



TEXAS CHAPTER PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



It is once again my pleasure to present this year's Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America Annual Report. Our year started off with our Jack Sanders Annual Banquet and Membership meeting. We had Quarterly Board of Directors meetings which rotated to the different Satellite areas. This provided the opportunity for our membership in those areas to see how their Board of Directors works and the chance to get more involved. We also held special or extra meetings in order to deal with the organization's needs. These were done either by face-to-face or through teleconference.

This was the first year that the Texas Chapter formally established Satellites under PVA's direction. There was a brief learning curve for all of us, but by working together we've found that the process is not as difficult as it was originally perceived. Working with our National PVA Vice President Liaison and the National Office has also been a benefit during this past year regarding this time of transition.

The Texas Chapter has two VA SCI facilities that fall within its area of oversight; one in Houston and another in San Antonio. The Audie Murphy VAMC in San Antonio is an example where we work together in order to have a strong PVA presence by providing assistance in order to help insure that the best *quality care* is possible for our veterans.

The new chapter office is located in Houston across the street from the MED VAMC. We've found that this location is a great benefit to us with regards to volunteers helping and availability to our members.

Service Office

TPVA members can apply and obtain their veteran's benefits through two National Service Offices. Contact Carmen Gonzales (713-794-3682) or Buddy Osborne (713-794-7993) for the MEDVAMC in Houston. Contact Oren List (210-617-5275) at the Audie Murphy VAMC in San Antonio or Norm Hungerford (254-299-9940) in Waco. There's also strong outreach efforts in the outlying areas. There's a high presence of Chapter Members volunteering in our hospitals.

Chapter Administration

We maintain office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. TPVA is in full compliance with all the reporting requirements of National PVA. We obtain annual audited financial statements and file all required forms with the IRS, the state, and other entities, as required. As an all volunteer organization, we appreciate all those, including our staff and especially our families who have answered the call to help to make our chapter work through these challenging times. Staff: Bookkeeper Erin Bole and Administrative Assistant Sherry Kirkpatrick.

Liaison

We maintain an active relationship with the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC and the Audie Murphy VAMC and community-based outpatient clinics throughout Texas. We are also involved where health care is a focus, such as the SCI Hub/Spoke teleconference. A Chapter office is maintained at the MED VAMC. Additionally, we have an active presence in the SCI Units at both facilities.

Fundraising

In addition to the Houston Marathon, we attended the HALO Show in Tomball, and plan a barbeque cook off in March 2007. We continue to maintain our thrift stores in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Corpus and our bingo operation in Houston.

Advocacy/Legislation

The Chapter Advocacy Director Darrell Wilson and Legislative Director Glen Middleton attended the Advocacy/Legislative Seminar with the National PVA Staff. We had a great deal of success meeting with our Senators and Representatives during this visit to Washington. Our President, David Fowler and South Texas Satellite Director, John Taylor both met monthly with city officials in order to enforce the civil rights of our members. Accessible voting machines are in place so that our state's disabled population now has a voice.

Sports and Recreation

We had TPVA Member David Bradshaw coordinating many shooting sports events around the San Antonio/New Braunfels areas this year. Our goal is to have something for everyone. You can participate as novices or you can compete with others and show your skills. We also sent members to the NVWGs, Bass Fishing, Hunting and the Winter Ski Clinic.

Membership

This year our member count rose to a total of 568, both service connected and non-service connected. This is a result of combined outreach efforts by our NSOs and our hospital liaison activities.

Communication

We publish our Speedy Gazette monthly and more than 600 copies are mailed to members and other interested parties. Our website at www.texaspva.org is constantly updated and offers communication between our members, the Chapter, and supporters. The Chapter's website also provides the Speedy Gazette online.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the Years Ended September 30, 2006 and 2005

| Unrestricted Net Assets | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenues and Support | | |
| Grants and donations | \$ 173,994 | \$ 187,993 |
| Bingo operations, gross revenue | 981,884 | 1,325,421 |
| Thrift stores | 333,010 | 285,701 |
| Fund raising activities | 4,783 | 14,857 |
| Membership dues/fees | 3,850 | 880 |
| Interest | 15,302 | 5,110 |
| Other | 195 | 2,969 |
| Rental Income | 6,425 | 41,898 |
| Total Revenue and Support | <u>1,519,443</u> | <u>1,864,829</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Program Services: | | |
| Membership and benefits | 142,729 | 68,654 |
| Total Program Services | <u>142,729</u> | <u>68,654</u> |
| Support Services: | | |
| General and administrative | | |
| Personnel and administrative expenses | 214,919 | 157,662 |
| Other general and administrative expenses | 108,353 | 83,897 |
| Travel and meeting | 63,778 | 164,798 |
| Occupancy expenses | 11,936 | 55,909 |
| Depreciation | 25,306 | 14,758 |
| Bingo Operations | 887,995 | 1,267,729 |
| Total Support Services | <u>1,312,287</u> | <u>1,744,753</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>1,455,016</u> | <u>1,813,407</u> |
| Increase in Net Assets – Operating | 64,427 | 51,422 |
| Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets | <u>(2,062)</u> | <u>116,054</u> |
| Increase in Net Assets | 62,365 | 51,422 |
| Beginning Net Assets | 1,078,809 | 911,333 |
| Ending Net Assets | <u>\$ 1,141,174</u> | <u>\$ 1,078,809</u> |

Purpose

The purpose of Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (Texas PVA) is to help our members and their families, veterans, and all people with disabilities with accessibility issues, civil rights, VA benefits, transportation issues, and new laws to enhance the lives of people with disabilities. TPVA also advocates for veterans and individuals suffering from spinal cord injury or disease in order to assist them in integrating into mainstream society and to open all possible avenues towards living life to its fullest.

One of the ways that Texas PVA accomplishes its purpose is to promote the health and wellbeing of the disabled person. Texas PVA provides information and equipment to potential wheelchair athletes. Archery, basketball, boating, boating, football, sit-skiing, racquetball, rugby, swimming, tennis, track and field, and weightlifting are among the many sports and recreation activities in which our members can participate.

Mission

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members—veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

PVA will use that expertise to be the leading advocate for:

- Quality health care for our members,
- Research and education addressing spinal cord injury and dysfunction,
- Benefits available as a result of our members' military service,
- Civil rights and opportunities which maximize the independence of our members.

To enable PVA to continue to honor this commitment, we must recruit and retain members who have the experience, energy, dedication, and passion necessary to manage the organization and ensure adequate resources to sustain the programs essential for PVA to achieve its mission.

In Memoriam

David E. Baker, Donald J. Hedger, Thomas E. Jenkins, Carl W. Junker, David J. Mammel, William R. McCulloch, Ponce L. Newman, Ronald G. Sebolt

We regret if we have overlooked any of our members

Volunteer Thank You

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Pete Aguilera | Betty Bailey | Juan Banda | David Bradshaw | Daniel Castillo | Hope Cooper |
| Sherry Davis | Albert Ellis | Marilou Fowler | Geri Fuller | Doug Fuller | David Fuller |
| Fred Garraway | Linda Garza | Yolanda Garza | Juan Gonzales | Rebecca Johnson | Greg Joyce |
| Sherman Kendall | Kirby King | Caroline Kirkpatrick | Carolyn Lee | John Lee | Mary Lewis |
| Freddie Mader | Karry Mader | Evo Marini | John Martinez | Sean Michaud | Edie O'Guynn |
| Chris Post | Andy Roca | Ola Skweres | David Stewart | Shirley Townsend | Darrell Wilson |

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