

# Southeastern Chronicles



February 2026—March 2026

## A Tradition of Giving



### The 26th Annual Augusta Toy Run Brings Holiday Hope

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## **“Building Visibility, Strength, and Service in the Year Ahead”**

### **President’s Report**

I am pleased to report that the Southeastern chapter is going into this new year in good shape. We are working every month to increase our public profile and visibility in all the right ways. I would like to recognize all the effort that has been put into the increased visibility. First, I would like to recognize our outstanding administrative assistant, Mrs. Evett Williams. Evett has been the chief architect of the redesign of our website, the Facebook page, and this newsletter. She deserves far more recognition than I can give her here. Next, I’d like to recognize our Executive Director, Hollis Bush. I can’t do my job as the president of our chapter without all his knowledge and experience.

Of course, the backbone of the Chapter is our Board of Directors. Their diversity of experience and knowledge is something I rely on to keep us moving in the right direction.

We are blessed to have members and volunteers who also serve the chapter by chairing committees and serving on current standing committees. With our Southeaster Challenge coming up at the end of March (March 27-29) I would like to recognize Mark Sosebee and his committee of volunteers for all the many hours of work they are putting into this stop on the PVA’s Bass Tournament Series.

As I’m working on new activities and updates in our chapter, I hope that others who are not already serving on other committees will agree to serve on new committees, both standing and ad hock committees. In the coming weeks and months chapter volunteers will be starting to call as many of our 1500 members as we can reach out to. All such calls will be made from our office, and not from our cell phones. One of the questions will be if you are interested in working to support the chapter and it’s activities. You don’t need to live close to Augusta to be a chapter volunteer.

## **Significant Dates**

- 11 Feb 2026 at 10:00am EST Board Meeting via Zoom and In-Person
- 11 Feb 2026 at 1:00pm EST Membership Meeting via Zoom and In-Person
- 11 Mar 2026 at 1:00pm EST Membership Meeting via Zoom and In-Person
- 27-29 Mar 2026 Southeastern Challenge Bass Tournament
- 01 Apr 2026 at 10:00am EST Board Meeting via Zoom and In-Person
- 01 Apr 2026 at 1:00pm EST Membership Meeting via Zoom and In-Person
- 12-15 May 2026 PVA Annual Convention
- 13 May 2026 at 1:00pm EST Membership Meeting
- 09-11 Jun 2026 2026 Advocacy and Legislation Week
- 10 Jun 2026 at 10:00am EST Board Meeting
- 10 Jun 2026 at 1:00pm EST Membership Meeting
- 08 Jul 2026 at 1:00pm EST Membership Meeting
- 08-15 Jul 2026 2026 National Veterans Wheelchair Games

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From the Executive Director

*Hollis Bush*



## **“Progress, Participation, and Pride in the Southeastern Chapter”**

Southeastern Chapter Members,

Thanks for your continued support! The chapter continues to move in the right direction. From an operations point of view, processes are in place to ensure the chapter exceeds National PVA requirements by adhering to the PVA Chapter Administrative Manual (White Book) dated December 2025 and the PVA Administrative Guide (Red Book) dated December 2025.

I encourage members to thoroughly read the Southeastern Chronicles Newsletters and visit the chapter social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) for information on upcoming events, honoring membership, sports, recreation, women's empowerment, government relations and other spotlighted events.

- March 2026—Southeastern Challenge (Bass Fishing Tournament)
- June 2026—Advocacy/Legislative Seminars
- July 2026—National Veterans Wheelchair Games
- Other events for members to participate in

Since the chapter is doing well, awards are being submitted to National PVA to showcase the chapter's achievements. These awards are:

Bob Webb Excellence in Newsletter

Chapter Sports & Recreation

Chapter Website

John M. Price Most Outstanding Chapter

Stanley D. Brown Most Improved Chapter

Participating in your Chapter is key. Volunteering in support of the Chapter is honorable. Staying connected with members is lifesaving.



