

TEXAS CHAPTER
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

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A Message from the President

It's my honor to once again present this year's Texas Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's Annual Report. This year started off with our Annual Jack Sanders Awards Banquet and Membership meeting. The members enjoyed dinner, music and dancing and we also swore in the new Board of Directors. TPVA is now holding staggered elections that split the board up for our election process. This helps to ensure that your board maintains some sort of experience among the officers. We continued to meet quarterly at face-to-face board meetings and rotate these meetings to our three different Satellite areas, South

Texas in Corpus, Austin, and San Antonio. This provides an opportunity for our members in those areas to see how the Board of Directors works and the chance to give input as well as have an opportunity to become more involved with the organization. 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 Satellites have monthly membership forums for the members to receive and give information from the Satellite Directors. These forums also give the local area members a timely update of what's happening in their chapter and lets them socialize with other area members.

The Texas Chapter has two full VA SCI facilities in its area, the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC in Houston along with ten spokes and Audie L. Murphy VAMC in San Antonio and its spoke in Temple that all work to ensure that both PVA and 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 while we face these tough economic times, the Texas Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans' Board of Directors will continue to 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 four National Service Offices. Contact John Kahler (713-383-2727) or Buddy Osborne (713-794-7993) for the MEDVAMC in Houston. Contact Norm Hungerford, Senior NSO (210-617-5275) at the Audie L. Murphy VAMC in San Antonio or John Allen, Senior NSO (254-299-9944) in Waco. There's also a strong outreach effort to help cover the outlying areas. There's a presence of chapter members who volunteer in our hospitals.

Chapter Administration

The Texas Chapter's office hours of 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday as well as 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday and 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. The Texas Chapter had three employees who worked and volunteer to ensure that the chapter is successful. 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.

Executive Director; Kennetta Spencer Williams

Staff: Bookkeeper Amanda Saunders

Administrative Assistant and Newsletter Editor Sherry Kirkpatrick

Liaison

We maintain an active working relationship with the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC and the Audie L. Murphy VAMC and community-based out-patient clinics throughout Texas. We have one HLO, 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 barbeque cook off and our first Annual "Killin' Clays" trap and skeet shoot. TPVA also held our first "Hold'em for Hero's" poker tournament. We also continue to maintain our thrift stores in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Ft. Worth, and Brownsville.

Advocacy/Legislative

The Chapter Legislative Director, Edward Mares, Advocacy Director, Dianna Lopez, and Vice President John Haynes attended the PVA Advocacy/Legislative Seminar. We had a great deal of success meeting with our Senators and Representatives during this visit to Washington. Our President, David Fowler met monthly with city officials in order to enforce the civil rights of our members and the disabled community as a whole.

Sports and Recreation

TPVA Board Members, David Bradshaw and Alvin Guerrero coordinated several fishing and shooting sports events around the San Antonio/New Braunfels and Corpus Christi areas this year. With Director Dick Morgan's leadership, we also sent members to the NVWG's and the Winter Sports Clinic. Our goal is to have some kind of activity available for everyone.

Membership

This past year our member count was just under 600, both service connected and non-service connected. This is a result of combined outreach efforts by our NSO's, our hospital liaison activities, as well as our many volunteers.

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 is constantly updated and offers communication between our members, the Chapter, and supporters. The Chapter's website also provides the Speedy Gazette Newsletter online. The Chapter has asked members and others receiving our newsletter to possibly opt in to receive in electronic version which would save the chapter money.

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Statement of Activities

For The Year Ended September 30, 2009

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2008</u>
					<u>Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:					
Contributions and support	\$ 431,815	\$ -	\$ 431,815	Revenues and Support	
PVA grant	180,337		180,337	Grants and donations	\$ 191,657
Fundraising	18,716		18,716	Bingo operations, gross revenue	-
Investment income	16,965		16,965	Thrift stores	364,259
Membership dues	75		75	Fund raising activities	58,379
Other	3,538		3,538	Membership dues/fees	3,930
Total support and revenue	<u>651,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>651,446</u>	Interest	128,124
EXPENSES:					
Program services:				Other	204
Membership and benefits	255,886	-	255,886	Net assets released from restrictions	-
Public affairs	121,907		121,907	Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	-
Research	11,964		11,964	Total Revenues and Support	<u>746,553</u>
Total program services	<u>389,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>389,757</u>	Expenses	
Support services:				Program services:	
Management and general	224,038	-	224,038	Membership and benefits	222,959
Fundraising	16,959		16,959	Sporting activities	30,485
Total support services	<u>240,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240,997</u>	Total Program Services	<u>253,444</u>
Total expenses	<u>630,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>630,754</u>	Support services:	
Change in net assets	<u>20,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,692</u>	General and administrative	
Net assets, beginning of year:				Personnel and contracted services	149,703
As previously reported	1,186,138	119,256	1,305,394	Other general and administrative	122,022
Reclassification of balance improperly included in permanently restricted assets	19,306	(19,306)	-	Travel and meeting	21,828
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	<u>1,205,444</u>	<u>99,950</u>	<u>1,305,394</u>	Lake property	4,179
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,226,136</u>	<u>\$ 99,950</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,086</u>	Depreciation	17,150
				Bingo operations	-
				Unrealized losses	259,855
				Loss on disposal of capital assets	-
				Total Expenses and Losses	<u>828,181</u>
				Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>(81,628)</u>
				Beginning net assets	2 1,387,02
				Ending Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,305,39</u>
				See notes to financial statements	



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Trustees of
Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (a nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 2009, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America as of September 30, 2009, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Houston, Texas
January 21, 2010



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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