



Texas Chapter

Annual Report 2019-2020



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 2019 through 30 September 2020.

With the closing of 2020 we all have met with several challenges over the past year, thanks to COVID-19. I have spent a lot of time at home meditating over the past year on how I can make my life better. I plan on doing everything I can to make this chapter the best in the nation through helping our members grow with the chapter and to get as many members actively involved in our outings, as well as increasing the assistance we can provide to our members.

One of the best ways we can help you is for you to help us by keeping your address, phone number and email address current. Please do not hesitate to call or email us with updated information. If anyone has any suggestions for outings, functions, or events you would like to see our chapter involved with or sponsor, please contact the chapter office.

With the wheels in motion by our federal government to get the COVID-19 vaccines out I am praying that our lives can return to normal. I have not received any information from the VA as to when the COVID-19 vaccine would be available to us veterans, but I hope and pray it will be soon. As soon as vaccines become available please consider getting the vaccine for yourself and your family as expeditiously as possible. If we can help in any way, please contact the chapter office.

My Prayers go out for each one of you and your families.

Thank you for your service to this Great Nation.

Respectfully,

Frank Daebelliehn
Chapter 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 2020, and the services we were able to provide our membership. 79% of our total expenditures were used for membership programs.

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 and 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, Accountant, 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 a exceptional year for Sports and Recreation from 1 October 2019 through 30 September 2020. 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 offered 9 alternative sports opportunities to our members that included Bass Fishing, Archery, Sporting Clays, Cycling to name a few. We also hosted our Annual Flag Day Fishing event in Flour Bluff.

Fundraising

In October we hosted our Annual BBQ Cook-Off, then in February we hosted our Twelfth Annual Kill'n Clays Classic in San Antonio. We continue to grow our shooter participation, as well as our sponsor base. We 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 577, with 288 non service connected veterans, and 289 service-connected members. This Fiscal Year, TPVA was able to offer emergency financial assistance to sixteen people in the amount of \$21,115. 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.

We hosted our annual Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheons for in-patients and SCI Unit staff.

Masks and other PPE was provided to our membership.

Mission

The mission of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter 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, 2020 and 2019, 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, 2020 and 2019, 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
April 17, 2021

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 254,768	\$ 209,150
Accounts receivable	55,553	26,876
Short-term investments	824,099	799,196
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	-	-
Total current assets	1,134,420	1,035,222
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	830,684	860,853
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,965,104</u>	<u>\$ 1,896,075</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,116	\$ 21,777
Current portion, mortgage note payable	27,868	25,097
Deferred revenue, contributions received in advance	175	1,525
Total current liabilities	32,159	48,399
Long term liabilities:		
Mortgage note payable	306,351	329,829
Less, current portion	(27,868)	(25,097)
Total long term liabilities	278,483	304,732
Total liabilities	310,642	353,131
NET ASSETS		
Net assets without donor restriction	1,654,462	1,542,944
Net assets with donor restriction	-	-
Total net assets	1,654,462	1,542,944
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 1,965,104</u>	<u>\$ 1,896,075</u>

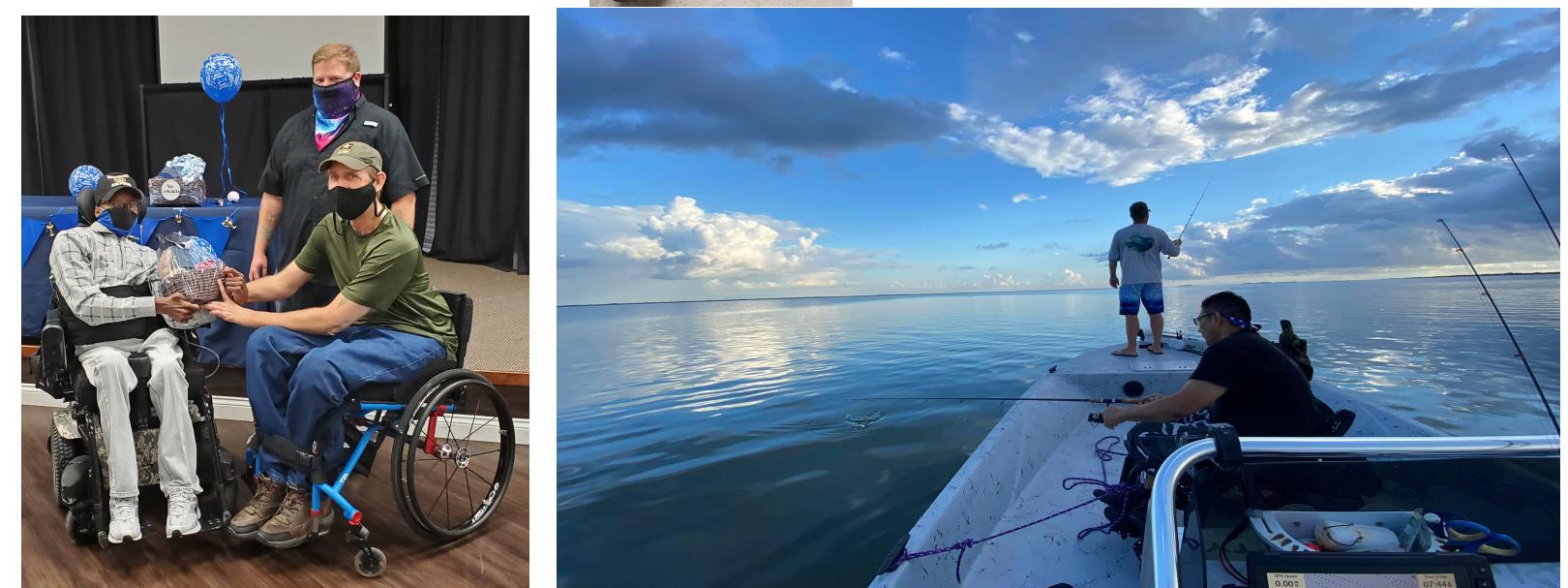
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER
Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended September 30, 2020

	<i>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>Net Assets With Donor</i>	<i>Net Assets in Total</i>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:			
Contributions and support	\$ 368,974	\$ -	\$ 368,974
PVA grant	142,344	-	142,344
Fundraising	28,710	-	28,710
Investment income	29,276	-	29,276
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses)			-
on investments	(142)	-	(142)
Membership dues	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	569,162	-	569,162
EXPENSES:			
Program services:			
Membership and benefits	269,804	-	269,804
Public affairs	79,261	-	79,261
Research	12,386	-	12,386
Total program services	361,451	-	361,451
Support services:			
Management and general	84,211	-	84,211
Fundraising	11,982	-	11,982
Total support services	96,193	-	96,193
Total expenses	457,644	-	457,644
Change in net assets	111,518	-	111,518
Net assets, beginning of year	1,542,944	-	1,542,944
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,654,462	\$ -	\$ 1,654,462

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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	616,501	-	616,501
Change in net assets	<u>69,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,665</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	1,473,279	-	1,473,279
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,542,944</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,944</u>





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