

**TEXAS CHAPTER  
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**

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**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2009 - 2010**

## Texas Chapter PVA Board of Directors

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#### **VISN 16**

**SBA**—John Kahler

**SBA**—W.C. (Buddy) Osborne

**NSO**—Greg Treacy

#### **VISN 17**

**NSO**—Norm Hungerford

**NSO**—John Allen



### A Message from the President

It's once again my honor to present this year's Texas Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's 2009-2010 Annual Report. This year started off with our 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 has staggered the elections that split the board up for our election process. This helps to ensure that your board members maintain a high level of experience. We continued to hold quarterly face-to-face board meetings and rotated these meetings to our different Satellite areas. This provides an opportunity for our members 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. We provide the opportunity for our members to address the board with any issues or concerns at all of our meetings. We held monthly teleconferences in between the quarterly meetings to maintain constant awareness of the business at hand.

TPVA Satellites hold monthly membership forums for the members to share information. These forums also give the local area members a timely update of what's happening in their chapter and promotes camaraderie with other members in the area.

The Texas Chapter has two VA SCI facilities in its area, the Michael E. De Bakey VAMC in Houston along with its ten spokes and Audie L. Murphy VAMC in San Antonio and its spoke in Temple that all work together to ensure that both PVA and TPVA Members have adequate access to medical care.

Let me ensure our members that the Texas Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans' Board of Directors will continue to work diligently in order to keep the chapter strong and viable while serving our members. This annual report provides a detailed accounting for our members. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Chapter President. I look forward to my continued service through this new year.

I would like to thank the numerous members and others who stepped up to the plate and selflessly volunteered and gave their time to help us achieve our mission.

### **Service**

TPVA members can apply and obtain their veteran's benefits through four National Service Offices. Contact John Kahler or Greg Treacy (713-383-2727) and/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 is also 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 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 has two employees who work and volunteer to ensure that the chapter is successful. We appreciate all the numerous volunteers, including our staff and especially our families who answered the call to help to make our chapter work to better serve our members.

Staff: Bookkeeper Amanda Saunders and 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 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 to ensure the highest quality of care is received.

### **Fundraising**

Again this year we successfully had our spring barbeque cook off and our second Annual "Kill'n Clays" trap and skeet shoot. We held our Second Annual TPVA Golf Tournament. We also continue to monitor our thrift stores in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Brownsville.

### **Advocacy/Legislative**

The Chapter Legislative Director, Darrell Wilson, Advocacy Director, Anne Robinson, and President 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 Chapter President, David Fowler served on the Governor's Committee of People with Disabilities. He also met 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 throughout the chapter's area this year. TPVA's South Texas Satellite Director hosted the TPVA Kid's Day in Corpus Christi as well as the Membership Family Fishing activities. TPVA 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 approximately 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 a full Speedy Gazette Newsletter bi-monthly with a summary newsletter in between. These are mailed to members and other interested parties. Our website at [www.texaspva.org](http://www.texaspva.org) is constantly updated and offers public 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, 2010

2009

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Total</u>
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>					<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>	
Contributions and support	\$ 438,394			\$ 438,394	Contributions and support	\$ 431,815
PVA grant	181,710			181,710	PVA grant	180,337
Fundraising	16,151			16,151	Fundraising	18,716
Investment income	106,472			106,472	Investment income	16,965
Membership dues	75			75	Membership dues	75
Litigation settlement	-	\$ 94,969		94,969	Other	3,538
Other	500			500	Total support and revenue	651,446
Total support and revenue	743,302	94,969	-	838,271		
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Program services:					Program services:	
Membership and benefits	290,752	-	-	290,752	Membership and benefits	255,886
Public affairs	244,913	-	-	244,913	Public affairs	121,907
Research	7,237			7,237	Research	11,964
Total program services	542,902	-	-	542,902	Total program services	389,757
Support services:					Support services:	
Management and general	151,178	-	-	151,178	Management and general	224,038
Fundraising	7,823			7,823	Fundraising	16,959
Total support services	159,001	-	-	159,001	Total support services	240,997
Total expenses	701,903	-	-	701,903	Total expenses	630,754
Change in net assets before extraordinary item	41,399	94,969	-	136,368	Change in net assets	20,692
Extraordinary item:					Net assets, beginning of year:	
Reclassification of restricted land asset to unrestricted	99,950		(99,950)		As previously reported	1,305,394
Conveyance of formerly restricted land asset	(99,950)			(99,950)	Reclassification of balance improperly included in permanently restricted assets	-
Change in net assets and extraordinary item	41,399	94,969	(99,950)	36,418	Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	1,305,394
Net assets, beginning of year	1,226,136	-	99,950	1,326,086	Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,326,086
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,267,535	\$ 94,969	\$ -	\$ 1,362,504		



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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, 2010, 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, 2010, 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 15, 2011



## 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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