In memory of...

Clifton, Jon	Houston, MO	09/01/10
Dahlhoff, Francis	Du Quoin, IL	09/26/10
Peek, Joseph	Valmeyer, IL	10/11/10
Reeve, Ed	St. Louis, MO	09/01/10
Rusher, Charles	Independence, MO	09/04/10
Voegel, Kenneth	Ellington, MO	09/26/10



*Please have someone contact our Chapter in the event of a member's death so that we can inform other members who might wish to pay their respects to the departed.*

## 15th Annual Gateway PVA/Jack Buck Golf Tournament

By Susan Lyle

Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jack Buck Golf Tournament took place on September 12. Each year I'm amazed by the generosity of our supporters and volunteers. Even with the economic downturn, we were blessed with a nice turnout and hope to net over \$72,000 for our member programs. Bob Rives and his staff at Professional Equities, along with Fred Waelter, Jerry Hollingsworth, and many other volunteers, spent countless hours contacting past and potential donors. A heartfelt thank you goes to Christine Buck, daughter of the late Jack Buck, who once again served as Master of Ceremonies. We are grateful that she continues to support our cause. I would also like to thank the Cardinals for sending Fred Bird to entertain us, as well as the Rams for sending two of their beautiful cheerleaders to our event.

It would be impossible to name the many individuals and companies who donated something for our tournament, but I would like to mention those who gave substantial cash donations: Emerson, Boeing, and Anheuser Busch. A special thanks to the following organizations for their in-kind and auction item donations: Haas Bakery, Honey Baked Ham, Grey Eagle Distributing, Ameristar Casino & Hotel, Mirage Photo, Renaissance Grand Hotel, Maher & Company, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Old Kinderhook, The Kelley Group, and Plaza Motor.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank the many members who attended the tournament to clap for the golfers at the shotgun start. It's a great thing when our donors can see the faces of some of the people they are helping.

Enjoy the photos below, and make it a point to join us next year. It's never too early to pledge an item or your time for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jack Buck Golf Tournament!





**Latest News**  
*By*  
**Fred Bradley**  
**PVA NSO**



### **Copayments Eliminated for Catastrophically Disabled**

This is a notice to all Spinal Cord Injury patients who are/were paying copayments. The law changed on May 5, 2010 to now exempt you from inpatient, outpatient, and prescription copayments due to catastrophic disability. Some of you have received refunds of payments you made for service on May 5<sup>th</sup> or after. Many of you are still waiting and are still receiving bills. If these bills are for services on or after May 5<sup>th</sup>, please check with me (314-894-6467) or with the SCI Social Workers to ensure that you have been placed in the catastrophic disability category. If you have not been placed in Priority Group IV due to catastrophic disability, call me or the SCI Social Workers so we can start the procedure to get your classification changed.

If you are already classified as catastrophically disabled but are still getting bills, please let us know. We need to address these on a case by case basis. As you know, it takes the wheels of bureaucracy time to turn.

### **New Conditions for Service Connection for Southwest Asia Service Beginning on August 2, 1990 (includes Iraq) and for Afghanistan on or after September 19, 2001**

The following conditions can now be service connected if manifest to a 10% degree or more within 1 year from date of release from active duty:

- Brucellosis
- *Campylobacter* Jejuni
- *Coxiella* Burnetti (Q Fever)
- Malaria
- Nontyphoid Salmonella
- Shigella
- West Nile Virus

There is an unlimited presumptive period (meaning the condition can manifest at any point in time after release from active duty) for Visceral Leishmaniasis and *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis*.

If you do not know what these medical conditions are, then you most likely do not have the disease(s). If you served in Southwest Asian countries or some of the supporting countries, seas, ports or even air space and were ever diagnosed with any of these illnesses, you might be eligible for service connection. And if you know someone who did serve in these areas and had any of these illnesses, they are welcomed to call a PVA National Service Officer for assistance. Our focus is on members and member eligibles, but we will assist any veteran whenever we can.



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### **Gateway PVA Expands Benefits for Members**

***Additional reimbursement/benefits approved at October 12, 2010 Board Meeting  
Automobile Adaptive Repairs and Home Accessibility Renovations***

***By  
Stan Brown***

1. At the October evening board meeting, the board discussed amending a recently approved policy to pay \$800 toward drivers' hand controls for vehicles. The board voted to increase the payment amount to \$1000, if necessary, for steering knobs and break extensions. Non-service connected members should contact the office to see if they qualify for this Gateway PVA grant.
2. The board also discussed the financial hardship and difficulty for non-service connected members to pay for their homes being renovated for accessibility. The board approved a \$2500 grant for home accessibility modifications for members whose injury/disease is not service connected. To be considered for this Gateway PVA grant, the non-service connected member must: 1) Have been eligible for and exhausted their HISA (Home Improvement Alternations) grant, or 2) Currently applying for a HISA grant, which will not cover the total expense of the renovation. All payments would be made directly to the vendors and would not overlap or duplicate payments made by other agencies or VA sources. If interested in this Gateway PVA grant, please contact our office. Payments will not be paid retroactively for work already completed.

## Winter Sports Clinic



All applications for the Snowmass, Colorado Winter Sports Clinic taking place March 27 - April 1, 2011, must be turned in to Matt or Charley by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in attending or for more information please contact Matt Luitjohan or Charley Wright at Jefferson Barracks VAMC: **314-894-6602**

## Meat Shoots

By  
Matt Luitjohan

On Sunday, December 12, 2010, at noon both the Oakville Elks and the High Ridge Elks will be hosting "Meat Shoots" to raise money for the VA's Sports program account. If you are available, please attend and show your support. They both do a lot to support the Vets so, as always a large turnout would be much appreciated.

If you have any questions please give Matt or Charley a call: **314-894-6602**



<i>November 2010</i>						
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 Winter Sports Clinic Apps Due	2	3	4	5	6 Veterans Day Parade at Noon / Down- town St. Louis
7	8	9 BOD Meeting 11:30 am	10	11 Veterans Day  Office Closed	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 JB Member Lunch @ Noon GAH III Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28	29	30				

<i>December 2010</i>						
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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5	6	7	8	9	10 Newsletter Articles Due	11
12 Oakville Elks & High Ridge Elks Meat Shoots @ Noon	13	14 BOD Meeting 4 pm	15	16 Noon—JB Luncheon & 1 pm Member- ship Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <div>Office Closed</div>	24	25  Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30 <div>Office Closed</div>	31 New Year's Eve	 Happy New Year!

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The Gateway Chapter PVA wishes to thank Master Harvey and the Kuk Sool Won Martial Arts group for putting on their annual demonstration to benefit charities.



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