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Hello to one and all on this fine Autumn day. I'd like to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to attend the 61st Annual National Paralyzed Veterans of America Convention, at St. Louis, Missouri in

August 2007.

This was a good learning experience; not only because it was my first time at a convention, but for being a new and learning President. The teaching was quite valuable for me as a "Newby", and also for the Chapter. There was much insight toward the ins and outs of the whys and why nots of surviving life in the PVA.



Ron Hoskins, Colonial Chapter, Art Hardy, National Director APVA, and Benjamin Garcia, President, APVA.

These are many photos' taken at convention, showing the sternness, and concentration of the members who did attend. There was also much fun and laughter, especially with Ron "Who Speaks" Hoskins, who repeatedly forgot to mention his name or his chapter before speaking.



To see the sights, and lights of St. Louis, and the Gateway Arch, which my wife kept calling the Golden Arches, (but don't tell her I told you). I felt the people there were quite friendly, and willing to offer of themselves to assist a person in need.

The spouses were taken to a place where they were pampered with oils, and fragrances from who

knows what. They also received body massages, and my wife was very happy with that part of the conference.

I'd like to take this time to congratulate the many people taking office at convention for the first time, and kudos to those who remained in office for another term.

This is all for now. God Bless you guys, (you ladies know what I mean).

Stay Warm, Stay Free, and God Bless America,

Happy Holidays to all

President, Benjamin Garcia
Arizona Chapter, PVA



Fellow Veterans:

Many of you may have seen recent articles in The Arizona Republic critical of what the paper claimed was the lack of support by the Arizona Department of Veterans Services for a "Veterans Expo" hosted by the city of Chandler. It suggested that ADVS support has slipped through the cracks because of so-called "organizational issues."

The full story is that after ADVS organized an Expo in Chandler last year, the City of Chandler decided to host an event again this year. We enthusiastically supported that effort. I personally visited the Chandler expo and, as always, it was a first-class event.

While the tone of the Republic articles was disappointing, it does provide me with an opportunity to discuss with you how ADVS is looking for better ways to reach and serve the community.

There are about 600,000 veterans in Arizona. Last year, in addition to the Chandler event, we directly hosted expos in Phoenix, Peoria, Sierra Vista, Flagstaff and Tucson. And we were glad to do that.

But it was reported back to me that total combined attendance was only about 1,000. Put another way, only one veteran out of every 600 we are committed to serving actually got a chance to participate.

We believe there are better ways.

First, in managing our outreach effort, we are going to rely more on our local Veterans Benefit Counselors, the people specially trained to work with and in the community to ensure that our veterans understand and can access all services.

ADVS recently opened offices in Bullhead City, Kingman and Show Low. We are in the final stages of opening an office in Safford and are looking at a number of other communities where we should have a presence.

I am especially focused on adding locations in rural Arizona. We are determined to reach all veterans who have earned and deserve reasonable access to our services -- and to their benefits. We are even evaluating a number of motor vehicles for use as mobile offices to reach veterans in the more remote corners of the state. Our goal is to have no veteran more than a one-hour drive away from an ADVS Counselor wherever they live in Arizona.

ADVS also is supporting efforts to reestablish the Veterans Intertribal Council to address Native American Veteran issues. Further, we are assisting in training tribal Veterans Counselors to allow them to attain their certification. Five members of the Navajo nation have just been certified under this program and will serve veterans within their communities.

The federal government sets aside three percent of its procurement budget for certain veteran-owned small businesses. The Small Business Administration has several programs to assist veteran business owners. ADVS is working on a program to assist veteran-owned businesses and, more specifically service-disabled veteran business owners, to use these benefits and to compete for this government business. While this outreach effort is in its beginning stages, we already are looking to host a small business symposium this coming spring. We believe this program has huge potential for our veterans and for this state.

To demonstrate the breadth of our activities, ADVS is working with several other agencies to relocate the remains of over sixty soldiers buried in Tucson during the 1800's to our cemetery co-located with Fort Huachuca. We are also working with a number of veterans groups as they raise funds for Carillons (automated bell towers) to be constructed at the National Cemetery in Cave Creek and at the ADVS operated veteran's cemetery in Sierra Vista.

All of which brings me back to the question of the Expos.

