



**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

Texas Chapter

Annual Report 2018-2019



Paralyzed Veterans of America, TEXAS CHAPTER

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Presidents Report

Hello Texas Chapter Members, families and our supporters throughout Texas and across the country;

I'm proud to present the Annual Report of the Texas Chapter, for 1 October 2018 through 30 September 2019. Texas Chapter continued to thrive during this time by offering numerous opportunities of recreation, competition and service to others. We, the Texas Chapter are firm believers of paying it forward. Whether that's supporting a fellow fisherman, offering shot tips to another competitor on the Boccia court or advocating for our civil rights alongside the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities or in Washington D.C., with the 32 other Chapters of PVA. The Texas Chapter is successful due to the dedication and determination, of our members, volunteers and staff. Thank you all very much!!

Our members and inpatients of the SCI Center at Michael E. DeBakey VAMC enjoyed deep sea fishing out of Galveston, while others enjoyed an outing on the Island Queen, out of Port Aransas. Texas Chapter members continue to strive for Paralympic Dreams, in the sports of Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, Boccia and newly added Trapshoot. This doesn't take into account the multiple sporting events the Chapter members have access to here in Texas. Events like the Southwest Valor Games, Texas Regional Games, scuba diving, then there's Boccia Nationals, in which this one of our members came home National Champion in his class. We also had representation at the Winter Ski Clinic, National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Louisville, KY,. We want to acknowledge with great pride, the multiple ranch owners across Texas, who have helped our members return to the field again, by offering tremendous opportunities for hunting. I'm so proud when the smile comes across a member's face and those few little words are spoken "Wow, I didn't know I could do that...." Come on out and join us!

Included in this Annual Report is the annual audit of our financials for the year. We are extremely grateful to all of our donors, whose dedication enables us to carry on our mission of serving veterans with SCI/D, their families and caregivers, through quality healthcare, entitled benefits and advocacy to live his/her life to the fullest extent he/she chooses. Our ratio, 82% of membership dollars to administrative dollars is another reason to share the Pride, of what we call the Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America.

As we head into another year, we will learn from our hiccups, meet new partners in the community and grow our Texas Chapter. So, come on along and join the wagon train!

Respectfully,

Tammy Jones

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 2019, and the services we were able to provide our membership.

Sincerely,

Amanda Saunders

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 3 employees, Executive Director, Amanda Saunders, Bookkeeper, Jinu Jose and our Administrative Assistant, Kristopher Davis. 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 the 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. Chapter wide email blasts are sent when opportunities and/or pertinent information becomes available and it needs to get to the members quickly. 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. They are dedicated to PVA's mission and work very hard to ensure that each and every member is receiving due benefits for their service to our country and that the VA is fulfilling its promise to take care of each and every veteran enrolled in their service. The NSO's have definitely faced several challenges this year as the VA revamped their claims process and shortened the backlog of claims. We are grateful for your service to our members.

Liaison

Our Chapter Hospital Liaison program is working well in Houston and San Antonio. Our CHL volunteers work very closely with the 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 resulted 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 fundraising, and motorcycle rally fundraising.

Advocacy/Legislative

On the National level, TPVA participated in the PVA Advocacy/Legislative seminar and congressional visits in Washington D.C. We helped to maintain and improve the specialized care that veterans receive via the VAMC system as well as the extension of crucial home health care benefits to veterans injured prior to 9/11.

On the local level, TPVA has advocated to make building improvements to the VAMC facilities in Houston and San Antonio. We also advocated for increases in nursing staff. Houston is 5 shy of its goal to reach 100 nurses in the SCIU Care Line. We fought to maintain hospital parking for SCIUCL patients and staff. We also helped to restore appointment transportation for patients who participate in the Medicare Travel Program after they were dropped and left with no alternative.

Sports and Recreation

Texas Chapter PVA had an exceptional year for Sports and Recreation from 1 October 2018 through 30 September 2019. The hunting season was a very productive season. We continue to work with local ranchers and offer opportunities to our members no matter his/her ability to get out and enjoy the outdoors. We were also on the receiving end of some ranches who donated meat to our food locker and we dispersed either at member forums or our members contacted the Chapter Office for meat. We had members participate in the Southwest Valor Games in Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Boccia, weightlifting and table tennis. The Winter Ski Clinic was attended by 11 members, 7 caregivers and Coach. Texas Regional Games was attended by at least 20 members who participated in Archery, Boccia, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Field Events to name a few. The 39th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, in Louisville, KY had Team Texas represented by 13 members, 12 caregivers and 2 coaches from both Houston and San Antonio areas. We had good Team Texas representation at Boccia Nationals. We offered 20 alternative sports opportunities, in the amount of \$30,525, to our members that included Bass Fishing, Archery, Sporting Clays, Cycling to name a few. We had two offshore fishing trips from Galveston, many happy fishermen came ashore from those trips. We also hosted our Annual Flag Day Fishing event in Flour Bluff.