# REMEMBERING LEONARD “LEN” SELFON, ESQ., CAE: A CHAMPION FOR VETERANS AND PVA

By Larry Dodson

It is with great sadness and profound regret, we announce that the Paralyzed Veterans of America Southeastern Chapter (PVASE) and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) experienced a great loss on Wednesday, 14 January 2026. A friend as well as a staunch advocate for PVASE and PVA’s General Counsel Mr. Leonard (Len) Selfon passed away at his home in Germantown, MD. Len was an amazing man, always available and a wealth of guidance and leadership. He assisted PVASE with navigating the monitoring process bringing us back to a fully functional, thriving, and contributing chapter. And ours was just one among many.

Len was experienced in corporate law, nonprofit association law and management. He was certified in association leadership through the American Society of Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential. Len conducted governance and ethics training for many nonprofit boards of directors. He served on the Board of Directors for the Veterans’ Consortium Pro Bono Program as a director and its corporate secretary.

Mr. Selfon served as PVA’s General Counsel and as such he was our organization’s principal legal officer. Len was responsible for every facet of PVA’s legal affairs. He was also a vital part of PVA’s senior management team. Len was hired by PVA in July 2010 as Associate General Counsel after spending almost his entire professional career in the area of veteran’s law and advocacy. He was PVA’s Acting General Counsel from April 2012 to February 2013. In February of 2013 Len became General Counsel where he served with distinction until his passing.

Prior to joining PVA, Mr. Selfon served as Senior Vice-President for United Spinal Association and Vets First, as well as Director of Vietnam Veterans of America’s Veterans Benefits Program. In those positions, he managed a national network of veteran’s service representatives and directly represented veterans and their family members before the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) regional offices, the Board of Veterans’ Appeals and the federal courts.

Mr. Selfon also served as a legal consultant to The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program and, before that, as a senior appellate attorney in the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Office of the General Counsel.

During his well-regarded career, Len had the honor of testifying before Congress on veterans’ issues, engaged in broad-impact, class action litigation on behalf of veterans and all persons with disabilities. Len also provided basic and advanced veterans law and advocacy training to PVA’s chapters, including many veteran’s service representatives around the nation and in Puerto Rico.

Len leaves a professional and personal legacy of legal expertise, a focus on doing what is right, a passion for serving veterans and a life of thoughtfulness and kindness to others. He was both gracious and humble. His guidance and counsel have been invaluable to our chapter; he will be sorely missed by us.

Leonard (Len) J. Selfon, Esq., CAE I miss you, my friend!



National Director PVASE

*Rick Evans*

## "Looking Ahead: National Updates for 2026 "

As we move into 2026, our organization is launching an **innovative new Public Service Announcement (PSA)** in March, proudly featuring **three members from the PVA Southeastern Chapter**. Be sure to watch for its release in **March 2026**.

At the national level, PVA continues its strong advocacy efforts to improve **healthcare and benefits for veterans**, a priority that remains at the forefront of our leadership's work.

This year also marks our **80th Anniversary**, along with preparations for **National Elections in May 2026**. Members are encouraged to stay informed by checking their email regularly for updates on **new legislation and national initiatives**, shared through Constant Contact.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out directly. If I don't have an immediate answer, I will work with our leadership team to get one for you.

Rick Evans, National Director PVASE

*Rick Evans*

Sports/  
Recreation Director

## "Let's Go 2026!"

We are heading into 2026 with high energy and an exciting year planned for PVA Southeastern Sports and Recreation! We're kicking things off with our **Chapter Bass Tournament** on **March 27-29, 2026**. Members can register for either the **Boat** or **Bank Division**, with registration closing on **March 3, 2026**. Contact me directly or call the chapter for details.

We're also preparing for the **National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG)** and the **Golden Age Games**. Please note that funding requirements include **six (6) membership meetings** and **ten (10) volunteer hours**. There's still time to meet these requirements, but don't wait!

