



**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

Texas Chapter

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016



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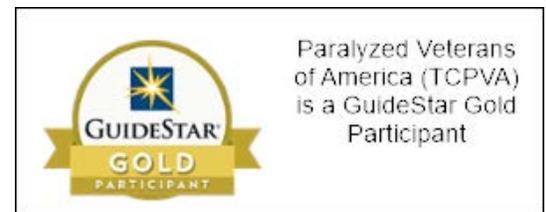
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Message from the President

Greetings Texas Chapter Members, Donors, and Friends,



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Texas Chapter

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present to you the Texas Chapter's 2015-2016 Annual Report.

Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter (TPVA) has been serving its membership strong and proud since 1972 with its many programs and services. This fiscal year was no different, as we strived to build on the foundation of the chapter. TPVA successfully opened the new chapter office in Crosby, launched our new website, revamped the chapter newsletter and watched things flourish. Many new programs were added to create opportunities for members to live life to its fullest.

Included in this report are TPVA's financial statements, a report on how the chapter is doing financially that has been reviewed by an independent auditing company. Please take a moment to review them.

I would like take the opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, the spouses, caregivers, recreational therapists, and others who make it possible for us to do what we do.

Welcome to all of our new members this past year and please take a moment to remember those that have "graduated," this year. We are grateful for your service.

Finally, to the Board of Directors and Chapter Staff, thank you for your support, dedication, and desire to ensure the membership of TPVA is well taking care of. Looking forward to the next year.

Sincerely,
Anne Robinson
President

Message from the Executive Director

2016 was a busy and productive year for the Texas Chapter. We moved offices and are settled into our new location.

Fiscal year 2016 the Texas Chapter achieved a 78.3% program ratio. Each year the Board of Directors and I work diligently to increase this number so that more of the funds we spend are spent on our members.

Moving forward we are working to increase community awareness, grow current programs, as well as implement new ones, develop new fundraisers and secure grant funds.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, Board of Directors and donors. Without you we would not be able to continue to fulfill our mission.

Best,
Amanda Saunders
Executive Director

Chapter Administration

Our office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. We are in compliance with all the reporting requirements as mandated by PVA's Governing Documents. We receive an annual audit of our financial statement and file all required documents with the IRS, the state, and other entities, as required. TPVA has three employees, Executive Director Amanda Saunders, Accountant Brian Pflug, and Administrative Assistant/Newsletter Editor, Elizabeth Arcos who work to ensure that the chapter is successful. We appreciate all the numerous volunteers, including our staff and especially our families who answer the call to support our members.

Communication

Our *Speedy Gazette Newsletter* is published monthly and mailed and/or electronically delivered to members and other supporters. We also have our new website at www.texaspva.org, as well as our Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram and Flickr. Email blasts are sent when opportunities and/or news become available that may interest our members. We strive to ensure that members are always informed about the happenings of the Texas Chapter, PVA, the VA, and all other stakeholders that play a role in our members lives.

Service

The Texas Chapter is grateful to have the representation of several outstanding National Service Officers representing its membership. The close relationship between the chapter and the NSO's ensures that our members have access to all the tools necessary to receive the benefits due to them for their service to our country. The San Antonio and Houston SCI units have Hospital Liaison Officers who volunteer their time to work with the NSO's to ensure that our hospitalized members receive the highest quality of care and that the lines of communication between the Chapter and the respective VA facilities flows well.

Liaison

We keep an active working relationship with the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, the Audie L. Murphy VAMC, and community-based out-patient clinics throughout Texas. Assisting us is VLO, Jack Soto in Temple, Texas, HLO Anne Robinson at Audie L. Murphy VAMC, and HLO Frank Ellis and Carlton Tucker for Michael E. DeBakey VAMC. Our goal is to maintain presence at both facilities to ensure the highest quality of care.

Advocacy/Legislative

The year started off with the Government Relations Director and Legislative Director attending the National PVA Advocacy/Legislation Training and then visited Representative Joaquin Castro, Representative Shelia Jackson, Representative Al Green and Representative Lloyd Doggett's Texas Congressional Offices to discuss issues that are pertinent to our membership. Later in the year the Government Relations Director and the Texas PVA President visited with the City of San Antonio Military Affairs Office and had a visit from the Bexar County Veterans Services Director. The purpose of these visits were to be a partner in the community and to gain insight on how the Texas PVA Chapter can assist Veterans in our community. We plan on attending all levels of government meetings, being active from federal and state to local governments.

