

**PLEASE RSVP BY
SEPTEMBER 30th**

**Menu selections for
the Jack Sanders
Banquet are:**

Roast Prime Rib or
Chicken Forestière



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"Improving Lives...Building Futures..."

Note from David Fowler, President—In last month's newsletter I addressed the issue of volunteering with regards to TPVA/PVA. We do have many volunteers that step up to the plate and help out for events, such as manning booths at expos, helping out in the VA or attending our fundraisers. However, this only addresses part of the problem. Who will step up and lead PVA or TPVA in the future? This is a question that needs to be addressed. We are working to answer this question. However, the solution ultimately remains with you, "Our Members."

With Texas going through the drought and the number of wildfires that are sweeping across our state, I have asked our national office to send down information about PVA's Disaster Relief Funds. If you have suffered losses from these wildfires and meet PVA's criteria then please contact your local NSO office or us here at the chapter office.

Congress recently passed a resolution declaring that September becomes National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month. A recent statistic shows that one person in the US becomes paralyzed every 48 seconds. That comes out to approximately 1,800 people per day. This definitely makes one sit back and ponder just how many are out there who don't know about PVA or TPVA.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. It's estimated that 85% of veterans with a disability are unemployed. The VA and PVA are working hard to address this issue by reintegrating veterans with disabilities back into the workforce. Both entities have an active Vocational Rehab program with counselors who are working hard to help resolve this issue.

In this past Legislative Session, HB-3616 was passed which designates October as "Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month." This bill will encourage Texas schools and state agencies to celebrate the accomplishments of people with disabilities. During this time, these schools and agencies will have an opportunity to highlight the achievements of Texans with disabilities who have made significant contributions to the state. It will also be an opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary Americans who led the way in the disability rights movement. For more information about this as well as links to other sites that will help get the message out please go to the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities website at http://governor.state.tx.us/disabilities/resources/disability_history/.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone to keep sending in those volunteer hours/points. The new Winter Sports Clinic registration packets have arrived and are available upon request through your Recreational Therapists or the chapter office. This year the Winter Sports Clinic will be held from March, 25th through the 30th and are due into the chapter office no later than October 31.

EDITORS APOLOGY—in the August newsletter we thanked the coaches who went to the NVWGs to include Angel Avila. Angel did not go to the games, but Gary Garcia did, so thank you Gary.

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Hello TPVA members, A few updates concerning things going on in Spinal Cord Injury Center to tell everyone about. First, we still only have two physicians in the outpatient clinic, so this leaves the clinic shorthanded with only Dr. Fredrickson and Dr. Campbell running things right now. They hope to have another physician coming on board October 1st, but nothing is definite yet. Please the diligent about keeping up with your prescriptions, letting the outpatient clinic know as soon as you can about prescription refills so that you do out of medication. The pharmacy is complete and the PVA office has been moved to its new location in the recreational room.

On October 13, TPVA will be hosting a small barbeque for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Spinal Cord Injury Center. Please come out and celebrate with us.

There will not be a membership meeting in October due to the Jack Sanders banquet. The next meeting will be on November 3rd and the Thanksgiving dinner will be held on November 17th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We still need someone to volunteer to help Alvin Guerrero with the fishing and hunting/outdoor sports. He is working full-time and just needs a helping hand to make some phone calls and talk to sponsors. If you would be willing to help, let Alvin know. Thanks, Anne

SO TX SATELLITE OFFICE—JOHN TAYLOR, DIRECTOR

The family weekend this year was not very well attended, in fact there were only eight individuals at the barbeque. Since we had already paid for 50 servings, I had them pack the remaining food and it was donated to Metro Ministries who feed over 400 meals a day to the homeless and those in need.

The fishing was not much better attended, but we did have some winners. Friday evening, 1st place went to Bill Maier, 2nd to John Barefoot, and 3rd to Bill Maier. Saturday's fishing was not much more productive, 1st went to Bill Maier, 2nd to John Barefoot, and 3rd to Bill Maier. There were no children on Friday or Saturday. Sunday was a little better; Buddy Jacob took 1st place with 2nd going to Bill Maier and 3rd to Adam Sack. On Sunday there were some children, Adam Maier was in 1st place with 2nd going to Alexander Flores and 3rd to Brian Maier. Those that attended the fishing seemed to have a good time. I would like to give a big thanks to both John Barefoot and Steve Aguilera for all the help they gave this weekend.

Don't forget to register for the bank and pier fishing on October 1st to be held at Marker 37 Marina. You will have to furnish your own gear, but dead bait will be supplied. You can start fishing around 8:00am. At lunch time there will be hamburgers with all the fixins' or chopped bbq beef sandwiches with potato salad, and there will be sodas and water available though out the day. Hope to see a bunch of you down here for this. Marker 37 is located right after crossing the high bridge to Padre Island. As soon as you cross take the first exit, you will see it to the right from the bridge. After the exit follow the road to the right and through the left hand turn you will see it a little to the left as you finish going through the curve.

Gabe Diaz de Leon, Sports and Recreation Director said this offer we got through our website, sounds great, their web site looks good and it is easy to navigate to get the forms needed to participate.

My name is Jason Geroianni and I am the Director of a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (EIN 26-2463908) called "Pressing On", in San Antonio. We provide intense exercise-based training for spinal cord injuries and others living with physical disabilities, such as MS, traumatic brain injuries and amputees. As of August, in addition to our personal one-on-one training, we are opening up our gym to the physically disabled community to use for free. I am not aware of another facility like this in the area and we are hoping that this approach will enable us to reach out to a larger portion of the disabled community, such as the injured veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Please email for more info and see us at www.pressingontx.org for more details. Thank you!

October 2011

Dove hunting everyday during dove season, central zone. By appointment only.
Call Chapter office for info.
800-933-4261

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Bank & Pier Fishing—
2	3	4	5	6	Jack Sanders Banquet San Antonio	TPVA Member Board Meeting—San Antonio Doubletree 9 a.m.
9	Golf Tournament San Antonio The Quarry	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	OKTOBERFEST-MED VA SCI Houston Member	Austin Satellite Member Forum Noon @ the Satellite Office	So TX Satellite Member Forum—John Taylor 361-225-2360	21	Kids Day Fishing—Corpus Christi 10 a.m.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	San Antonio Satellite Member Forum 5 dinner/6 mtg	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	Veterans Day Parade & Dinner @ Huntsville 6 p.m.	Veterans Day Activites—Huntsville State Park
13	14	15	Austin Satellite Member Forum Noon @ the Satellite Office	Thanksgiving-MED VA SCI 12 noon So TX Satellite Member Forum, John 361-225-2360	18	19
20	21	22	23	THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	26
27	28	29	30			

FUNDRAISER
If you golf or someone you know does, please register for our 3rd Annual TPVA Golf Tournament Monday, October 10th The Quarry Golf Club 210-824-4500 444 E. Basse Road San Antonio, TX 78209