The chapter will offer training opportunities to help athletes prepare for the NVWG, along with upcoming **sports camps** in select disciplines. More information will be shared soon, so keep an eye on your email and chapter updates.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions, ideas, or concerns. Let's make 2026 a great year—**Let's Go!**

Rick Evans, Sports Director PVASE

# A Tradition of Giving: The 26th Annual Augusta Toy Run Brings Holiday Hope



December 7 marked more than just another date on the calendar for the Paralyzed Veterans of America Southeastern Chapter—it marked the continuation of a cherished tradition and a powerful reminder of what our community can accomplish together. Our 26th Annual Augusta Toy Run was a resounding success, bringing together veterans, riders, families, organizations, and friends with one shared mission: to ensure that military families in need experienced the joy and warmth of the holiday season.

Each year, the Toy Run stands as a symbol of generosity and unity, and this year was no exception. Thanks to an incredible outpouring of support, donations of toys, mone-

etary contributions, and other essential items were collected to benefit The Christmas House at Fort Gordon, Georgia. These gifts helped provide holiday support to 800 children across 440 families, making a meaningful difference during a season that can be especially challenging for many.

The success of the 26th Annual Augusta Toy Run would not have been possible without the dedication and generosity of our community partners and supporters. We extend our deepest gratitude to the Augusta Bike Coalition, AECON, Barack Court #233, Mary McLeod Bethune Chapter #468, and Rosetta Parker-Austin of Watchmen House Inc., along with the many individuals and families who contributed. Your commitment to service and compassion embodies the spirit of the holidays and the values we strive to uphold as an organization.

For more than two decades, the Augusta Toy Run has grown into a beloved tradition—one that reflects the heart of our Southeastern Chapter. What began as a simple effort to collect toys has evolved into a powerful community movement that brings together people from all walks of life.



Riders arrive on their bikes, volunteers lend their time and energy, and donors give freely, all united by the belief that no child should go without during the holidays.

Beyond the numbers and donations, the true impact of the Toy Run is found in the smiles it creates and the hope it delivers. Because of this collective generosity, hundreds of families at Fort Gordon were reminded that their community cares deeply about them. For the children who received gifts, it meant excitement and joy. For parents, it meant relief and reassurance. For all involved, it was a reminder that service and kindness can change lives.

As we reflect on this achievement we do so with immense pride and gratitude. The 26th Annual Augusta Toy Run is a testament to what can be accomplished when compassion meets action. It reinforces our mission as the Paralyzed Veterans of America Southeastern Chapter—not only to support our veterans, but to strengthen the communities in which we live and serve.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s Toy Run a success. Because of you, a long-standing tradition contin-



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**PVA BASS TOURNAMENT SERIES** **Stop 2**

# SOUTHEASTERN CHALLENGE

**Thurmond/Clarks Hill Lake, Evans, GA**

**March 27-29, 2026**

Hosted by: The Southeastern Chapter, PVA

Cut Off Date: 03/13/2026

**Tournament Contact:**

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**Host Hotel:**

Best Western West

452 Park West Drive, Grovetown, GA 30813

**Marina Information:**

Wildwood Park

3780 Dogwood Lane, Appling, GA 30802



# 2026 Southeastern Challenge Additional Information

**11 February 2026 at 1:00pm EST** during the **Membership Zoom Meeting**, Mark Sosebee (Tournament Director) will discuss the tournament and answer questions.

**11 February 2026 at 6:00pm EST** during the **Southeastern Challenge Zoom Meeting**, Mark Sosebee (Tournament Director) will discuss the tournament and answer questions.

