

## TECHNOLOGY IMPROVING LIVES

A BRIGHTER FUTURE MAY BE AT HAND FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS FROM THE U-S, SOUTH AFRICA AND GREAT BRITAIN WHO LOST THEIR SIGHT IN COMBAT. IT'S THANKS TO THE PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF THE OPERATION PEER SUPPORT COMMITTEE OF THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION, OR B-V-A. THE VETERANS RECENTLY MET TO SHARE IDEAS AND LEARN HOW RAPID ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY CAN TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES. THE GROUP DISCUSSED ELECTRONIC MOBILE DEVICES AND READERS. THEY ALSO TRIED OUT INNOVATIVE INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS TALKING COMPUTERS, AUDIBLE MONEY IDENTIFIERS AND BAR-CODE SCANNERS, BIOPTIC TELESCOPES USED AS EYEGASSES, LAPTOP VIDEO MAGNIFIERS, HANDHELD AUDIBLE LIBRARIES, MOBILITY AIDS, AUDIBLE HEALTH MONITORING DEVICES, AND G-P-S PRODUCTS. FOR FUN, THE VETERANS ATTENDED A BASEBALL GAME AND ENGAGED IN TOURS AND SPORTS FOR THE BLIND. B-V-A INFORMS BLINDED VETERANS OF THEIR BENEFITS AND HELPS THEM ACCESS THESE BENEFITS. IT ALSO ADVOCATES ON THEIR BEHALF AND HEIGHTENS PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THEIR ISSUES. LEARN MORE AT (800) 6-6-9--7-0-7-9 AND B-V-A--DOT--ORG.