

**TEXAS CHAPTER  
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**

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**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2007 - 2008**

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**SBA**—Oren List

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## A Message from the President

It's my privilege to present this year's Texas Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America Annual Report. Once again, our year started off with our Jack Sanders Annual Awards Banquet and Membership meeting. We swore in a new Board of Directors at that time. We continue to meet quarterly at face to face board meetings and rotate to our three different Satellite areas, South Texas in Corpus, Austin, and San Antonio. This provides the opportunity for our members in those areas to see how the Board of Directors works and the chance to give input and get more involved. At most meetings, we are able to allow time for members to address the board with any pending issues 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 was awarded PVA's John M. Price Award for Most Improved Chapter which was made possible by all the hard work by the Board of Directors, the membership, the staff and the volunteers.

The Texas Chapter has two full VA SCI facilities, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC in Houston and Audie L. Murphy VAMC in San Antonio along with the Waco and Temple Spokes that all work to ensure TPVA Members have access to medical care.

As we enter our new fiscal year, I wanted to take a moment to ensure our members that as we face these economic woes, the Texas Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans' Board of Directors hold steadfast to the commitment to providing activities, and meeting the needs of our members. This annual report provides a detailed account of the work for and with our members. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Chapter President and I look forward to my continued service through this new year.

### **Service**

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 presence of Chapter Members volunteering in our hospitals.

### **Chapter Administration**

The Texas Chapter's office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. 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, with the exception of two paid staff members, 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 Amanda Saunders

Administrative Assistant and Newsletter Editor Sherry Kirkpatrick

### **Liaison**

We maintain an active relationship with the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC and the Audie L. Murphy VAMC and community-based out-patient clinics throughout Texas. We added a VLO, Jack Soto in Temple, Texas. Charlie Gray is the hospital liaison for Audie L. Murphy VAMC, and David Fowler for Michael E. DeBakey VAMC. We maintain an active presence at both facilities.

### **Fundraising**

This year we successfully executed our spring Bar-B-Q cook off and first annual golf tournament in August 2008. We also continue to maintain our thrift stores in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Ft. Worth, Garland, and Brownsville.

### **Advocacy/Legislative**

The Chapter Advocacy/Legislative Director Edward Mares 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 John Haynes, Secretary, 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. With Director Dick Morgan's leadership, we also sent members to the NVWG's, Bass Fishing, Hunting and the Winter Ski Clinic.

### **Membership**

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

### **Communication**

We publish our Speedy Gazette Newsletter bi-monthly and more than 700 copies are mailed to members and other interested parties. Our website at [www.texaspva.org](http://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 Newsletter online.

**TEXAS CHAPTER PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Years Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

	2008			2007
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	
<b>Revenues and Support</b>				
Grants and donations	\$ 191,657	\$ -	\$ 191,657	\$ 350,419
Bingo operations, gross revenue	-	-	-	433,824
Thrift stores	364,259	-	364,259	364,138
Fund raising activities	8,587	49,792	58,379	18,444
Membership dues/fees	3,930	-	3,930	2,425
Interest	128,124	-	128,124	16,681
Other	204	-	204	4,774
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-	-
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	30,485	(30,485)	-	-
<b>Total Revenues and Support</b>	<b>727,246</b>	<b>19,307</b>	<b>746,553</b>	<b>1,190,705</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program services:				
Membership and benefits	222,959	-	222,959	226,280
Sporting activities	30,485	-	30,485	-
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>253,444</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>253,444</b>	<b>226,280</b>
Support services:				
General and administrative				
Personnel and contracted services	149,703	-	149,703	166,335
Other general and administrative	122,022	-	122,022	105,540
Travel and meeting	21,828	-	21,828	6,671
Lake property	4,179	-	4,179	1,238
Depreciation	17,150	-	17,150	30,558
Bingo operations	-	-	-	407,674
Unrealized losses	259,855	-	259,855	-
Loss on disposal of capital assets	-	-	-	561
<b>Total Expenses and Losses</b>	<b>828,181</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>828,181</b>	<b>944,857</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>(100,935)</b>	<b>19,307</b>	<b>(81,628)</b>	<b>245,848</b>
Beginning net assets	1,287,072	99,950	1,387,022	1,141,174
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,186,137</b>	<b>\$ 119,257</b>	<b>\$ 1,305,394</b>	<b>1,387,022</b>

See notes to financial statements



## 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, 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.

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



*Daniel W. Dixon  
Jesse A. Land  
John C. Martinez  
John W. Murray  
Catherine E. Reilly*



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