Sports and Recreation

Our relationship with the two SCI Center's Recreation Therapy Departments, in Houston & San Antonio, helps get our members out & enjoying life. Members, patients and staff at both facilities, enjoy catered holiday celebrations for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For the ever-popular Patriotic holidays, such as Memorial Day and Independence Day, we offer cookouts to in-patients, staff and members. Veterans Day we participated in Houston and San Antonio city's Veterans Day Parade and in San Antonio, in-patients are treated to a steak dinner by a local restaurant while in Houston, in-patient enjoyed a cookout. Our members have access to weekly events like basketball, air guns/pistol, archery, Boccia to name few. We work with Houston Parks & Recreation, Adapted Sports Program during the Metal & Muscle Expo featuring multiple adapted sports competitions. Our members participated in events such as Texas Regional Games, Valor Games and USA Boccia Nationals. We are proud to be the home of quite a few Paralympic athletes. We held 9 ball tournaments, mixed abilities bowling tournaments and a Boccia tournament to help our athletes train for competing at the 36th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, in Salt Lake City, Utah. We had members who participated in the Winter Ski Clinic, in Snowmass, Colorado, including a 60+ year old Vietnam veteran, who had never been skiing his entire life and loved it. The anglers had multiple opportunities to cast a line whether off shore fishing in Galveston, our Family Fishing Weekend on the Island Queen, in Port Aransas, Flag Day Fishing in Laguna Madre or fishing in Lake Conroe. This year we provided tickets to the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo and Houston Stock Show and Rodeo, with performances by a variety of musical entertainers after the evening rodeo events. When it comes to shooting sports, TPVA offered sporting clay shoots, archery and marksmanship practice. Houston area members and in-patients enjoyed a day of shooting clays at Premier Shooting Complex. San Antonio members have monthly sporting clay events and range days were available. This year we started an Archery program. TPVA Chapter office has a large backyard which is now home to three competition targets for members to use. In San Antonio area, we have partnered with Oasis for Warriors, for our members to store targets and equipment and to hold weekly practices. Working with many organizations we offer our members numerous hunting opportunities. Partnerships with Patriot Warrior Foundation (PWF), Texas Dove Hunters, Safari Club International–Houston, Alamo Chapter and Hill Country Chapter, Flying A Ranch and our many treasured ranch owners who graciously received our members to return to hunting or to try it for the first time, no matter his/her level of ability, have given our members renewed confidence to live life to the fullest. We are very grateful for all our supporters.

Fundraising

In November, the Texas Chapter hosted our Second Annual Freedom Shoot followed by our Eighth Annual Kill'n Clays Classic in March. Both events are successful fundraisers and we continue to grow our shooter participation, as well as our sponsor base. In June, we hosted a BBQ Cook-Off and Poker Run in the Houston area. We also hosted Pullin' for Guts & Glory in July. We will be adding additional fundraisers for fiscal year 2017. Our thrift store operation continues to be our most profitable fundraiser. We would like to thank our sponsors and donors for their continuous support throughout the year.

Membership

Our member count was approximately 612, both service connected (299) and non-service connected (313.) This is a result of combined outreach efforts by our NSO's, our hospital liaison activities, as well as our many volunteers.

Mission

The mission of Texas PVA is to serve veterans with spinal cord injury/disease, and individuals with disabilities, by providing programs that build a better future for them so they may be active in the community and live life to its fullest.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter as of September 30, 2016, and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Houston, Texas
January 18, 2017

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 147,694	\$ 150,784
Accounts receivable	34,716	32,324
Short-term investments	841,643	1,128,182
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	-	3,663
Total current assets	<u>1,024,053</u>	<u>1,314,953</u>
 Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	 <u>1,105,048</u>	 <u>956,752</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 2,129,101</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 2,271,705</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 31,820	\$ 33,640
Current portion, mortgage note payable	21,154	20,075
Deferred revenue, contributions received in advance	-	5,000
Total current liabilities	<u>52,974</u>	<u>58,715</u>
 Long term liabilities:		
Mortgage note payable	403,624	423,317
Less, current portion	<u>(21,154)</u>	<u>(20,075)</u>
Total long term liabilities	<u>382,470</u>	<u>403,242</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>435,444</u>	 <u>461,957</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Operating	1,624,563	1,639,135
Board designated	<u>68,923</u>	<u>145,532</u>
Total unrestricted	<u>1,693,486</u>	<u>1,784,667</u>
Temporarily restricted	171	25,081
Total net assets	<u>1,693,657</u>	<u>1,809,748</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u><u>\$ 2,129,101</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 2,271,705</u></u>

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER
Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended September 30, 2016

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:				
Contributions and support	\$485,438	\$ -	\$ -	\$485,438
PVA grant	158,150	-	-	158,150
Fundraising	71,201	-	-	71,201
Investment income	35,971	-	-	35,971
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments	27,801	-	-	27,801
Membership dues	-	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	<u>778,561</u>	-	-	<u>778,561</u>
EXPENSES:				
Program services:				
Membership and benefits	467,429	24,910	-	492,339
Public affairs	194,364	-	-	194,364
Research	13,944	-	-	13,944
Total program services	<u>675,737</u>	<u>24,910</u>	-	<u>700,647</u>
Support services:				
Management and general	167,932	-	-	167,932
Fundraising	26,073	-	-	26,073
Total support services	<u>194,005</u>	-	-	<u>194,005</u>
Total expenses	<u>869,742</u>	<u>24,910</u>	-	<u>894,652</u>
Change in net assets	<u>(91,181)</u>	<u>(24,910)</u>	-	<u>(116,091)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,784,667</u>	<u>25,081</u>	-	<u>1,809,748</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,693,486</u>	<u>\$ 171</u>	\$ -	<u>\$ 1,693,657</u>

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER *Statement of
Activities For The Year Ended September 30, 2015*

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Permanently Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:				
Contributions and support	\$654,016	\$ -	\$ -	\$654,016
PVA grant	163,275	-	-	163,275
Fundraising	39,275	-	-	39,275
Investment income	66,797	-	-	66,797
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments	(122,221)	-	-	(122,221)
Membership dues	-	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	<u>801,142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>801,142</u>
EXPENSES:				
Program services:				
Membership and benefits	366,951	7,273	-	374,224
Public affairs	219,039	-	-	219,039
Research	25,748	-	-	25,748
Total program services	<u>611,738</u>	<u>7,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>619,011</u>
Support services:				
Management and general	156,061	-	-	156,061
Fundraising	18,714	-	-	18,714
Total support services	<u>174,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,775</u>
Total expenses	<u>786,513</u>	<u>7,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>793,786</u>
Change in net assets	<u>14,629</u>	<u>(7,273)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,356</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	1,770,038	32,354	-	1,802,392
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,784,667</u>	<u>\$25,081</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,809,748</u>




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