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Paralyzed Veterans of America

Annual Report
2022-2023

Texas Chapter



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Presidents Report

With the chapters audit complete. The chapter is working to get our members out to activities that help members enjoy the things they would like to do be it fishing, hunting, bowling, or just doing something to relax and spend time with other members or family. Over the past year the Texas Chapter has made great strides with the two VA's that service our members. Quarterly meetings with the SCI Chief's and staff have strengthened the relationship between the Texas chapter and the SCI staff. Great results are coming from this working relationship between the two centers.

The Jack Sanders banquet went off without a hitch. The banquet was held at Seaworld in San Antonio. This past October all attendees were able to enjoy Seaworld on Sunday and attend the banquet Saturday evening. Awards went to the best of the best from the chapter and the SCI staff from San Antonio and Houston VA's.

We had two successful fishing trips: the Galveston fishing excursion and Flag Day Fishing in Corpus Christi, TX with lots of fish ending up on the dinner table.

Please watch our national sporting clays team take on any team that's up to the challenge. We've been adding sports practice in person back.

The San Antonio and Houston VA SCI Centers have opened up the rec room for us to come in and have Super Bowl parties in both locations. The day rooms of both SCI centers were decorated for the game, it was a huge success in getting the inpatients involved and brought together with our members that also attended to have a meal and enjoy the game.

I am trying to come up with a strategy to contact and work with El Paso members on the far west side of Texas. Hopefully, we can get the forgotten few on the West side to start being more involved with the chapter and get some activities going with those members. Our MS team is doing great things with recruiting Veterans with MS to join the chapter, keep up the great work.

I want to close with wishing everyone a great year for things to come. If you have an event in mind you would like to see the chapter, try to put it together and please call or email the chapter office with your idea and contact information. Let's get out this year and let's have a lot of fun. Be safe and take care.

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 2023 and the services we were able to provide our membership. 92% 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 worked 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 to support TPVA members affected by MS and ALS. The Texas Chapter created an MS Program specifically for our members with MS and in fiscal year 2024 we will support the National MS Society by participating in Walk MS events in Houston and San Antonio. In fiscal year 2025 we will participate in Walk MS events in Austin and The Woodlands. We will alternate every year.

The Texas Chapter 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 so VA can retain highly qualified individuals to care for our members.

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 to Protect Access to VA's Specialized Health Care Services, Expand Access to VA Long-Term Services and Support, Improve VA Benefits and Health Care Services for Paralyzed Veterans and their Survivors, Protect the Civil Rights of People with Disabilities, Improve Access to Social Security Benefits and Increase Employment Prospects for Veterans with Disabilities. 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 improved Veterans healthcare. We also advocated for increases in nursing staff.

Sports and Recreation

Texas Chapter PVA had an exceptional year for Sports and Recreation. 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 15 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 trips in Galveston Bay. 8 members attended the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Portland, Or and 5 attended the Winter Sports Clinic. We have resumed practice for bowling, air guns, boccia and shot gun shooting.

Fundraising

In October we hosted our Inaugural Fall Shoot in Kingsbury, in November we hosted our Annual BBQ Cook-Off in Houston and then in February we hosted our Fifteenth 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 membership is approximately 601, with 272 nonservice connected veterans and 328 service-connected members. This Fiscal Year, TPVA was able to offer emergency financial assistance to 21 members. We hosted our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheons for in-patients and SCI Unit staff. We provide in-patient catering throughout the year. We provided Christmas gifts for all patients and staff on both SCI Units. We created a MS Program and have established a budgeted line item solely for the program. We have established a reoccurring email group specifically for our MSers and hope to have them become more involved. We are actively recruiting new members.

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.





Jason F. Clausen, P.C.

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, 2023 and September 30, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, 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, 2023 and 2022, 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

February 14, 2024

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash eQuivalents	\$ 462,608	\$ 339,452
Investments	836,246	895,832
Accounts receivable	33,686	34,525
Prepaid expenses	5,344	3,182
	1,337,884	1,272,991
Property and eEquipment		
Property and eEquipment	1,193,065	1,164,565
Less: accumulated depreciation	(439,319)	(405,131)
Net property and eEquipment	753,746	759,434
Financing right of use asset, net	18,628	
Total assets	2,110,258	2,032,425
 Liabilities and net assets		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,137	18,659
Mortgage note payable, current	36,884	32,858
Financing right of use liability, current	4,146	
Deferred revenue	175	
	45,342	51,517
Long term liabilities		
Financing right of use liability, net of current	14,774	
Mortgage note payable, net of current	72,021	152,580
Total long-term liabilities	86,795	152,580
Total liabilities	132,137	204,097
<u>Net assests</u>		
Without donor restrictions	1,927,121	1,777,328
Board restricted	51,000	51,000
Total net assets	1,978,121	1,828,328
Total liabilities and net assets	2,110,258	2,032,425

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, TEXAS CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022


	2023		2022	
	Net assets without donor restrictions	Net assets with donor restrictions	Total	Total
Support and revenue				
PVA grants	\$ 145,471	\$	\$ 145,471	\$ 157,891
Contributions	547,866		547,866	493,218
Fundraising income	28,362		28,362	19,420
Investment income (loss)	85,138		85,138	(149,592)
Other	673		673	281
In-kind contributions				6,100
Total support and revenue	<u>807,510</u>		<u>807,510</u>	<u>527,318</u>
Expense				
Program services				
Advocacy, liaison, and service	122,148		122,148	112,071
Sports and recreation	155,596		155,596	127,527
Communication	81,860		81,860	88,323
Membership	244,844		244,844	197,697
Total program services	604,448		604,448	525,618
Supporting services				
Management and general	44,939		44,939	63,624
Fundraising	8,330		8,330	12,740
Total expense	<u>657,717</u>		<u>657,717</u>	<u>601,982</u>
Change in net assets	149,793		149,793	(74,664)
Net assets, beginning of period	<u>1,828,328</u>		<u>1,828,328</u>	<u>1,902,992</u>
Net assets, end of period	<u>1,978,121</u>		<u>11,978,121</u>	<u>11,828,328</u>






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