I always have believed that Veterans Benefit Counselors who live and work in local communities are the ones who have the most contact with local veterans. They are the ones who know the needs of each area -- and the ones who are in the best position to determine what outreach efforts make the most sense.

Where they believe it is appropriate -- and where local communities are willing to provide support -- we will continue to facilitate Expos. We are currently preparing for an Expo in the Globe-Miami area; and Payson, Kingman and Yuma are in the planning stages.

But we also are thinking bigger. Rather than having an event and hoping people come, we are seeking out events where veterans are likely to congregate and bring our services to them. These can include job fairs, sporting events, car shows, post and base exchanges, gun shows, rodeos and Veterans Day events.

The bottom line is that we are a dynamic agency, always looking for new -- and better ways -- to reach the veterans of this state. Our commitment to serving the veterans of this state has not -- and will never -- waiver.

Sincerely,

Gregg Maxon, Director
Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

PN/Sports 'N Spokes Editor Cliff Crase Dies at 68;

Advanced Disability Community through Sports, Publications & Leadership



Washington, DC—Clifford D. Crase, longtime editor of *PN* (Paraplegia News) and *SPORTS 'N SPOKES* magazines, passed away in Ontonagon, MI, on August 15, 2007 from complications of pancreatic cancer.

Crase had entertained and enlightened *PN*'s readers for years, first as sports columnist and later as editor (*PN*, 1978 until his passing; *SNS*, 1975 until his passing). A longtime leader within Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans), Crase made a significant contribution to the health, welfare, and rehabilitation of people with SCI/D, and

there was no better voice for wheelchair sports and recreation.

"I always called him the Godfather of Paralyzed Veterans," said National President Randy L. Pleva, Sr. "He was always there through thick and thin, through good times and bad. I know that our loss will be our Eternity Chapter's gain, where I know he will be watching over the Paralyzed Veterans family, now and forever."

A member of the U.S. Air Force, Crase was stationed in the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean areas from 1956 to 1959. He sustained a spinal-cord injury (C6-7) as the result of an automobile accident in 1959 while an Air Force navigator.

Crase attended the University of Illinois, graduating from the Illinois College of Business in 1967. He was a member of Paralyzed Veterans' Vaughan Chapter, and became an Arizona Paralyzed Veterans life member in 1968.

Crase served as Paralyzed Veterans national sports director for 10 years, after achieving great success as a national and international wheelchair athlete. He was a competitor primarily in track & field and swimming, holding the world record in the breaststroke from 1967 to 1969. As a member of the U.S. Wheelchair Team, he won 33 national and 32 international medals. He claimed eight national titles.

He was inducted into numerous sports halls of fame, and in 1969 received Paralyzed Veterans' prestigious Jack Gerhardt Athlete of the Year Award. In 1988, for his "significant contributions to the health, welfare and rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities," Crase received the National Courage Award from Courage Center in Minnesota.

Cliff, his wife Nancy and their daughter Victoria Anne lived in Phoenix. Memorial contributions can be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America Crase Sports Fund, 801 Eighteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.



Hello Everyone

The Pow Wow was a success. There were 71 dancers in colorful costumes and about 500 spectators.

Participants were from various places including Oregon and Louisiana. The food was terrific and the dance category winners received some good prizes

In the month of August, I attended the National Convention in St. Louis, MO. For five days. The Convention covered many issues; NASCAR and



an offer by Richard Petty being just a couple.

Richard Petty and Art Hardy

In September, I

participated in the PVA events at the Navajo Nation Fair which lasted seven days. National PVA's Bo Rollins, NSO's Marco Rossi (Arizona), Jean Dougherty (New Mexico) and PVA Vice President Bill Lawson were all on hand to represent PVA and give out information.



Bill Lawson

PVA's sponsored racecar was towed in the parade, but unfortunately could not be driven due to lack of proper insurance. The Navajo spectators would have liked to seen it driven.



BAM NASCAR



We all had fun at the 2007 Navajo Nation Fair.



Tucson Fundraising Gets Going

By Karen Gialle

ON Saturday Sept 8, 2007 our first Tucson event to raise money for the 2008 National Veterans Wheelchair games occurred. It was an Irish Feis at the Tucson Convention Center. In case you don't know what an Irish Feis is I will attempt to inform and educate you. A Feis is a competition event for Irish dancers who enter to show off their incredible Irish dancing skills. It is mainly for children who compete from the littlest ages up through high school and even college.



