



**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

Texas Chapter

Annual Report 2016-2017



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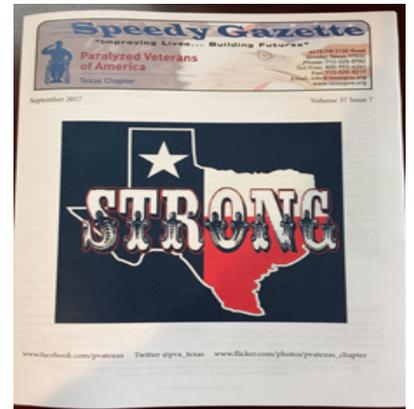
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Texas Chapter

Message from the President

Hello Texas, PVA Members, Family, and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you on behalf of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter (TPVA) Board of Directors, the 2016-2017 Annual Report.

This fiscal year was a very positive year for TPVA and its members, solidifying the foundation of its programs and watching members accomplish goals of a lifetime. Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter has been serving its membership since 1972 and has never been stronger.

Hurricane Harvey devastated the Gulf Coast and Houston area, affecting many of our members, with quite a few still in the recovery stage. Many of those affected were helped with the generous donation from a great company, Enemeez, out of Phoenix, as well as donations from the Lone Star Chapter, and area members and friends. The PVA National office helped tremendously with the disaster relief funds and the go backpacks, for our hospitalized members affected by the hurricane. We are very grateful to all of those who provided help to the members in the hurricane recovery process. The Puerto Rico Chapter was also hit hard by the hurricanes, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover.

Congratulations to all the athletes that have achieved new milestones this year in Air Rifle & Pistol program, as well as Archery, Boccia Ball, Hand Cycling, Trap Shooting, Curling and Bowling. We have a record number of Paralympic athletes and International players who have dedicated themselves to living life to its fullest.

Included in this report are TPVA's financial statements, broadcasting how the Chapter is doing monetarily with the resources donated to it. Our financials were recently audited by an independent company to ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility. Please take a moment to review them and let me know if you have any questions.

A huge thank you goes to all our volunteers, to the spouses and caregivers who get us to the events day after day, to those who come in and visit the patient's or help get the newsletter out, we could not have done it without you.

I would like to take a moment to remember the friends that have graduated this year, as they left an impact on the chapter and will be greatly missed.

And a thank you to the Board of Directors and Chapter Staff, as well as our National Vice President, Charlie Brown and all our NSO's and PVA Secretaries. Your support, dedication and desire to ensure that the membership of TPVA and all PVA members is unwavering.

Sincerely,

Anne Robinson
President

Message from the Executive Director

Hello Texas Chapter Members, Friends and Supporters,

Thank you to all who contributed their time, funds and in-kind donations. Your generosity has allowed us to remain successful, and able to serve our members to the fullest extent possible. As most of you know, we do not receive any government funding and rely on fundraising and donations from individuals, companies and foundations in our community. I am proud of the accomplishments made in 2017, and the services we were able to provide our membership.

I owe a huge heartfelt thank you to our Board of Directors, staff, NSOs, PVA National team, other chapters, Executive Directors, members, Enemeez, and many other donors. Numerous members and I are extremely grateful for the kindness and support received during and after Hurricane Harvey. The road to recovery continues to be a tough one, but your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Amanda Saunders, Executive Director

Chapter Administration

TPVA's office hours are 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday. The Chapter is in compliance with all reporting requirements as mandated by PVA's governing documents. We have received an annual independent audit of our financials, and have filed all required documents with the IRS, the state, and other entities as required.

TPVA has three employees, the Executive Director, Amanda Saunders, our Accountant, Brian Pflug, and our Administrative Assistant, Fanny Rios Spears. They worked tirelessly to ensure the Chapter is successful and the membership is taking care of. We appreciate all the numerous volunteers, donors, and friends who have helped us through this year. We are especially grateful to all of the families and caregivers who answer the call to support our members to live life to its fullest.

