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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT ANNIVERSARY

July 26 marks the 32nd anniversary of President George H.W. Bush signing of The Americans with Disability Act (ADA). This landmark piece of legislation prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in a variety of settings, including employment, state and government services, transportation and public accommodations. Although the ADA was a significant victory in the fight for disability civil rights, there is still more to be done. PVA continues to fight for legislation to improve the lives of paralyzed Veterans and all those living with disabilities, including for the passing of the Air Carrier Access Amendments Act, which would improve treatment of those with disabilities in air travel. Join PVAction Force to stay updated on important advocacy issues, and sign the petition to pass the Air Carrier Access Amendments Act today!

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JOSEPH (JOE) BADZMIEROWSKI, PVA Director of Field Services, spoke with PVA members this week about the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and the potential benefits the Games can bring for both Veterans and their families. Joe highlights the contributions PVA Leadership to the game and the potential future of the event. Joe also shares the importance of participating in the game and the potential benefits that can come from participating and being part of the PVA community. The National Veterans Wheelchair Games, hosted by PVA and U.S. Veterans Affairs (VA), is taking place in Tempe, AZ, July 7 – July 12. Athletes will compete in a variety of adaptive sports including boccia, power soccer, slalom and more. One athlete who shows exceptional drive and commitment to the Games will receive the "Spirit of the Games" award. Learn more about the Games on our website!

The PVA TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT for July is U.S. Air Force Veteran Kate. As a child, she was fiercely athletic, and she was inspired by her father's military service to join the Air Force right out of high school. Eventually, she transitioned to the Army, where she worked as a combat medic and then a field nurse. Her world changed when she became a paraplegic following a surgical complication. But she refused to give up. Kate joined the U.S. Paralympic Team and even set a new American record for throwing discus. With the help of PVA’s Veterans Career Program, she was also able to continue her life of service by landing a job as a recreational therapist at the Brooke Army Medical Center. Read her full story on our website.

PVA TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Ashley Driscoll interviews veteran PVA member Kate about her story and the benefits she has received from PVA.

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