



Paralyzed Veterans of America



Nevada Chapter

Annual Report 2010

MISSION STATEMENT

The Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to improving and ensuring the quality of life for veterans who have suffered spinal cord injury or disease through:

Advocacy and Legislation
Research and Development
Barrier Free Architecture
Sports and Recreation
Help with VA Benefits and Claims

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President's Message

by Michael C. Stern

The Nevada Chapter has had another great year, we are now trying to get members from Mesquite, Nevada.

We did a number of John Rumsfield's radio shows. He does public Service Announcements (30 minutes each) and this has really helped the chapter. The radio station he uses has approximately 1100 stations nationwide and we have received calls from all over the country. I am sure this also assists other chapters in states they cover as we refer potential members to the appropriate chapter in their area.

We took part in Public Awareness Week (PAW) and sponsored a "A Day in a Wheelchair" in which managers from various organizations worked one day in a wheelchair and then they wrote an article for our newsletter on their experience.

We had a great fishing trip on Lake Mead this past June. It was really a lot of fun, the boat I was on caught three strippers and we skunked the other boat which, I might add, was being piloted by none other than our Executive Director, Julie Johnson. We had plenty of food on each boat along with plenty of drinks to hydrate everyone in our warm weather (it was about 92 degrees).

We participated in a Veterans Stand Down that the total cost was about \$250 (see what happens when veterans organizations get together with a common goal). It only lasted one day but we saw approximately 300+ homeless/displaced veterans. We were amazed at how much we accomplished, as previously, we had two day events for the summer, which costs much more money and we didn't see that many more veterans. I want to thank Catholic War Veterans, VFW, American Legion, DAV, all these organizations came from all over Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City. This was also prior to our harsh winter. We found that the Stand Down was much more beneficial held in the winter than in the summer. It was an extremely good learning experience for all the organizations.

Pappas Motor Sports held a fund raiser for us at the Raceway during the "Bulldog" Races (all types of stock cars) all disabled veterans were let in for free (saved a \$10 fee) and we had a great car show, which was the actual fundraiser, we felt we did much better because of the number of people who go to the races.

We had a great veterans motorcycle run that was put on by the VFW, NV PVA, American Legion, and was a great success.

Our car donation program is doing well, considering the hard times that have hit Nevada as we are considered the 5th worst economy in the world, yes, Nevada is number 5, but the positive is that over the past four years, the donation program has brought in approximately \$250,000. The program had some new licensing requirements which made us jump through hoops because the city needed extra money so they made all 501(c)(3) dealers get a new license. I went to the city and got the fee waived for a fire inspection which costs about \$350 and truly was unnecessary. I guess the clerk agreed with me because he waived the fee.

We participated in two fundraisers at the San Gennaro Feast, where we had a booth and received donations for cold bottled water and this time we made more money than we ever have in the past. We had many volunteers working the booth as the feast last for a week.

We continued with our annual pizza party at the Nevada State Veteran's Home, it was really great to help those older veterans and they really appreciate us showing up. We had quite a few women this year, and again, our volunteer base was great at helping us out.

President's Report

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We finished the year by adopting five veterans and their families from the Help Genesis Apartments. We provided food, clothing, hygiene products, shoes and toys, if the veterans had children. It is really rewarding to see the expressions on their faces when they receive their gifts. This year we also teamed with Nellis Air Force Base who sponsored a group of veterans on their own.

We ended the year by having a Christmas Party, along with the Reno members having a Christmas Party the same day. We had the best turn out we have ever had, including our SCI doctor, nurse and social worker.

This year we are using a slogan we established at the Board of Director's Meeting being the economy is such, we need to "think outside the box" for many of our events and fundraisers.

Advocacy Report

by Michael Stern

I participated in a teleconference with the Committee on Judiciary at the Grant Sawyer Building on AB223 which provides protection for Federal Benefit recipients from attachment of exempt funds streamlining the process for these already exempt funds. I did quite a bit of research on not only non-service connected PVA members but other disabled veterans from various organizations and found that banks were allowing attachment of funds directly deposited from the U.S. Treasury Department. These were Social Security and VA disability payments. It was found that many of the people, because of the bad economy in Las Vegas, have closed their bank accounts and receive their benefit checks at home and cashed them and keep the cash around. This creates a big problem with burglary and robberies, along with injuries received by the recipients of these checks. The Judiciary Committee had passed this law two years ago, but the previous Governor had vetoed the bill. Because we now have a new Governor the bill now has a good chance of passing.

Benefits and Liaison

by Tx Vogler, Ph.D.

Senior Benefits Advocate

Over the past year, NV PVA has been in contact with 2,278 veterans. Total issues filed totaled 421. Nevada PVA's accomplished wins for veterans in the past year totaled \$4,178,154, of that \$2,221,644 were for spinal cord injured or diseased veterans. We also had a significant number of retroactive awards that were granted, 27 in all totaling \$1,953,479.

During this time, the Service Officer traveled 6,854 miles on company business. At this time we are the only veteran's organization that when called by the various hospitals around town to notify us of veterans in the hospital, we actually go there and help walk them through the enrollment process, step-by-step.

Nevada PVA has gotten homeless veterans off the streets and either into the state home in Boulder City or has gotten their claims processed, and they have received their money and are now able to have a home. We assist getting them benefits to keep them off the streets or if they are poverty stricken to help them survive with a better quality of life.

