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Paralyzed Veterans of America

Annual Report
2021-2022

Texas Chapter



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Presidents Report

We have completed our annual audit and thing are looking up for the chapter. One item I have focused on is the mortgage of our office. We have reduced our mortgage over 100K this last year with hopes to do the same in 2023. At this rate we should have the mortgage paid off in 2025 if not sooner. Over the past year the Texas Chapter has made great strides with the passing of the parking bill to change the law that allows DV plates to park in handicap parking spots. The law changed and if you park in a handicap spot you must have a parking placard or the handicap symbol on your license plate. That was an enormous success thanks to Anne Robinson.

The Jack Sanders banquet went off without a hitch. The banquet was held at The Aquarium in downtown Houston. We had two successful fishing trips; the Galveston fishing excursion and Flag Day Fishing in Corpus Christi, TX. Please watch our sc. Our national sporting clays team took first in the wheelchair division at Nationals thanks to Chuck Poole, Carmen Aulner, Willard Allen and Alvin Guerrero. Congratulations on a great win.

Our relationship in San Antonio with the SCI Center has been growing by leaps and bounds. The new SCI Service Chief, Dr. Singhal has done an awesome job at improving staff and facilities to help the veterans who receive care at the San Antonio VA SCI Center. San Antonio VA has opened up the rec room for us to come in and have a Super Bowl party. It will be a lot of fun for the in-patience to enjoy the game. I have started to initiate contact with the VA Rio Grande facility to establish a relationship with the Texas chapter members down in the valley. If it's anything like the relationship we built in San Antonio we are going to have an awesome relationship.

Another momentous change from PVA national is that all MS veterans are eligible for membership. No matter how far along your progression. If you've been waiting to join the chapter because your MS wasn't far enough along in progress don't worry about that. Contact the office and let's get your application completed so you can become a member. If you have not received your letter from the VA about the PACT ACT please email your local NSO to see if you would benefit for this new change.

I want to close with wishing everyone a great year for things to come. If you have an event or something you would like to do that would benefit you and/or other members of the chapter please email or call the chapter office or any of the board of directors. Let's get out this year now that COVID is over (hopefully over lol) and let's have a lot of fun this year. Thank you Texas PVA Chapter family.

Frank R Daebelliehn

PVA Texas 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 2022 and the services we were able to provide our membership. 87.3% of our total expenditures were used for membership programs.

Sincerely,

Amanda Saunders

Chapter Administration

TPVA's office hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 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, Accountant, Jinu Jose and our Administrative Assistant, Catherine Webster. They worked tirelessly to ensure the Chapter is successful and the membership is taken 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.texaspva.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 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 with the passage of the PACT Act. We are grateful for your service to our members.

Liaison

Our chapter 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 provides supplies, toiletries and other various benefits to our veterans who must spend time in the hospital. We also assist VA nursing staff with continuing education.

Advocacy/Legislative

On the National level, TPVA participated in the PVA Advocacy/Legislative seminar and congressional visits in Washington D.C. Some of the legislative priorities were Improve Access to Air Travel, Increase Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance, Adapted Automobile Benefits, Strengthen and Enhance Social Security Benefits, Home Modification Grants, Survivors Benefits, Protecting Access to VA's Specialized Health Care, Expanding Access to VA Long-Term Services/Support and Increasing Access to Care and Benefits for Women Veterans with SCI/D.

On the local level, TPVA advocated to make building improvements to the VAMC facilities in Houston and San Antonio. We worked on Texas legislation that revamped Texas Disabled Veteran parking requirements. We also advocated for increases in nursing staff. We fought to maintain hospital parking for SCIUCL patients and staff.

Sports and Recreation

Texas Chapter PVA had a exceptional year for Sports and Recreation from 1 October 2021 through 30 September 2022. We continue to work with local ranchers and offer opportunities for 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 22 alternative sports opportunities to our members that included Fishing, Archery, Sporting Clays, Cycling, Boccia and Air Guns to name a few. We hosted our Annual Flag Day Fishing event in Flour Bluff as well as our fishing trip in Galveston Bay. 7 members attended the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tempe, AZ.

