

## Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

***“Asset Protection and Planning for a Loved One with Special Needs”***

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**Presenter: Frank L. Buquicchio, Esq., Vincent J. Russo & Associates**

**2:15 p.m – 3:15 p.m.**

***“Helping our Heroes” – “A Veterans’ Guide to VA Benefits & Services”***

This workshop will provide an overview of the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs’ (VA) benefits and health care programs. The discussion will cover the different kinds of VA benefits that are available to veterans, including disability compensation, pension, vocational rehabilitation and education, home modification and vehicle grants, insurance and health care services. VA Advocates will also address navigating the VA claims and appeals process.

**Presenters: Cedrian Wheeler and Waldeman Hernandez, Vets First, a program of United Spinal Association**

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

***“Accessible Travel & Vacation Planning- Updates & Interesting Destinations”***

ABLE to TRAVEL is a premiere, national organization dedicated to serving the traveling needs of people with disabilities. In addition to having many years of experience booking accessible trouble-free vacations, cruises and business trips, their agents are knowledgeable about the medical and health care needs of people with disabilities. They know the right questions to ask, ensuring your safe and enjoyable trip. Travel packages available.

**Presenter: Mary Peterson – ABLE to Travel [www.AbleToTravel.org](http://www.AbleToTravel.org)**

**4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

***“Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People – Service Animals & You”***

Man’s and Woman’s Best Friend. What’s cute, lovable, dependable, and provides unconditional support? Answer – Service Animals! This workshop will provide information on how service animals give support and assistance in your everyday life. You’ll also hear about the training process, the selection of the right animal as well as a hands-on-demonstration with the animals.

**Presenter: Canine Companions for Independence – Jessica Reiss**

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***“Wheelchair Sports – The Teams, the Games, The Passion”***

This is your opportunity to enjoy the fun and excitement of Wheelchair Sports. See a great presentation on Wheelchair Rugby, Softball, Sled Hockey & Marathons. Meet with the players, coaches and recruiters. Ask questions, get information and see the latest equipment.

**Presenters: “The Warriors” - Wheelchair Rugby – Brian Amundson; “The Aviators” – Wheelchair Softball – Tony Fitzgerald; “The RoughRiders” - Wheelchair Sled Hockey – Brian Blomquist; Peter Hawkins – NYC & LI Marathon winner.**

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***“Accessible Bathrooms & Home Modifications-Ensuring Successful Projects”***

Having accessible home modifications are a key factor for individuals who want to live and maintain an independent and active lifestyle. This detailed workshop will provide practical tips and information on how to select a qualified contractor and how to compare estimates. It will also provide an overview of various designs for home modifications, product selection and installation.

**Presenter: Frank Gucciardo, Frangeli Construction & Remodeling**

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