## **Below is a Tentative Schedule of Events for 2026 Southeastern Challenge**

### **Friday, 27 March 2026**

Location: PVA Southeastern Chapter Headquarters, 4010 Deans Bridge Road, Hephzibah, GA 30825 Office number: (706) 796-6301

5:00 - 7:00pm Registration

6:00 - 7:00pm Social Hour

7:30 - 9:00pm Partner Pairing

### **Saturday, 28 March 2026**

Locations: Open Fishing - Wildwood Park, 3780 Dogwood Lane, Applying, GA

Bank Fishing - Bradford Family Pond, 2003 Chamberlain Ferry Road, Lincolnton, GA 30817

TBD Continental Breakfast/Open Competition Check-in

TBD Loading and Boat Launch at First Safe Light

TBD Bank Competition Check-in

TBD Bank Competition Begins

2:00pm Bank Competition Ends

3:00pm Open Competition Weigh-in

TBD Partner's Appreciation Dinner (at Wildwood Park)

TBD Bank Individual/Open Awards Presentation

### **Sunday, 29 March 2026**

Locations: Open Fishing - Wildwood Park, 3780 Dogwood Lane, Applying, GA

Bank Fishing - Bradford Family Pond, 2003 Chamberlain Ferry Road, Lincolnton, GA 30817

TBD Continental Breakfast/Open Competition Check-in

TBD Loading and Boat Launch at First Safe Light

TBD Bank Competition Check-in

TBD Bank Competition Begins

2:00pm Bank Competition Ends

3:00pm Team Competition Weigh-in

TBD Bank Team/Team Awards Presentation

## **Hotel Information**

### **Best Western Augusta West**

452 Park West Drive

Grovetown, GA 30813.

(706) 651-9100

**Event/Group Name:** Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans of America

**Guaranteed Rate:** \$75.00 plus tax (K/QQ) for March 27-29, 2026.

### **Hotel Booking Link**

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.11194.html?groupId=1B9WP7K2](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.11194.html?groupId=1B9WP7K2)

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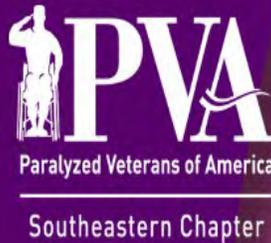
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## “Building Stronger Connections Through Women Empowerment”

First, our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for March 25th. There will be emails coming out with that link, as well as a reminder email. At the previous Zoom gathering, we had our first dynamic conversation. We talked about what we can do during these talks, and issues we'd like to explore in our future events. I'm looking forward to having even more women participating in the March meeting.

If you have not joined the PVA Women Empowered Facebook group, please do that soon. There's always interesting information, and conversations going on in this group page. You will also find the dates for all the upcoming Chill & Chat Zoom get togethers there.



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# WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

## Zoom Meeting

March 25, 2026  
2:00 PM EST  
(US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82429159225>

Meeting ID: 824 2915 9225

## Local Issues

I have in past articles repeated the phrase “all politics are local”, and in this article I’m going to get into an issue happening in North Augusta, SC. We have a local park area called Brick Yard Ponds. It has 3 ponds, and walking trails which are mostly accessible. Up until a couple weeks ago the largest pond, “West Pond”, which has an accessible fishing dock was a legal fishing pond. It was also the only safe fishing area in North Augusta, for people who have mobility related disabilities. It’s said that the “boat launch” fishing decks are suitable fishing locations for those of us who are in wheelchairs or using scooters for our mobility. I’ve gone there, and they’re not. Someone had suggested fishing from the boat launch ramp itself, but it’s far too steep to be safe.

The next issue is the overall lack of available parking near the ponds, and there’s no ADA parking at all. If you drive a lift or ramp-equipped vehicle, you will have a difficult time finding enough flat space to open and get in and out of your vehicle.

To park in the stadium deck garages, and access anything but the stadium or surrounding attractions you must roll out and hope you won’t be run over as some sidewalks and curb cuts are closed for construction. Also, the ADA parking spaces, although they may meet the legal requirements, don’t come close to meeting the needs of the community who need accessible parking, especially those who drive vehicles that have ramps and/or lifts. This will be an ongoing process to get it fixed.

### BAND OF BROTHERS MAKES GENEROUS DONATION TO PVA SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER



The Paralyzed Veterans of America Southeastern Chapter is proud to recognize and sincerely thank **Band of Brothers** for their generous donation of **\$3,638.00** in support of our mission and the veterans we serve.