Each competitor can enter various sections of the competition including a skip, a reel and a light jig among others. They then dance on a raised wooden floor in front of judges. They have beautiful very elaborate costumes including wigs which definitely enhance the performance. Please see the accompanying pictures included which show some dancers and their beautiful costumes.



The Feis included a special benefit "Light Jig" contest and any dancers could enter this for raising money for our Arizona Team for the NVWG. There were probably about 30 dancers who entered and we all got to watch them perform just for us. Judges then awarded prizes for 1st place thru 5th place. The Tucson Wheelchair Athletes who attended this event sat included Joe Chitty, Steve Hymers and wife Jackie, Jack Grams and wife Duree, Jim McCammon and wife Janis, Pam Foley and husband Michael and of course myself. After the performance I gave a quick talk to the dancers about the NVWG and then our athletes presented the winners with their medals and prizes. It was a fun event and we raised I believe, \$350 for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games for 2008.



The Tucson SCI support group gets going again in Sept every Fri 1:00 Pm in Bldg 60 Room C108 .Please see your schedule which just mailed out early Sept . If you need a schedule call Joe Chitty at 574-0129 as he has more. We have many fundraising opportunities listed as well as upcoming guest speakers ,APVA meetings, and outings. We need your participation and bodies now to **SHOW UP.**

Minnesota – Wisconsin

Aug. 16th, Sept. 5th, 2007

By Dave Riske

August in the Valley of the Sun can be brutal. So, my wife, Bee, and I determined to escape to the cool North woods of Wisconsin. The storied Chippewa Flowage, southeast of Hayward Wisconsin; would be where we spend most of our three week stay. Hayward is home to the National Lumberjack games. During our stay, we attended a demonstration of the events, chopping, sawing, tree climbing and log rolling. A must see if you ever find yourself in this fine North Country.

We fly into St. Paul International Airport August 16th. We have rented a completely hand controlled car, a two door Monte Carlo, from Budget Rent-a-Car. This is a large car, but still a squeeze for all of our luggage and my wheelchair. Budget has a special toll free number specifically for those requiring adaptive driving devices.

We are off for a weekend family get-together and a



Surprise 60th Birthday Party for the older of my two brothers. We pull it off; the look on his face said it all, as we sang Happy Birthday as he opened the door. It rains, but the pig roast and the comradery with all of my seven siblings is very special.

August 20th. The drive to

The Landing, our Chippewa Flowage Resort, is a comfortable three hours through beautiful Wisconsin countryside. The Landing, located right in the middle of the 17,000 acre Chippewa Flowage, was recently acquired by the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Chippewa, and completely remodeled. The Landing has six cabins, and one apartment. Pon-

toon rental is available; we would do our fishing from this boat. We stayed in the completely wheelchair accessible 'Loon' cabin.



Manager Denny and Patty Reyes, and the Staff, even moved furniture to make our stay the best it could be. This, the largest cabin, has three bedrooms and could hold up to twelve people. Plenty of room to relax if it rained. We were fortunate; it rained, for the most part, at night.

Now, for the real story, and my reason for choosing The Chippewa Flowage and The Landing. The Chippewa Flowage is known as the Musky Capital of Wisconsin. More record Musky are caught here than anywhere else. The World Record Musky, all 63 inches and 69 lbs, was caught out of the then named Herman's Landing, over Pete's Bar, in 1949. I am here to fish for Musky. I have contracted with Dan Siebert, to be our guide for four days of Musky fishing. Dan will provide the equipment and drive the boat. Many of you may know Dan as one of the founders of Fishing Has No Boundary. We fish with bait suckers that are bigger than most keeper fish. Of course, when you fish for big fish, 45 inches or more to be a keeper; you must use big bait. I get three roll overs, but no Musky. A roll over is when the Musky takes a look at your bait, but declines



lunch. I settle for six Northern, the largest 28 inches. They are all put back. Bee has to settle for losing her bait, hook line and sinker, twice. Dan says either a small Musky or Northern. They both have very sharp teeth. There was plenty of nature, both scenic and critters. A

unique phenomena on the Chippewa Flowage, are its floating Islands. These are sections of flooded bog that break loose from the bottom, and float. First reeds, shrubs, and finally trees create islands that drift with the changing winds. As we pass, our boat wake makes the trees sway and nod to our passing. Our first evening at the restaurant, we watched a Great Blue Heron catch and eat her fish dinner, as we enjoyed our Walleye dinner. We would see



Eagles, young and mature. There are eighteen active nests on the Flowage. We saw Loons daily,



and heard their haunting cry both day and night. That is truly the sound of a wilderness. We saw ducks, geese, Osprey, one deer, one bear, one mink, and many smaller critters. As we left the Landing August 30th, we saw eight wild turkeys along the road.



