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Our mission is to bring people with disabilities and the elderly complete access to new and pre-owned adaptive equipment, services, resources and events throughout Virginia and West Virginia

### About The Founders:

Rob Smith, has been a quadriplegic since 1980 as a result of a diving accident. Robert served eight years in the armed forces and retired as an E-6 Staff Sergeant.

Stella Smith, an RN, has been married to Robert since 1991. She brings her five years experience in Spinal Cord injury to Disabled Dealer Magazine. Since the V.A. she has worked as a Community Health Nurse with the Governors Healthy Start Program. She now dedicates 100% of her time to Disabled Dealer.

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### Publisher's Note

Welcome to the December 2011 issue of Disabled Dealer Magazine! Merry Christmas from Disabled Dealer Magazine, MITS of VA., and Independent LifeStyles! Thank you for allowing us to assist you with your Mobility needs this year, and we look forward to serving you in 2012!

### About the Cover



U.S. veterans make so many sacrifices for our freedoms," said Doug Eaton, president of VMI. "We're indebted for their service and believe our disabled vets should have easier access to mobility vehicles. That's why we teamed up with Paralyzed Veterans and the VMI Select Dealer Network to establish Operation Independence.

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### Mobile MAdvisor

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so my daughter could get her power wheelchair up into it without me having to transfer her into a seat. She is small in stature (under 80 lbs) so I am wondering if it is safe for her to sit in the front seat area in her wheelchair with the front air bag.

**A.** A great question which has not been asked since I have been writing this column. Safety has been a paramount issue with all the major lowered floor minivan converters as well as NMEDA dealers. Since the inception of the lowered floor minivan, manufactures have worked closely with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to address the safety of wheelchair seating positions and have provided safe, certified options for wheelchair users. In your case, the safe option is to have the passenger side air bag deactivated when the wheelchair passenger is riding. This is legal provided you have a registered NMEDA dealer do the install. Most deactivation kits have a key option which allows you to cut the air bag on or off depending on who is riding in the van. While the rider in the wheelchair is in the front passenger position the air bag is off and you would use the OEM shoulder/lap belt for safety and security or to make it easy and quick, an EZ Lock system would be the best. The whole key is having a certified NMEDA dealer do the air bag lock out and also the fitting for the securement system. Thanks for the question.

### Q. How much weight will my lowered floor wheelchair hold? Robert H.—VA.

**A.** In the conversion process of a lowered floor minioun the manufacture has removed parts, added parts and realigned parts. Keep those questions coming in and keep those wheels rolling thus changing the OEM specifications of the typical minivan. Without modification the carrying capacity including cargo and passengers would be about 1500 lbs. The conversion of most minivans adds weight so you have to deduct this from the OEM specification. Since about 2007 most converted

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> Q. I love my new van, however it is much smaller than the full size van that I am used to. I am trying to position an EZ Lock so my daughter can easily drive her power chair up the ramp and lock in. It would be wonderful if she could back into the lock instead of pulling into the lock as she did in the full size van. Is this safe? Marlyne B.—VA.

> A. In checking with the manufacture of EZ Lock, I was assured that IF the lock down was installed per their guidelines and that IF the pin and bracket on the wheelchair were installed per their guidelines then backing into the lock vs. pulling into the lock would be fine. Their testing results show the lock can be situated anyway needed to enable easy access. EZ Lock also recommends, and I am sure you have been, using a certified lap belt and shoulder harness for your daughter while she is riding in the van. I would NOT recommend you reinstall the old EZ Lock into the new van yourself. Their install requirements are quite specific and your daughter's safety depends on the proper installation. Your local NMEDA mobility dealer would be the best to fit and correctly install the EZ Lock.

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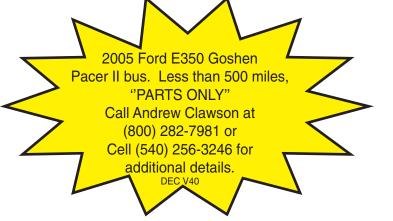
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### VMI AND PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA JOIN FORCES IN OPERATION INDEPENDENCE MOBILITY VEHICLE PROGRAM

PHOENIX – Nov 11, 2011 – Vantage Mobility International (VMI), a leader in the manufacturing and distribution of wheelchair accessible full-size and minivan conversions, and Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) have joined with VMI's Select Dealer Network to develop the Operation Independence campaign. This national Independence is so important to as it supports Paralyzed program in support of Paralyzed Veterans' Mission: ABLE campaign, is designed to help U.S. Veterans learn how to fast track the purchase of a mobility minivan with the support of Federal Grant 21-4502. "U.S. veterans make so many sacrifices for our freedoms," said Doug Eaton, president of VMI. "We're indebted for their service and believe our disabled vets should have easier access to mobility vehicles. That's why we teamed up with Paralyzed Veterans and the VMI Select Dealer Network to establish Operation Independence. Through this national program, we'll help raise awareness of the federal grant money that is available to "Like" on the VMI (Vantage Mobility International) fan page our vets to help them purchase a new mobility vehicle.

We'll also explain how the national VMI Select Dealer Network can fast track their purchase of a quality mobility van and provide important vehicle maintenance after the sale."

Operation Independence is a national program developed by VMI and the VMI Select Dealer Network and is supported by the Paralyzed Veterans. A portion of the program will educate veterans about Federal Grant 21-4502, which is available to disabled U.S. vets and was recently increased from \$11,500 to \$18,900. In addition to the grant, VMI is offering an additional \$1,000 coupon that can be used as cash back from the manufacturer or applied toward a down payment for veterans who qualify for the 21-4502 grant and who have not previously taken advantage of the 21-4502 Auto Allowance Grant. The VMI \$1,000 offer ends Nov. 11, 2012. The VMI Select Dealer Network, which is a national group of retail mobility vehicle stores, will support Operation Independence by working with disabled veterans and local Veteran Affairs offices and other federal government institutions to help expedite the purchase, build and delivery of a mobility-based vehicle. "We've found that a number of important government benefits like the 21-

4502 program, which provides a grant towards the purchase of a mobility vehicle of their choice, are under-utilized by eligible veterans," said Al Kovach, National Senior Vice President of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and a former Navy SEAL. "This partnership with VMI's Operation Veterans' Mission: ABLE campaign which enables severely disabled veterans to secure care, benefits and jobs and rebuild their lives. Together, we can leverage our efforts to improve mobility for disabled veterans by connecting them with the vehicles that fit their needs and ultimately help them achieve the independence and dignity they deserve." For more information about Operation Independence and how U.S. veterans will be supported through the VMI Select Dealer Network, visit the Operation Independence website. VMI will donate \$1 to Paralyzed Veterans for every Facebook (up to \$10,000).

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