



Paralyzed Veterans OF AMERICA

Nevada Chapter

Changing Lives, Building Futures



Annual Report 2012

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 Dan Kaminski

I took over the position of President last year due to the illness and subsequent resignation of elected President, Mike Stem. We hope Mike is feeling better and will be able to become active in our chapter once again soon.

All clinics are now in place at the hospital which was opened in August, 2012. It took 12 hard fought years by the staff to get through all the government red tape to get the hospital built, but it is finally open. Thanks to everyone for working hard to make this project come to fruition. All the patient rooms are wheelchair accessible, including the restrooms. All are also private rooms. They all have lifts, and include WiFi, and flat screen TV's. As of this writing the inpatient rooms are not yet open but scheduled for early summer, after completion of the expanded Emergency Room. Thanks to John Bright and his entire staff for seeing this project through.

We held our Annual Membership Meeting in February and it was well attended and a lot of fun. Representations from Senator Heller's office and Congressman Heck's office attended the function, as well as Congresswoman Shelley Berkeley.

Our Vehicle Donation Program is still on-going, though down a bit due to the economy.

Once again we worked with other veterans organizations throughout the area on projects such as the Homeless Veterans Stand Down.

We held our first annual Open House, we hope to make this an annual event during Public Awareness Month everyone had a great time. We held fundraising events such as San Gennaro and Pappas Motorsports once again was kind enough to hold an event for us. This year we also began a raffle for a pencil dispenser that was featured on American Restoration. I was lucky enough to be featured on this show and Rick and Kelly Dale and all their staff have been terrific to work with, we will draw the winner during our Annual Membership Meeting in February.

And, as always, we sponsored events for the City of Las Vegas Adaptive Recreation Department, as well as, the City of Reno's Adaptive Recreation Department. We thoroughly enjoy working with these two groups and hope to continue doing so for many years to come.

The two sporting events that we sponsor, our Annual Trap Shoot and our Annual Bowling Tournament were both very well attended and were huge successes.

Some sad news to report, this year one of our founding members and a Past President, Carl Owens passed away. He will be dearly missed and we wish his family well.

Membership Report

As of December 31, 2012

Service Connected	78	Associate Members	80
Non Service Connected	90	Volunteers	40
Total Membership	168		

The Annual General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet was held on February 25, 2012 at the Las Vegas County Club.

Purpose

The purpose of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Nevada Chapter (NVPV A) is to help our members and their families, veterans, and all people with disabilities with accessibility issues, civil rights, VA benefits, transportation issues, and new laws to enhance the lives of people with disabilities. NVPV A also advocates for veterans and individuals suffering from spinal cord injury or disease in order to assist them in integrating into mainstream society and to open all possible avenues towards living life to its fullest.

One of the ways NVPV A accomplishes its purpose is to promote health and well-being of the disabled person. Nevada PVA provides information and equipment access to potential wheelchair athletes. Handcycling, basketball, boating, football, sit-skiing, racquetball, rugby, swimming, tennis, track and field and weightlifting are among the many sports and recreation activities in which our members can participate.

Chapter Administration

The chapter's office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. We are in compliance with all the reporting requirements as mandated by PVA's Governing Documents. We receive an annual audit of our financial statement and file all required documents with the IRS, the state, and other entities, as required. The Nevada Chapter has two employees, Executive Director, Julie Johnson and Office Manager/Newsletter Editor, Ann Perelman who both work to ensure that the chapter is successful. We appreciate all the numerous volunteers, including our staff and especially our families who answer the call to support our members.

Communication

Our newsletter is published bi-monthly. We regularly update our website at www.nevadapva.org and Facebook, which offers public communication between our members, the Chapter and supporters. Email blasts are sent when opportunities arise or when there is news that maybe of interest to our members.

Liaison

We keep an active working relationship with the VA Director, John Bright and the SCI team in Las Vegas as well as Jim Hearn and the rest of the SCI staff in Reno. Our goal is to maintain a presence at both facilities to ensure the highest quality of care.

Advocacy/Legislation

Chapter Advocacy/Legislative Director, Roger Dauffenbach, attended the PVA Advocacy/Legislative Seminar and had a great deal of success meeting with our Congressional Representatives in Washington.

Service

National Service Officer for our member is Carmen Rodolph and VLO is Patti Matysiak. Nevada PVA members can apply and obtain their veteran's benefits through these two representatives.