Our Labor Day weekend was spent on our Wisconsin Farm, east of Wausau. My brothers, one of my sisters, and one of my many Wisconsin cousins joined us. We all had four great days of camping, 'Stone Boating', nature, a nice eight point buck was spotted; and as always, brats cooked over our traditional

campfire.

September 4th we returned to St Paul to catch our September 5th flight to Phoenix and home. Despite the 100 degrees, it is good to be back at this, my second 'home'.



Telephone Pioneer Park

Nestled behind a fence of wrought iron and block is what apparently remains to be a well kept secret in the form of Telephone Pioneer Park. Located just North of Bell Road and Grover, off of 19th Avenue at 1946 West Morningside Drive.

With construction beginning in 1983 on 7.5 acres of land, the members of Telephone Pioneers of America set out to design what would come to be known as Telephone Pioneer's of America Park (TPP), the first barrier-free park in the nation. In this highly commendable endeavor, the founders of TPP boast that the Park is "a place where people of all abilities can enjoy recreation together, with no one left on the sidelines".

While in the Park, what can be seen are the park amenities: two ramadas and picnic areas, one in front and one in the back; the all accessible playground; one diamond and another large grassy area for softball; courts for basketball, handball and over –the-line; exercise stations; a beautiful and totally accessible swimming and therapeutic pool; and a Recreation Building.

What you do not see is what takes place inside the recreation building. Housed inside are the offices of Adaptive Recreation Services, a section of the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. This office plans and offers exciting, outdoor adventures for folks who have disabilities. There are two elements to the programs offered: Mainstream Expeditions & River Rampage, and Daring Adventures.

Mainstream Expeditions is a multi-day river-rafting trip offered once every summer for adults. Applications are accepted from all over the country. River Rampage is a multi-day river-rafting trip for teenagers from the Phoenix Valley that is offered three times every summer.

Daring Adventures is the heading given to seven fantastic outdoor activities offered seasonably by the Office. These seven adventures include adaptive cycling, hiking, backpacking, camping, cross-country snow skiing, kayaking, and sled ice hockey. Each program begins with an orientation and has all the gear you will need to successfully participate and learn that particular activity.

It is exciting and fun to learn the skills for the programs listed above in a safe environment with other people who want to play! This is also the perfect opportunity to try these activities if you have always wanted to, or if you are thinking of purchasing your own equipment you can try ours first.

Telephone Pioneer Park and Adaptive Recreation Services have much to offer to those of you who are looking for a new sport or recreational pastime. Don't wait for another season to pass you by, call today! For more information, please call the number(s) listed below.

Adaptive Recreation Services: (602) 262 - 4543

News from Tucson

by Karen Gialle

Well finally it is getting cooler and you know what that means. It means Karen is again in serious training for El Tour , the 109 bike race around Tucson on Sat Nov 17, 2007. Why does she do it? I ask myself that question over and over when I am riding. It must be how good it feels when I stop and get off the bike. Seriously though keeping in shape is why I do it and then none of the wheelchair athletes can ever moan and groan to me about their events at the wheelchair games.

As you all know by now Tina our LPN in the SCI clinic in Tucson left for North Carolina end of July. So far there is no new LPN but I hear one has been hired and just hasn't started in the clinic yet. More on this next time. For now Cindy Bakko is the RN and the ONLY one in the clinic so keep that in mind when you call or need something. Cindy is doing the very best she can with lots of responsibilities.

Well we continue to keep our names in the headlines here in Tucson. Steve Hymers and Karen Gialle , both Oro Valley residents, were highlighted in The Oro Valley Magazine for Oct 2007. A short piece and a great picture was done showing our intrepid athlete and his nagging coach with the splendor of Oro Valley in the background. Our Arizona team for 2007 was mentioned as well as our continued efforts to fund raise for 2008. Oro Valley suggested to us that our group go to other Town Councils and ask for funding just as we did with Oro Valley. I am hoping to encourage those of you out there to find out if we can present our funding plea to any other town councils in the area, i.e. Marana, Tucson City Council, Green Valley etc. All we need is 15 minutes to show the games video and short presentation. The more of this we do the more money we may make.