This meaningful contribution will directly support programs and services that enhance the lives of paralyzed and disabled veterans throughout the Southeastern region. From advocacy and outreach to recreational opportunities and peer support, donations like this allow our chapter to continue making a real and lasting impact in our community.

The support of organizations such as Band of Brothers reflects the strong bond that exists among those who believe in honoring service, sacrifice, and the ongoing needs of our nation’s veterans. Their generosity stands as a powerful reminder that when communities come together, meaningful change is possible.

On behalf of our members, leadership, and staff, we extend our deepest gratitude to Band of Brothers for their commitment to our veterans and for standing alongside the PVA Southeastern Chapter. We look forward to continuing this shared spirit of camaraderie and service in the months and years ahead.

# Equitable Relief: A Lifeline for Veterans

For many veterans, navigating the complexities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability claims process can feel like a battle in itself. Delays, errors, and administrative oversights can significantly impact a veteran's ability to receive timely benefits. Fortunately, the VA offers a crucial safety net: the Equitable Relief Policy. This policy allows the VA to correct its own mistakes and provide relief to veterans harmed by those errors.

Understanding this policy can be critical to securing the benefits you deserve.

## What is Equitable Relief?

Equitable Relief, under 38 U.S.C. § 503, is a mechanism that allows the VA to retroactively adjust the effective date of a veteran's disability compensation claim or provide other forms of relief when the VA itself made a mistake that demonstrably prejudiced the veteran. It's essentially a way for the VA to acknowledge and rectify its own errors, placing the veteran in the position they should have been in had the mistake never occurred. This can be a game-changer, potentially unlocking significant back payments and ensuring a more accurate ongoing benefit amount.

## Common Scenarios Where Equitable Relief Applies

Equitable Relief is not a blanket fix for every issue. It applies in specific situations where the VA's error is the direct cause of a veteran's loss. Some of the most common scenarios include:

**Lost or Misplaced Claims:** A veteran files a timely claim, but the VA loses or misplaces the paperwork, causing a delay in processing. This is one of the most frequently cited grounds for equitable relief. Imagine a scenario: Sergeant Miller files a claim for tinnitus shortly after separating from the Army in 2010. The VA misfiles the claim, and it isn't discovered until 2015. Without Equitable Relief, the effective date would be 2015. However, with Equitable Relief, Sergeant Miller could receive benefits dating back to 2010.

**Erroneous Information Provided by the VA:** A VA employee provides incorrect information that leads a veteran to delay filing a claim or to take action detrimental to their claim. For example, a VA representative incorrectly tells a veteran that a particular condition is not service-connectable, causing the veteran to delay filing a claim until years later when the error is discovered.

**VA Processing Errors:** Errors in the VA's processing of a claim, such as failing to request necessary medical records or improperly rating a disability, can also be grounds for equitable relief if they cause a significant delay or loss of benefits.

# Equitable Relief: A Lifeline for Veterans

**Failure to Act on Notice of Intent to File (NOIF):** A veteran submits a Notice of Intent to File a claim, which preserves an earlier effective date, but the VA fails to act on it within the required timeframe. If the claim is subsequently filed after the NOIF expires, equitable relief might be appropriate.

## **The Burden of Proof: Demonstrating VA Error and Prejudice**

The veteran bears the burden of proving both that the VA made an error and that this error caused them financial harm or other prejudice. This requires gathering evidence to support your claim. Evidence might include:

**Copies of original claim submissions:** Proof that the claim was filed in a timely manner.

**Correspondence with the VA:** Letters, emails, or records of phone calls documenting erroneous information provided by the VA.

**Medical records:** Demonstrating the existence and severity of the disability during the period in question.

**Affidavits:** Statements from the veteran and any witnesses corroborating the circumstances of the VA error and its impact.

It is essential to present a clear and compelling case demonstrating the direct link between the VA's error and the negative impact on the veteran.