2010 Donors

Platinum Donor	\$500 or more	Silver Donor	\$50 or more
Titanium Donor	\$250 or more	Bronze Donor	\$25 or more
Gold Donor	\$100 or more		

Platinum Donors

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Sports & Recreation Report

Most of 2010 was an exciting and fruitful time. I made a trip back East for the Golden Age Games in Des Moines, Iowa and then to Southern Illinois for a trap shoot.

The Golden Age Games are always a very memorable experience, as they always treat us veterans so well. The trap shoot tour is always a very interesting experience because we never know what kind of conditions will appear. You can never rely on Mother Nature to give us our best weather. Last year, for the first time, we hosted the Year End Trap Shoot and had an excellent turnout. We also held our first Pistol Shoot in conjunction with the trap shoot. Both were held for the first time at our new Shooting Park which is a state-of-the-art facility.

This year we participated in various events with the City of Las Vegas Adaptive Recreation Department, such as wheelchair tennis and basketball. We also partnered with the City of Reno's Adaptive Recreation Department and sponsored several of their events.

We held various fundraising events such as San Gennaro, where we took in a record number of donations, as well as a car show sponsored by Pappas Motorsports.

We participated in two Veterans Homeless Stand Downs in Las Vegas and one in Reno. We passed out hygiene products and collected clothing for these events.

Our annual fishing trip was a lot of fun for those who participated as was our annual picnic. Jamie Johnson barbequed the best ribs ever and everyone ate way too much.

Along with our sporting events we had our yearly pizza party at the Veterans Home in Boulder. We had a really good turnout and always enjoying mingling with the veterans. Our Christmas Party had the best turn out yet and the food was great and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Membership Report

As of December 31, 2010

Service Connected	85
Non-Service Connected	87
Total	172

Our membership remained steady during 2010. However, this year already we have added quite a few new members and are steadily adding to our volunteer base. Efforts are continuing to add new members and volunteers to Nevada PVA.

Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America
Statement of Activities
December 31, 2010 & 2009

	2010			2009		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue and Support:						
Contributions	\$634,043		\$634,043	\$ 82,816		\$ 82,816
PVA Grant	215,971		215,971	181,318		181,318
Special Events	33,034	\$2,000	35,034	57,006		57,006
Investment Income	3,065		3,065	6,027		6,027
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Total Revenue and Support	886,113	2,000	888,113	327,167		327,167
Program Services:						
Member Benefits	183,197		183,197	129,085		129,085
Public Affairs	<u>9,705</u>		<u>9,705</u>	<u>2,831</u>		<u>2,831</u>
Total Program Services	<u>192,902</u>		<u>192,902</u>	<u>131,916</u>		<u>131,916</u>
Support Services:						
General and Administrative	63,282		63,282	86,516		86,516
Fundraising	<u>5,171</u>		<u>5,171</u>	<u>9,370</u>		<u>9,370</u>
Total Support Services	<u>68,453</u>		<u>68,453</u>	<u>95,886</u>		<u>95,886</u>
Total Expenses	<u>261,355</u>		<u>261,355</u>	<u>227,802</u>		<u>227,802</u>
Changes in Net Assets	624,758	2,000	626,758	99,365		99,365
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>1,003,964</u>	<u>2,809</u>	<u>1,006,773</u>	<u>904,599</u>	<u>2,809</u>	<u>907,408</u>
Net Assets End of Year	<u>\$1,628,722</u>	<u>\$4,809</u>	<u>\$1,633,531</u>	<u>\$1,003,964</u>	<u>\$2,809</u>	<u>\$1,006,773</u>

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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2010 & 2009

Assets:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Cash and equivalents (includes Temporarily Restricted)	\$1,140,881	\$ 491,979
Prepaid insurance	2,098	2,098
Office equipment	4,507	4,507
Furniture & Fixture	771	771
Building and improvements	451,836	451,836
Land	95,231	95,231
Accumulated depreciation	(52,684)	(36,967)
 Total Assets	 \$1,642,640	 \$1,009,455

Liabilities and Net Assets:

Accrued expenses	<u>\$ 9,109</u>	<u>\$ 2,682</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>9,109</u>	 <u>2,682</u>
 Net Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Operating	1,494,927	879,958
Board Designated	<u>133,795</u>	<u>124,006</u>
	<u>1,628,722</u>	<u>1,003,964</u>
 Temporarily restricted	 <u>4,809</u>	 <u>2,809</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u>1,633,531</u>	 <u>1,006,773</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u>\$1,642,640</u>	 <u>\$1,009,455</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
December 31, 2010 & 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$626,758	\$ 99,365
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	15,717	15,817
Changes in assets & liabilities:		
Prepaid insurance		4,065
Accrued expenses	6,427	(10,756)
Net cash from operating activities	<u>648,902</u>	<u>108,491</u>
Net change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	648,902	89,216
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>491,979</u>	<u>402,763</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$1,140,881</u>	<u>\$491,979</u>

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Please contact the office at (702) 646-0040 if you are interested in volunteering for various events such as fundraisers, picnics, trap shoots, fishing outings, etc.



Recording artist Jimmy Stowe has recorded a song entitled "Freedom's Friend" as a tribute to all Paralyzed Veterans in order to raise funds for our organization. This CD can be purchased from us for \$5. Please contact our office at (702) 646-0040 if you are interested in purchasing a copy.



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