I received a Special Contribution Award from Dr Margaret Hammond ,National Director of SCI Program in Seattle in late Sept for my continued participation in SCI education throughout the years. That was quite a surprise and I was thrilled.

For 2008 we are again planning a motorcycle poker run March 9 and a 2nd Golf tournament in May . We will need help with these events.

The USA Power Soccer Team Are the World Champions!

The USA beat Belgium 3-0 to earn a spot in the Championship game. In the 2nd Semi Final between France and Japan, France defeated Japan 1-0, to set up a rematch with Team USA who they had tied with some 28 or 29 hours earlier.

What a game they played, In the match of Japan vs. Belgium for 3rd place. They were tied after regulation 1-1 and remained tied after 2 extended time periods which meant PK's (kicks from the penalty line) with each team making 4 goals it went too sudden death and Belgium's goalie blocked Japan's 2nd sudden death Kick to give Belgium 3rd place over Japan.

OK, some shall we say 30 hours after playing to a 1-1 tie, the French and Team USA hooked up for another battle. After the first half, it was France 1 and Team USA 0. It remained 1-0 until late in the 2nd half when Team USA knocked it up to 1-1, and that's the way the game ended, a tie once again. So they played OT and just like the Belgium, Japan game neither team was able to score in 2 extended time periods of play which meant PK's just like Belgium and Japan did in their game.

Team USA was the first team to kick, and both teams scored 4 goals setting up a sudden death PK. The score was USA, 1 France 1, USA scored on it's second attempt making it 2-1 and the French player made a mistake as he went too make his kick and the Team USA goalie made a move toward the ball and knocked it back up the court keeping the France team from scoring and gave TEAM USA its victory.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS !!!!!

Yes I say it again TEAM USA WINS and are the CHAMPIONS !!!!!!!!

I am so proud of our Team.

To view the game go to <http://www.xable.com>

Keep Smiling and God Bless,
Michael " Shady" Brady

The October Board of Director's Meeting and Luncheon in Marana, Arizona

Where is Marana, Arizona? Remember way back when this little hic-cup on the highway to Tucson was known for it's Sail Plane or Glider Port? Now look again, Marana has become an oasis of housing developments. But it still contains an unique flavor of Maze, Corn or is it Milo fields nearby.

Larry Lattomus discovered The Ora Mae Harn Park located on 44 acres of land that was the setting for the annual Fall BOD Meeting in Southern Arizona. However, after reserving our Ramada, Larry could not attend. We did miss Larry. The park is also patrolled by friendly Park Rangers on horseback. Of course the weather was wonderful, **It's October in Arizona!**



Our volunteer cooks:
Kathleen Livingston and Rusty Lassiter
And they did an outstanding job!
Thanks Ladies.

The Arizona Chapter, would like to thank each and everyone who attended this meeting and BBQ. It's always great to get together with members and friends from around the Tucson area.



President Benjamin Garcia presenting Kathleen Livingston with the Dwain Taylor Certificate for Voluntary Service . Kathleen has logged 628 hours over the past year for the APVA.
Congratulations Kathy!

And you too could become an award recipient. All it takes is for you to turn your volunteer hours into the Chapter office every month.



Discussion between Frank Rigo and Karen Gialle. It has to be Karen's favorite topic, the Vet Games.



Hi Hutch, Haven't seen you in a long time. Hutch also brought his well mannered friend Mocha.

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The State of Arizona offers a Charity Tax Credit program, where families can donate money to the APVA that can be specifically spent on the Chapters programs, such as funding the APVA sports program. The Arizona Chapter sends novices to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games held once a year in different parts of the United States. The Arizona Chapter also helps fund Wheelchair Basketball, Over the Line softball, Trap Shoots, and many more athletic endeavors for the spinal cord/d injured. The Chapter also has a Prosthetics Program that covers areas such as a lending closet, or we just give donated wheelchairs, shower equipment, crutches, walkers exercise equipment, bedding, blankets ect. to individuals in need. These are some of the many programs that the APVA needs funding with.