## **How to Request Equitable Relief**

A request for equitable relief should be submitted in writing to the VA. The request should clearly explain:

- The specific VA error that occurred. Be as detailed as possible, providing dates, names, and any supporting documentation.
- How the error prejudiced the veteran. Explain how the error caused a delay in benefits, a lower rating, or other financial harm.
- The specific relief requested. Clearly state what you are seeking, such as an earlier effective date or a retroactive payment.

# Equitable Relief: A Lifeline for Veterans

## **Appealing a Denial of Equitable Relief**

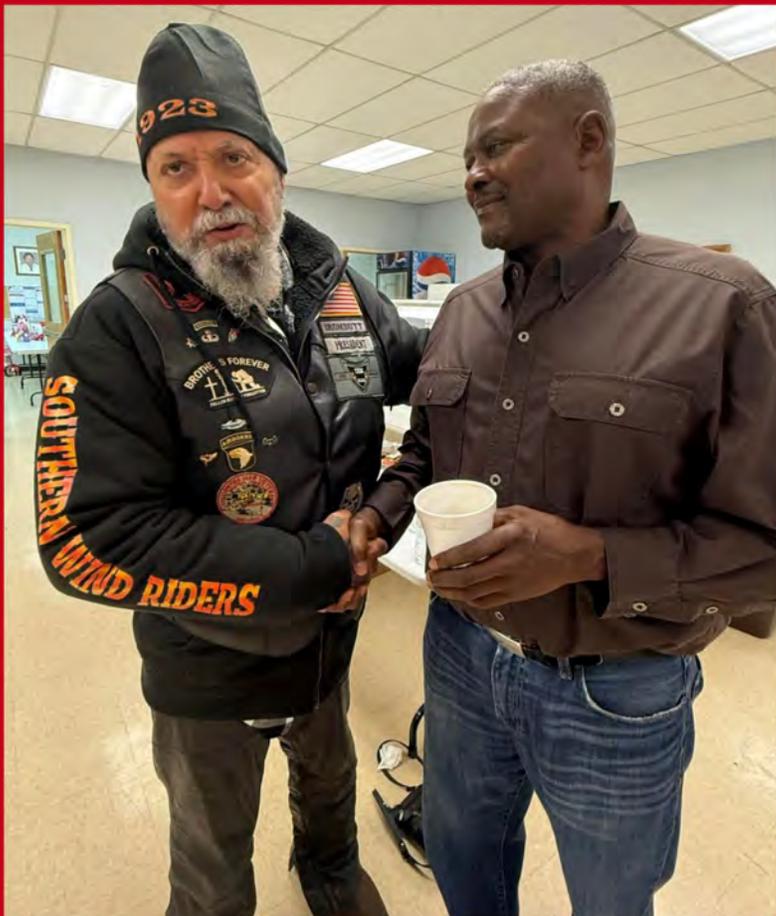
If the VA denies your request for equitable relief, you have the right to appeal that decision. The appeals process follows the same structure as other VA claim appeals, potentially involving the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) and, ultimately, the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC).