Communication

The Texas Chapter publishes its monthly newsletter, the *Speedy Gazette* to keep its members and other supporters up-to-date on chapter events, TPVA's website, www.texas.pva.org, is a great resource tool to find out what is going on in the chapter, find contacts in the community, as well as have access to TPVA governing documents, board member information, and our 990. In addition, we use Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to keep members informed of what's going on. The Chapter also provides wide e-mail blasts with pertinent information as it becomes immediately available to us. TPVA strives to ensure that its members are always informed about events and 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 represented by a group of outstanding National Service Officers and PVA secretaries that work very hard to ensure each, and every member is adequately taken care of in receiving the benefits due to them for their service to our Country. In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the regional office staff in Houston, as well as both NSO offices in Houston in San Antonio, assisted the Texas Chapter with the processing of over 20 disaster relief applications. Without their assistance, the recovery process would have been more difficult and time consuming.

Liaison

Our chapter hospital liaison program is working well in Houston and San Antonio. Our CHL volunteers work very closely with NSO's to ensure that our hospitalized members receive the highest quality of care and the lines of communication between the chapter, the VA, and PVA national flow well. The Texas Chapter outreach program to the MS and ALS community results in \$500 donation to each organization for its support to TPVA members affected by MS and ALS. The Texas Chapter's continued support of the VA's volunteer services program results in the Texas Chapters sponsorship of T-shirts for both their car show fundraiser, and motorcycle rally fundraiser.

Advocacy/Legislative

This fiscal year was busy for the Texas Chapter in the government relations/advocacy/legislative areas. With the state of Texas being back in session, the chapter conducted its own advocacy/legislative seminar in February, meeting with The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities and other groups before meeting with State Representatives and Senators, as well as meeting and talking for a moment with Texas Lieutenant Governor, Dan Patrick. In March, our team attended the Advocacy and Legislative seminar in Washington, DC. They were able to meet, and have coffee with Senator John Cornyn, as well as meeting with eight other congressional representatives. In April, the Texas Chapter formed a partnership with the city of San Antonio veteran services and attended a myriad of events. In September, the chapter had an opportunity to meet with the Houston Veterans Service Officer and establish a working relationship.

Sports and Recreation

We greatly appreciate the recreational therapists, José Laguna, Tinyada Robinson, and Je Marques Handy for their continued support in our sports and recreation programs. Their work has provided the opportunity for members to achieve goals that were only one dream. Our members have made Paralympic level competitions in the air pistol, archery, air rifle, curling, cycling and national competitions in Boccia, and trap shooting. The Partnership has allowed our members to reach their utmost potential.

Our Alternative Sports received a total of nineteen (19) requests amounting in \$25,405.24. During the Winter Ski Clinic, in Colorado, TPVA participation encompassed of 1 coach, 9 members, and 5 attendants. For the NVWG in Cincinnati, 2 coaches, 19 members, and 15 attendants participated in the program. We continued communication with San Antonio Military Medical Center Military Adapted Sports Program, with opportunities available to Texas Chapter members and other disabled veterans in the community. This year we provided tickets to San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, these included performances by musical entertainers after the evening rodeo events. Our chapter coordinated with Carlson Mobility and Trinity Oaks for a member to receive a Trac Chair. TPVA participated in the HAVA Program, 12 members partake in the event.

Our Chapter hosted two Family Fishing trips to Port Aransas on the Island Queen II with combined 20 members and their families. One fishing event in Galveston Bay, Patriots Day fishing on Lake Conroe, and Flag Day fishing in Flour Bluff.

When it comes to shooting sports, TPVA fielded two (2) teams at the National Sporting Clays Association's National Tournament. Our chapter is proud to be the home of one (1) member taking the first place at National Champion in wheelchair shooter division. We have worked with many organizations and were able to offer our members for the Houston area numerous hunting options, i.e. the Opening Day Dove Hunt Buda, fifteen (15) hunters/members from Texas participated in the event, JB, Mason Dove Hunt, Kountze Hunt, Flying A Hunt which included four (4) members, and two (2) spouses/caregivers. Our members were graciously received by the Ranch owners; their participation in these events allowed our members to reinvigorate confidence to live life to up-most capacity. We are grateful to all our supporters.

Our special thanks to 888 Ranch for bucket list hunt, for delivering much appreciate opportunity to one (1) of our member in failing Health, who has given the Texas Chapter tremendous support and leadership over the years, and Joshua Creek bird hunt who sponsored four (4) members and volunteers from Takata (AG, DB, JL, JTab). We also had a table in the vendors' row showcasing Adaptive shooting devices, literature and giveaways about the Texas Chapter. Members enjoyed good food, great prizes, and fellowship at banquets by Safari Club International Alamo Chapter and Texas Hill Country, National Wild Turkey Federation, and Cross Trail Outfitters, to name a few.