This is a win/win situation: the Arizona Chapter's programs will get help with funding, and the amount donated can be used as a tax credit for you the tax payer. Each year Arizona taxpayers are entitled to a \$200.00 tax credit on their state taxes by sending a check to a qualifying non-profit organization. The Arizona Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America is a qualifying 501(C) (3) charity. A check for \$200.00 or \$400.00 if filing jointly must be received at the Chapter office on or before December 31, 2007 to qualify for this tax break.

Think about this for a minute, you will be helping your Chapter and also helping yourself during the up coming tax season. Don't delay; December 31st will be here before you realize it.

This information is for reference only. Please check with your tax preparer to see if you are eligible to take advantage of this tax credit. **It's not too early to start thinking about your 2007 Tax Season!**

2007-2008 Calendar of Events

When	What	Where	Who
November 3-4 2007	9th Annual Basket Ball Blowout Wheelchair Basketball Tournament	Broadway Recreation Center Mesa, AZ	Gary Venjohn 602-790-7909
November 12 2007	VA Veterans Day Parade	Begins at 7th St & the VA	Paula Pedene 602-200-6279
November 20 2007	APVA Board of Directors Meeting	Chapter Office 8126 N 23rd Ave Ste J Phoenix	Pat 602-244-9168
December 17 2007	APVA BOD & Holiday Celebration	Chapter Office 8026 N 23rd Ave, Ste J Phoenix, AZ	Pat 602-244-9168
January 18-19 2008	Coyotes Sled Hockey	Alltel Ice Den	Paul 602-788-8655
February 8-10 2008	APVA Trap Shoot	Red Mountain Shooting Range	Pat 602-244-9168
March 9, 2008	3rd Annual Veterans Poker Run	Amer. Legion Post 36 5845 E 22nd St Tucson, AZ	Joe Chitty 520-574-0129
April 6 2008	3rd Annual Over the Line Tournament	North Phoenix Baptist Church Parking Lot Central & Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix	Gary Hershey 623-209-0311
April 26 2008	Barrier Buster Awards Luncheon	Sheraton Crescent Hotel I-17 & Dunlap Ave	Pat 602-244-9168
June 2008	BOD Meeting And Picnic/BBQ In the Pines	VA Hospital Ramada Prescott, AZ	Pat 602-244-9168

Any questions, or if you would like to add to the calendar please call the office at
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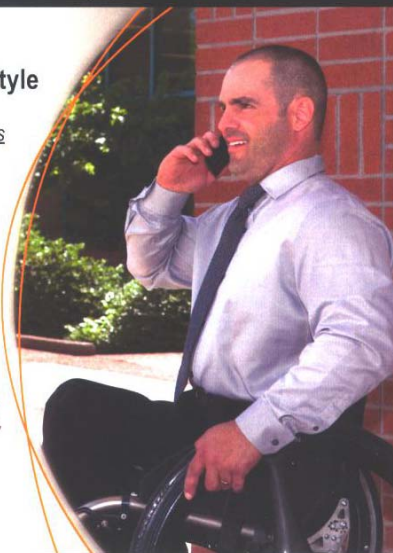
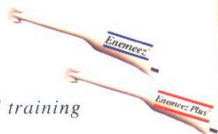
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602-244-9168



This year's **Thanks A Million** program begins Sept. 1, 2007 and will run through March 31, 2008. The first time you shop at Bashas' beginning Sept, 1, please ask the cashier to link you up to the **Arizona Paralyzed Veterans Of America** or our **ID number 28194** to your **Bashas' Thank You Card**. You only have to link your number once, and the link remains active until March 31. **Shop at Bashas', reactivate your Thank You Card and Bashas' will donate 1% of your total sales to the Arizona Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America!**

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT from The Arizona Chapter

The Arizona Chapter voting membership stands at **508** as of November 2007.

National and APVA records show our voting membership as:

280- Service Connected 228 - Non-Service Connected

The Arizona Chapter encourages each of our members to contact the Chapter and let us know how you are doing, and if we can help you in any way. If you know of any of our members who have passed away, or if you have an address/phone change, please contact the Chapter as soon as possible. Also, if you would like to receive the Desert Oracle Newsletter by e-mail, please call or e-mail the office with your e-mail address.

Do you know a veteran with spinal cord dysfunction who isn't a member of the APVA?

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