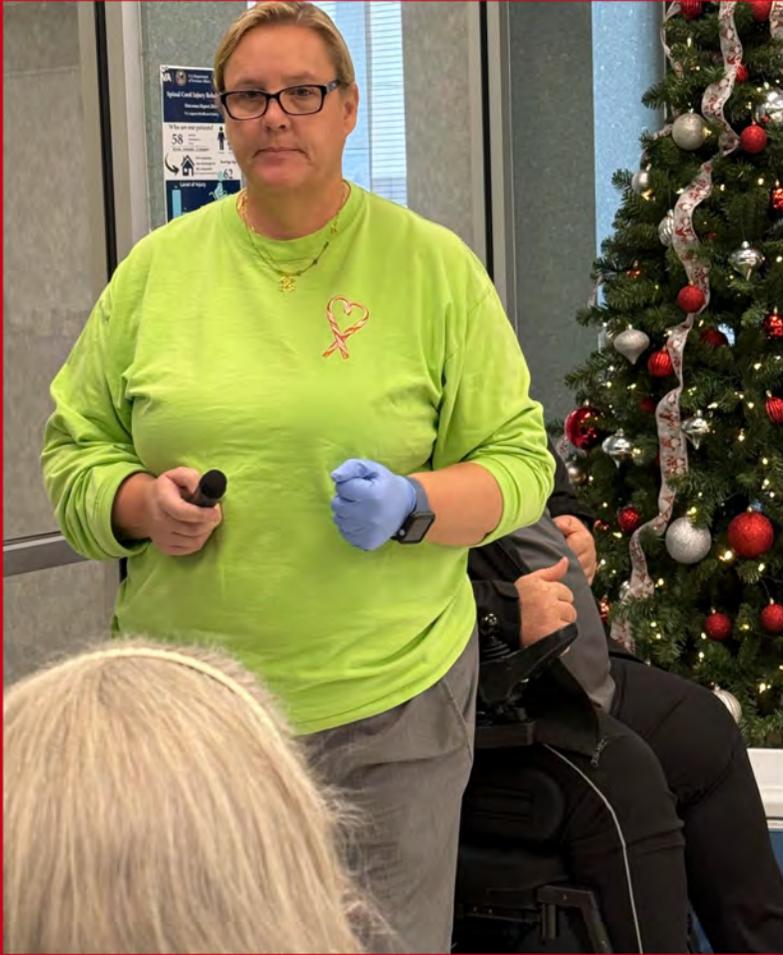
## **Why Equitable Relief Matters**

The Equitable Relief Policy is more than just a bureaucratic procedure; it's a vital mechanism for ensuring fairness and accountability within the VA system. It acknowledges that the VA, like any large organization, is prone to errors. By providing a pathway to correct those errors, the policy helps to ensure that veterans receive the benefits they are entitled to, based on their service and sacrifice. Navigating the VA claims process can be daunting, but understanding and utilizing the Equitable Relief Policy can significantly improve a veteran's chances of securing the benefits they deserve. If you believe you have been harmed by a VA error, seeking legal counsel and pursuing equitable relief may be the key to unlocking the benefits you have rightfully earned.

