PAVE PROGRAM UPDATE

November 2019

WELCOME NEW STAFF
We recently welcomed two new individuals to PVA’s PAVE team:
Joel Hoots, M.S., CRC, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, San Antonio, TX: https://www.linkedin.com/in/joelhootscrc/
Domenick Lasorsa, MPS, Associate Director, PAVE Program, Washington, DC. https://www.linkedin.com/in/domenicklasorsa/

SUCCESS STORY
Joann Dickson-Smith, a medically-retired Lieutenant Commander for the U. S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHSCC), has always had a passion for public service. For over 20 years, Joann has been managing a Multiple Sclerosis (MS) diagnosis, but despite this challenge she has been able to find employment that allows her to do what she loves.

With the support and guidance of Paralyzed Veterans of America’s PAVE program, she works as a wellness trainer and continues her lifelong passion to improve public health by supporting the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Joann is thriving, and remains an active PVA Southeastern chapter member and Wheelchair Games participant. Learn more about Joann’s story at https://tinyurl.com/vb8atr2

IMPACT + Opportunities
17 Client Placements
• 15 Paid Employment Opportunities
• 2 Educational Opportunities

196 Total Placements through November

CLIENT PROFILE
15 Veterans/ Transitioning Service Members
2 Caregivers and Families
2 PVA Members

ADVOCACY
The busiest travel time of year starts with the Thanksgiving holiday. Paralyzed Veterans of America is raising awareness of the challenges people with disabilities face during air travel.
Support the fight for equal accessibility for all people by joining the mission at www.pva.org/travel.

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