

PVA VETERANS CAREER PROGRAM UPDATE

August 2022

Do You Know About Schedule A Employment?



Meet Bradley Glass, an Army veteran and PVA member with 100% disability for Multiple Sclerosis. In January 2022, Bradley was referred to our Minneapolis-based Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Jim Arndt, by Brent Follas, who is the Senior PVA National Service Officer based in Kansas City, MO.

Bradley presented a strong work ethic, was completing his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and was working multiple marketing and business positions. He was looking to find a career that would afford him new opportunities and align with his career goals.

Jim worked with Bradley on his job search, tailoring his resume, and honing his interview skills. Bradley was interested in federal service and applied for a position as a Claims Examiner with the Social Security Administration. PVA's Veterans Career Program maintains positive relationships with many companies and agencies, and was able to connect him with the Midwest SSA recruiter. After completing his interview, Bradley was offered, and accepted, the position using the Schedule A program.

Schedule A gives the federal government permission to hire people with significant disabilities for jobs within the federal government without requiring them to compete against non-disabled jobseekers for those positions. Federal agencies hire Schedule A employees on a probationary basis. This means that Schedule A employees work on trial basis and, at the end of the probationary period, if they have earned positive reviews for their job performance, they may be eligible for conversion to a career-conditional appointment within competitive service.

Congratulations Bradley!

IMPACT + OPPORTUNITIES

14 Client Placements

- 13 Paid Employment
- 1 Education/Training
 - 12 Veterans
 - 1 PVA Member
 - 2 Family Members
- The average salary for the 11 clients placed in full-time employment was \$67,007; and the average salary for the 2 clients placed in part-time work was \$17,940..



2022 PVA Healthcare Summit + Expo



For the first time since 2019, the PVA Healthcare Summit + Expo returned in-person August 28 - 31, 2022 at the Omni Dallas Hotel in Dallas, TX. The Veterans Career Program was honored to attend, assist at the PVA info booth, and learn more about medical and technological advances that improve the quality of life for those with spinal cord injury/disease.

For over ten years Paralyzed Veterans of America has expanded its commitment to spinal cord injury/disease (SCI/D), MS, and ALS patient care through its Summit. Summit is an intensive, three-day learning and sharing experience that provides the most updated and vital information, state of the art research, and emerging science, which can be put to immediate use in caring for individuals with SCI/D, MS, and ALS. Attendees representing multiple disciplines from the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as private health-care institutions come together to network, collaborate, and share knowledge. With its collaborative, holistic team approach to improving patient care, Summit is the one "must attend" conference of the year. Summit presented more than 60 plenary and break out sessions, 24 poster presentations, with up to 17.25 continuing education credits available.