



## 2022 NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES (NVWG) ONGOING



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 bocchia, 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](#) !

## ADVOCACY



## 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 [PVAAction Force](#) to stay updated on important advocacy issues, and [sign the petition](#) to pass the Air Carrier Access Amendments Act today!

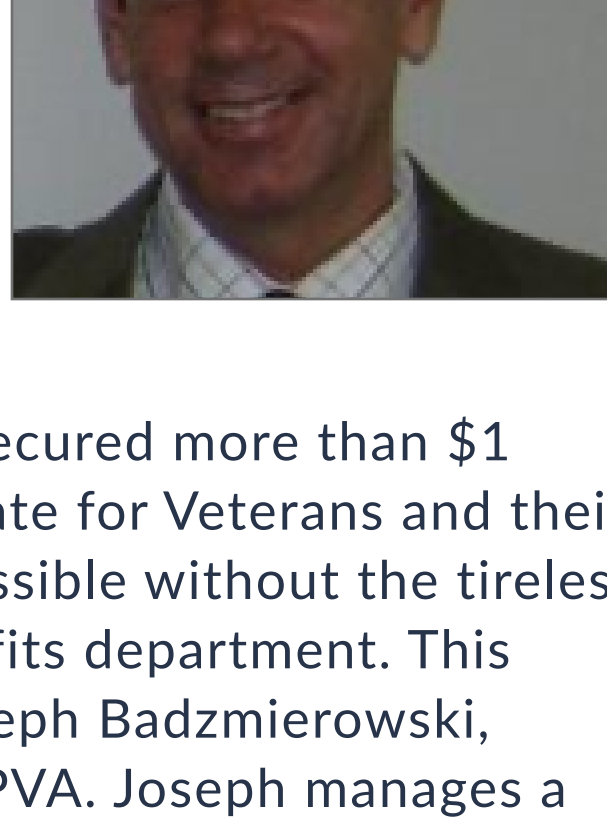
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## PVA TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

### JOSEPH BADZMIEROWSKI

PVA DIRECTOR OF FIELD SERVICES



Did you know that PVA has secured more than \$1 billion worth of benefits to date for Veterans and their families? This wouldn't be possible without the tireless work of PVA's Veterans Benefits department. This month, we sat down with Joseph Badzmierowski, Director of Field Services at PVA. Joseph manages a team of 75 National Service Officers who help Veterans and their families get the Veterans Affairs benefits they have earned through their service. To learn more about the direct impact Joseph and his team have had on Veterans and their families, read more in the interview on our website. To find a national service officer for yourself or a loved one, check out our [website](#).

[READ HIS INTERVIEW](#)

## FEATURED HERO STORY



## MEET KATE

U.S. AIR FORCE VETERAN

U.S. Air Force Veteran Kate has always been a fighter. 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.

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## PVA IN THE NEWS



**App Helps Drivers with Disabilities Fuel Up** (NBC Washington)



**Hoagland provides testimony on adding PVA member to Veteran's Advisory Committee** (Times Leader Online)



**PVA bass fishing tournament more about friends than fishes** (Southern Maryland News)

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