We have continued communication and promotion with City of Houston Parks & Recreation Department Adaptive Sports Programs during the Metal and Muscle Expo.

Our members enjoyed a mixed of celebrations of myriad events for this year, featuring the Super Bowl Party, ALM SCIC, Boccia, and Bowling Tournaments, Archery Program, Air Rifle & Pistol practices, Shooting Sporting Clays Boots & Shoots, Shoot for the Troops, Astro games, etc.

Fundraising

In November, the Texas Chapter hosted our Third Annual Freedom Shoot followed by our Ninth 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. Thanks to a generous grant from the United Way of Greater Houston we were able to improve the wheelchair accessibility of the office backyard. We installed a sidewalk which allows access to a storage shed, future garden, archery range and a future horseshoe pit. In June, a beneficent grantor donated a warehouse full of furniture which was sold at auction. Funds are also raised through CFC, CMC, Wheels Helping Warriors and Amazon Smiles. Our thrift store operation continues to be our most profitable fundraiser. Thank you to our sponsors and donors for their continuous support throughout the year.

Membership

TPVA's member account is approximately 591, with 303 non service connected veterans, and 288 service-connected members. In FY 2016-2017, the Texas Chapter assisted 17 members with emergency financial assistance in the amount of \$19,332.77. TPVA was able to offer 20 members over \$10,000 in emergency financial assistance after Hurricane Harvey due to the generous donation from Enemeez, a company out of Phoenix that produces bowel care products, and donations from chapter members and friends. One of the big highlights was TPVA's wild game donation program where we processed approximately 5100 pounds of meat, and donated to approximately 135 members/families in need, as well as to the general membership when it was available.

Mission

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

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, 2017 and 2016, 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, 2017 and 2016, 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 February 7, 2018

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 51,367	\$ 147,694
Accounts receivable	24,629	34,716
Short-term investments	905,970	841,643
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	-	-
Total current assets	<u>981,966</u>	<u>1,024,053</u>
 Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	 <u>933,478</u>	 <u>1,105,048</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 1,915,444</u>	 <u>\$ 2,129,101</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 35,941	\$ 31,820
Current portion, mortgage note payable	22,635	21,154
Deferred revenue, contributions received in advance	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>58,576</u>	<u>52,974</u>
 Long term liabilities:		
Mortgage note payable	375,661	403,624
Less, current portion	<u>(22,635)</u>	<u>(21,154)</u>
Total long term liabilities	<u>353,026</u>	<u>382,470</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>411,602</u>	 <u>435,444</u>
 NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Operating	1,431,438	1,624,563
Board designated	72,404	68,923
Total unrestricted	<u>1,503,842</u>	<u>1,693,486</u>
Temporarily restricted	-	171
Total net assets	<u>1,503,842</u>	<u>1,693,657</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u>\$ 1,915,444</u>	 <u>\$ 2,129,101</u>

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER

Statement of Activities

For The Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:				
Contributions and support	\$ 407,070	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407,070
PVA grant	158,100	-	-	158,100
Fundraising	38,007	-	-	38,007
Investment income	22,446	-	-	22,446
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments	39,364	-	-	39,364
Net gains (losses) on sale of assets	(79,587)	-	-	(79,587)
Membership dues	-	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	<u>585,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>585,400</u>
EXPENSES:				
Program services:				
Membership and benefits	388,646	171	-	388,817
Public affairs	207,905	-	-	207,905
Research	19,203	-	-	19,203
Total program services	<u>615,754</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>615,925</u>
Support services:				
Management and general	142,709	-	-	142,709
Fundraising	16,581	-	-	16,581
Total support services	<u>159,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,290</u>
Total expenses	<u>775,044</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>775,215</u>
Change in net assets	<u>(189,644)</u>	<u>(171)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(189,815)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,693,486</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,693,657</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,503,842</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,503,842</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>-</u>	<u>-</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>-</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>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194,005</u>
Total expenses	<u>869,742</u>	<u>24,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>894,652</u>
Change in net assets	<u>(91,181)</u>	<u>(24,910)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(116,091)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,784,667</u>	<u>25,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,809,748</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,693,486</u>	<u>\$ 171</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,693,657</u>




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