

Paralyzed Veterans Offers Resource that Provides Accessible Home Design Solutions

For those whose mobility is impaired, the most mundane features of a residence can represent an insurmountable obstacle. The recently published *Accessible Home Design: Architectural Solutions for the Wheelchair User (Second Edition)*, offers innovative yet practical solutions for achieving independence.

The authors, Thomas D. Davies, Jr., AIA and Carol Peredo Lopez, AIA have collaborated with hundreds of wheelchair users on home modification via their work at the Paralyzed Veterans. They have dealt with many common problems and have developed design solutions that have addressed each client's accessibility needs.

While the book will serve as an ideal resource for homeowners with disabilities and their families, the technical information contained within will provide important insights on home design and construction for builders and architects, as well. On the one hand, the book conveys how to design an accessible project. It includes descriptions of wheelchair users' techniques for performing daily activities such as opening a door or transferring into a shower. On the other hand, technical information takes the form of design details (such as recommended knee-space heights or door widths) or material characteristics (wheelchair travel over crushed oyster shell paths, for example).

Among the topics covered by the chapters are "Adding Elevators or Lifts," "Choosing the Right Doors," and

Founded in 1946, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization dedicated solely for the benefit and representation of individuals with spinal cord injury or disease. PVA is a dynamic, broad-based organization with more than 21,000 members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. To learn more about PVA, visit its Web site at www.pva.org.



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