



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Mountain States Chapter

May 31, 2018

Dear MSCPVA Members,

As many of you are aware, The Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MSCPVA) have undergone significant leadership changes recently. The Executive Director and President have resigned from their official capacities. As your Vice President on the board of directors, I am the next in line to commence as the President of MSCPVA. This position officially went in effect as of May 20th 2018, by Hack Albertson, National Vice President. I have appointed David Ortiz, a current board member, to take on the role of Vice President. Mr. Ortiz brings a wealth of experience in advocating for veterans with elected leaders, advocating for veterans with the staff at the VA, and managing programs. So please join me in welcoming him into this new roll.

I am sure many of you want to know where our organization goes from here. Most important to be aware of is that we are operating business as usual. Donna DeBaca and Krystal McGee will retain their working positions. Office hours are unchanged, and events will not be postponed nor cancelled. All programs and resources continue. What IS CHANGING is your ability to influence our growth and evolution. Here is how you can help:

1. **Please join us for our Next Board of Directors Meeting.** June 13, 2018, at 10:30 am. The meeting will be at 12100 E Iliff Ave #120, in Aurora. This will give us a chance to reacquaint ourselves with each other and introduce the new leadership to you. This also gives you the opportunity to influence our next steps as an organization. If you are interested in participating via teleconference, please contact the chapter. Lunch will be provided so make sure you RSVP no later than, Monday June 11.
2. **Become a member of our board of directors (BOD).** We are looking for committed candidates that can dedicated their time consistently and want to be instrumental in molding the future of the MSCPVA.
3. **Become a committee member and influence how the BOD acts.** The real work of the organization comes from our committees that choose to specialize in certain topics and direct the board on how they should conduct the affairs of the MSCPVA. Committees will have the real power in creating events and shaping policy that the BOD will follow.

Our mission is to maximize independence and quality of life for service members and veterans that live with a spinal cord injury or illness. By empowering our members and providing them an opportunity to shape and mold our organization moving forward, we will increase membership, increase participation, and increase funding that our organization draws from to better serve you. **Please join us on June 13, 2018, at 10:30AM, at the Mountain States Chapter, we need your participation.**

At Your Service,

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