Fundraising

In October we hosted our Annual BBQ Cook-Off, then in March we hosted our Eleventh Annual Kill'n Clays Classic in San Antonio, followed by our 5th Annual Freedom Shoot in Liberty. Both sporting clay events are successful fundraisers, and we continue to grow our shooter participation, as well as our sponsor base. There were 2 fund-raisers in June. The first was our 1st Annual Crawfish Boil hosted by the Iron Order Motorcycle Club and second was a plate sale for our Boccia program. We also received a large donation of handmade Persian rugs which are being auctioned to liquidate the donation. Funds are also raised through CFC, CMC, Wheels Helping Warriors and Amazon Smiles. Our thrift store operation continues to be our most profitable fund-raiser. Thank you to our sponsors and donors for their continuous support throughout the year.

Membership

TPVA's member account is approximately 568, with 286 non service connected veterans, and 282 service-connected members. This Fiscal Year, TPVA was able to offer emergency financial assistance to eleven people in the amount of \$12,220. TPVA's Wild Game meat donation program was able to offer 1 ton of meat to its members that was donated by various hunters and ranchers at a cost of \$4,038. in processing fees.

Mission

The mission of TPVA is to serve veterans with SCI/D, ensuring its members receive quality healthcare, entitled benefits and civil rights advocacy. TPVA provides membership programs to enhance the quality of life for members and their families, allowing them to 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, 2019 and 2018, 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, 2019 and 2018, 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 28, 2020

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Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 209,150	\$ 110,649
Accounts receivable	26,876	21,443
Short-term investments	799,196	841,473
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	-	-
Total current assets	<u>1,035,222</u>	<u>973,565</u>
 Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	 <u>860,853</u>	 <u>890,288</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 1,896,075</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 1,863,853</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 21,777	\$ 37,091
Current portion, mortgage note payable	25,097	23,834
Deferred revenue, contributions received in advance	1,525	175
Total current liabilities	<u>48,399</u>	<u>61,100</u>
 Long term liabilities:		
Mortgage note payable	329,829	353,308
Less, current portion	<u>(25,097)</u>	<u>(23,834)</u>
Total long term liabilities	<u>304,732</u>	<u>329,474</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>353,131</u>	 <u>390,574</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net assets without donor restriction	1,542,944	1,473,279
Net assets with donor restriction	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,542,944</u>	<u>1,473,279</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u><u>\$ 1,896,075</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 1,863,853</u></u>

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Statement of Activities

For The Year Ended September 30, 2019

	<i>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>Net Assets With Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>Net Assets in Total</i>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:			
Contributions and support	\$ 473,092	\$ -	\$ 473,092
PVA grant	142,290	-	142,290
Fundraising	38,285	-	38,285
Investment income	34,296	-	34,296
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments	(1,797)	-	(1,797)
Membership dues	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	<u>686,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,166</u>
EXPENSES:			
Program services:			
Membership and benefits	333,238	-	333,238
Public affairs	170,431	-	170,431
Research	2,220	-	2,220
Total program services	<u>505,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>505,889</u>
Support services:			
Management and general	90,506	-	90,506
Fundraising	20,106	-	20,106
Total support services	<u>110,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,612</u>
Total expenses	<u>616,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>616,501</u>
Change in net assets	<u>69,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,665</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,473,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,473,279</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,542,944</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,944</u>

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Statement of Activities

For The Year Ended September 30, 2018

	<u>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Net Assets With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Net Assets in Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:			
Contributions and support	\$ 438,376	\$ -	\$ 438,376
PVA grant	154,148	-	154,148
Fundraising	24,422	-	24,422
Investment income	30,310	-	30,310
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments	(16,268)	-	(16,268)
Membership dues	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	<u>630,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>630,988</u>
EXPENSES:			
Program services:			
Membership and benefits	310,143	-	310,143
Public affairs	189,836	-	189,836
Research	17,995	-	17,995
Total program services	<u>517,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>517,974</u>
Support services:			
Management and general	133,563	-	133,563
Fundraising	10,014	-	10,014
Total support services	<u>143,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,577</u>
Total expenses	<u>661,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>661,551</u>
Change in net assets	<u>(30,563)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,563)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,503,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,503,842</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,473,279</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,473,279</u>




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