Fundraising

In October we hosted our Annual BBQ Cook-Off, then in February we hosted our Fourteenth Annual Kill'n Clays Classic in San Antonio. We continue to grow our shooter participation, as well as our sponsor base. We received several large grants. Funds are also raised through CFC, CMC, Vehicle Donation Program 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 563, with 271 non service connected veterans, and 292 service-connected members. This Fiscal Year, TPVA was able to offer emergency financial assistance to 15 members. TPVA's Wild Game meat donation program was able to continue to offer meat to its members. The meat was donated by various hunters and ranchers.

We hosted our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheons for in-patients and SCI Unit staff. We provided Christmas gifts for all patients on both SCI Units.

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.





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Management 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, 2022 and September 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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, 2022 and 2021, 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.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material

misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Jason F. Clausen, P.C.

Fraser, MI
January 30, 2023

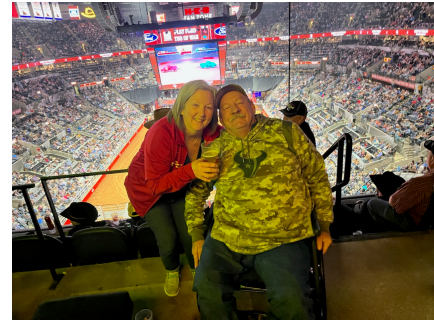
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 339,452	\$ 331,515
Investments	895,832	1,037,682
Accounts receivable	34,525	29,046
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,182</u>	<u>3,044</u>
Total current assets	1,272,991	1,401,287
Property and equipment		
Property and equipment	1,164,565	1,164,565
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(405,131)</u>	<u>(370,424)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>759,434</u>	<u>794,141</u>
Total assets	<u><u>2,032,425</u></u>	<u><u>2,195,428</u></u>
 <u>Liabilities and net assets</u>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	18,659	17,637
Current portion of long-term debt	32,858	28,114
Deferred revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150</u>
Total current liabilities	51,517	46,901
Long term liabilities		
Mortgage note payable, net of current portion	<u>152,580</u>	<u>245,535</u>
Total liabilities	204,097	292,436
 <u>Net assets</u>		
Without donor restrictions	1,777,328	1,844,042
Board restricted	<u>51,000</u>	<u>58,950</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,828,328</u>	<u>1,902,992</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 2,032,425</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,195,428</u></u>

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021

	2022		2021	
	Net assets without donor restrictions	Net assets with donor restrictions	Total	Total
<u>Support and revenue</u>				
PVA grants	\$ 157,891	\$ -	\$ 157,891	\$ 147,967
Contributions	493,218	-	493,218	419,585
Fundraising income	19,420	-	19,420	11,246
Investment income (loss)	(149,592)	-	(149,592)	140,481
Other	281	-	281	8,391
In-kind contributions	6,100	-	6,100	3,003
Total support and revenue	527,318	-	527,318	730,673
<u>Expense</u>				
<u>Program services</u>				
Advocacy, liaison, and service	112,071	-	112,071	97,811
Sports and recreation	127,527	-	127,527	106,331
Communication	88,323	-	88,323	70,461
Membership	197,697	-	197,697	143,366
Total program services	525,618	-	525,618	417,969
<u>Supporting services</u>				
Management and general	63,624	-	63,624	51,428
Fundraising	12,740	-	12,740	12,746
Total expense	601,982	-	601,982	482,143
Change in net assets	(74,664)	-	(74,664)	248,530
Net assets, beginning of period	1,902,992	-	1,902,992	1,654,462
Net assets, end of period	\$ 1,828,328	\$ -	\$1,828,328	\$1,902,992





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