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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**

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**ANNUAL
REPORT
2006 - 2007**

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Once again it's my pleasure to present this year's Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America Annual Report. As usual, our year started off with our Jack Sanders Annual Banquet and Membership meeting. We have a dedicated Board of Directors, and we schedule our quarterly face to face board meetings to rotate to the different Satellite areas. This provides the opportunity for our members in those areas to see how their Board of Directors works and the chance to get more involved. At those meetings we allow time for any and all members who show up to address the board with any pending issues, input, and/or concerns. We also held monthly teleconferences in between these quarterly meetings. At times we've had special or extra meetings in order to deal with the organization's needs. These were either done through face-to-face or by teleconferences.

The Texas Chapter formally established another satellite office in the Austin area to better help serve our members in that area. Our chapter's membership now has an option of three satellites with which to get involved. These satellites are located in Austin, San Antonio and South Texas (Corpus Christi.) Each satellite has monthly "Membership Forums" as well, in an attempt to help keep an open line of communication between the general membership and the Board of Directors.

The Texas Chapter has two full 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 chapter office is located in Houston across the street from the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC. We've found that this location is a great benefit to us with regards to volunteers, members and our most dedicated staff with regards to helping and assisting the chapter with functions or events/requests.

Service Office

TPVA members can apply and obtain their veteran's benefits through two National Service Offices. Contact John Kahler (713-383-2727) 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

The Texas Chapter's 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 out-patient 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 had a couple of barbecue cook off in March 2007. We also continue to maintain our thrift stores in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Corpus and our bingo operation in Houston.

Advocacy/Legislation

The Chapter Advocacy/Legislature Director Darrell Wilson 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 and the disabled communities as a whole.

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 NVWG's, Bass Fishing, Hunting and the Winter Ski Clinic.

Membership

This year our member count rose to approximately 600, both service connected and non-service connected. This is a result of combined outreach efforts by our NSO's and our hospital liaison activities.

Communication

We publish our Speedy Gazette monthly and more than 700 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, 2007 and 2006

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets		
Revenues and Support		
Grants & donations	\$ 350,419	\$ 173,994
Bingo operations, gross revenue	433,824	981,884
Thrift stores	364,138	333,010
Fund raising activities	18,444	4,783
Membership dues/fees	2,425	3,850
Interest	16,681	15,302
Other	4,774	195
Rental income	-	6,425
Total Revenues and Support	<u>1,190,705</u>	<u>1,519,443</u>
Expenses		
Program services:		
Membership and benefits	<u>221,336</u>	<u>142,729</u>
Total Program Svcs	<u>221,336</u>	<u>142,729</u>
Support services:		
General and admin		
Personnel and contracted services	166,335	214,919
Other general and administrative	109,294	108,353
Travel and meeting	7,861	63,778
Lake property	1,238	11,936
Depreciation	30,558	25,306
Bingo operations	<u>407,674</u>	<u>887,995</u>
Total Support Services	<u>722,960</u>	<u>1,312,287</u>
Total Expenses	<u>944,296</u>	<u>1,455,016</u>
Increase in Net Assets - Operating	246,409	64,427
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	<u>(561)</u>	<u>(2,062)</u>
Increase in Net Assets	245,848	62,365
Beginning net assets	<u>1,141,174</u>	<u>1,078,809</u>
Ending Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,387,022</u>	<u>\$ 1,141,174</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.

LET US TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US



*Guy H. Abbott
William H. Akard
Clint R. Baker
David E. Baker
Truman W. Bruno
Daniel Cain
Warren A. Charles
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