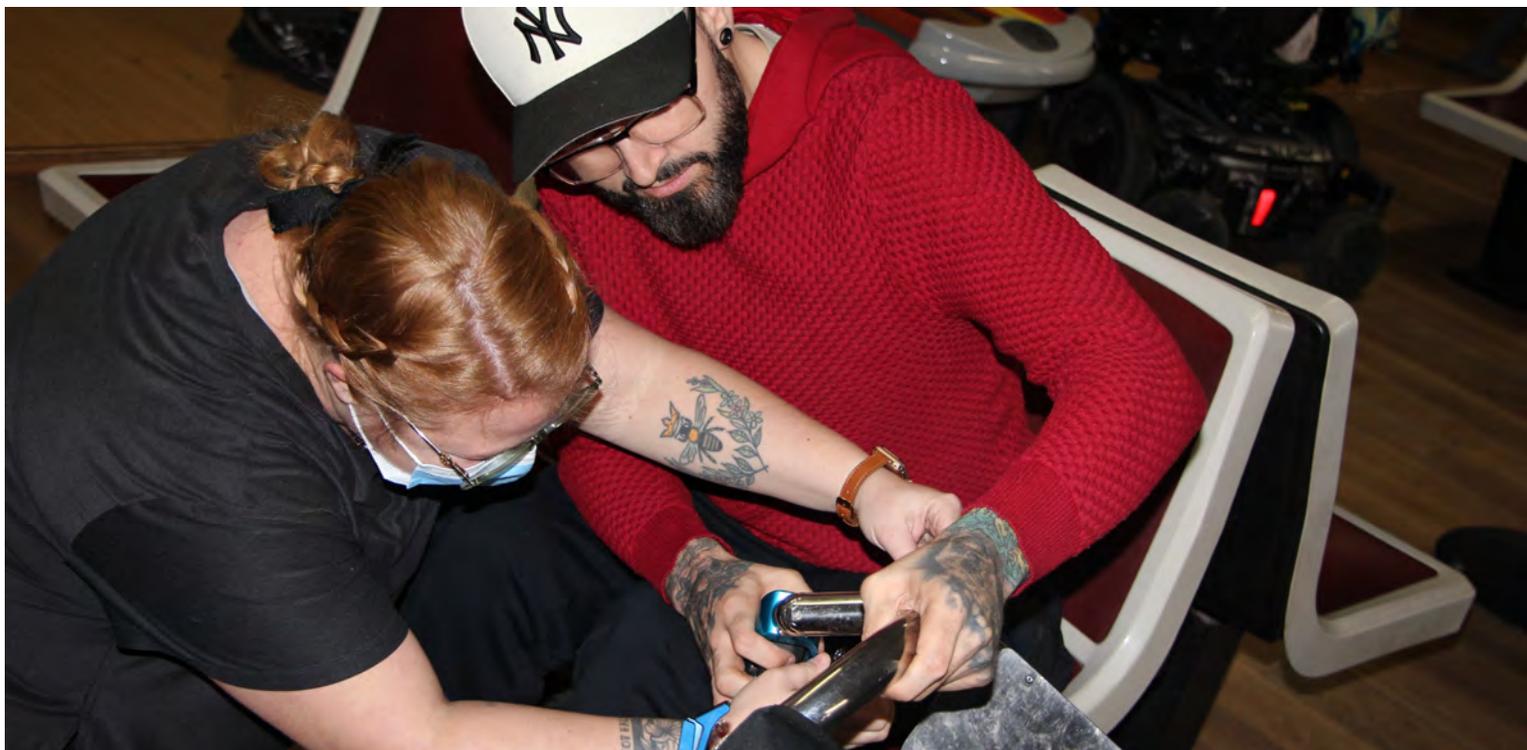
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## **Justin Hall and Mackenzie Snider work together to repair a wheelchair wheel, ensuring safety, reliability, and independence.**



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## DEC—FEB 2026 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan D. Jarvis  
Richard W. Gunter  
Daniel Woolworth  
James S. Walters  
Alexander D. Stewart  
Linda Y. Abney Wilson  
Randy W. Lounsberry

### CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

Robert Van Metre  
Eugene Wages  
Tommy Byrge

### SERVICE CONNECTED TOTAL

Yes: 799  
No: 697

### New Members

7

**Total Membership: 1,497**

### Period of Service Total

World War II: 1  
Korean Conflict: 21  
Vietnam Era: 574  
Peacetime : 814  
Gulf War: 379  
Iraqi Freedom: 193  
War in Afghanistan: 228

### Age Range Total

25-34: 17  
35-44: 62  
45-54: 155  
55-64: 340  
65-74: 476  
75-84: 371  
85-94: 73  
95 and Over: 2  
Not Available: 1

### Count by State

AL: 73  
GA: 691  
NC: 177  
SC: 343  
TN: 57

### Transferred out of the Chapter

1

### Transferred into the Chapter

0

# Southeastern Chapter Membership

**Chapter Membership Director:** Michael Bishop

## Membership Leads:

**Asheville, NC:** Dewayne McGowan

**Atlanta, GA:** Jason Dills

**Augusta, GA:** Michael Bishop

**Birmingham, AL:** Vacant

**Charleston, SC:** Joseph Gethers

**Columbia, SC:** Joseph Gethers

**Dublin, GA:** Keith Thompson

**Montgomery, AL:** Vacant

**Mountain Home, TN:** Dewayne McGowan

**All membership meetings will be conducted via Zoom unless otherwise communicated.**

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The Paralyzed Veterans of America – Southeastern Chapter deeply appreciates your generosity. Your donation helps us provide vital support to veterans living with spinal cord injuries and diseases.

You can give in the way that works best for you:

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• **Online via PayPal**

• **Through Facebook Fundraisers**

Every contribution makes a difference. Thank you for standing with our heroes.



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