Fundraising

We are grateful to Pappas Motorsports for holding an Annual Car Show, Donation Marketing and the vehicle donation lot, Boca Management for their donation at San Geronimo, MGM Foundation, United Way and the CFC Campaign. We would like to thank our sponsors and donors who consistently donate to NVPVA throughout the year.

Northern Nevada News

We continued to expand our membership not only in Las Vegas, but in Northern Nevada as well and worked with the Adaptive Recreation Department in Reno to sponsor various sporting events. Our annual picnic and Christmas Party were both well attended and Julie Johnson, our Executive Director once again made the trek to Reno to meet with members during our picnic. Our Reno tab on the website is going strong with lots of sporting events being advertised. Hopefully, we can get more members to come out for these events.

Benefits and Liaison

Total POA's held in 2012 - 425	Total dollar amount of benefits obtained - \$2,001,716
Total new POA's obtained - 47	Unresolved pending claims - 331
Interview's conducted - 240	

The Las Vegas NSO office was vacant throughout 2012 with a visiting Service Officer. The Service Office in late 2012 has been expanded now to Reno where we have a National Service Officer present and we now also have a Liaison Officer now at the new location at the Las Vegas VAMC.

2012 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

Do Right Foundation
Lee O'Brien
Tx Vogler
The United Way
MGM Foundation

Titanium Donors

Gold Donors

Cheryl DeBoisiere

Silver Donors

Mr. & Mrs. Bodell
Daniel Asseff

Bronze Donors

Douglas Nagoshi
Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Norton
Will Burlew

Sports Report

One of our biggest events of the year was our Annual Trap Shoot, we had a really great turnout, it was a little windy but all in all the weather was great.

This year once again we held our Annual Fishing Trip out at Lake Mead but rather than rent boats we fished off the dock at Willow Beach Marina and Campground. Everyone had a great time and some fish were actually caught this year! Yeah!!

We again sponsored handcycling, wheelchair basketball and the military sports camp along with other events in Reno through the Adaptive Recreation Department and turn out was great and we look forward to continuing our relationship with them again in 2013 and, perhaps, adding a few events.

Again this year we sponsored several events for the Paralympic Kids through the City of Las Vegas Adaptive Recreation Department and as always had a great time. This kids all have fun and are so grateful for our sponsorship. This year we had a BBQ, Ice Cream Social and hosted their annual Christmas Party. We all thoroughly enjoy sponsoring these events and have almost as much fun as the kids do.

Unfortunately this year due to illness we were only able to send one of our members to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, where he did us proud. We hope to send a larger team in 2013. We also participated in the Golden Age Games.

Pappas Motorsports once again held a fundraiser for us at one of their car shows, this event is a lot of fun and seems like each year there are more cars exhibited.

The Annual San Geronimo Feast was a hit for us again this year. We participate in event twice a year and have a donations booth where we give out ice cold water for a \$1 donation. We have lots of fun and people have come to expect us there and look for us as we offer the best deal at the feast.

This year for Public Awareness Month we sponsored several events, including a Pizza Party at the Veterans Home in Boulder City. We also sponsored an Open House which was a huge winner and we hope to have this as an annual event.

As always, we finished up the year with our Bowling Tournament, attendance was great and everyone enjoyed coming to Vegas for this tournament.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S OPINION

Board of Directors
Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America

I have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2012, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the 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.

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 risk 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, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America as of December 31, 2012, and the changes in its net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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March 11, 2013

Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America
Statement of Activities
December 31, 2012 & 2011

	2012			2011		
	Temporarily			Temporarily		
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue and Support:						
Contributions	\$73,717		\$73,717	\$78,788		\$78,788
PVA Grant	169,376		169,376	206,956		206,956
Special Events	16,720		16,720	16,492		16,492
Investment Income	8,201		8,201	3,298		3,298
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Total Revenue and Support	<u>268,014</u>		<u>268,014</u>	<u>305,534</u>		<u>305,534</u>
Program Services:						
Member Benefits	212,801	500	213,301	209,470	500	209,970
Public Affairs	<u>10,995</u>		<u>10,995</u>	<u>11,214</u>		<u>11,214</u>
Total Program Services	<u>223,796</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>224,296</u>	<u>220,684</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>221,184</u>
Support Services:						
General and Administrative	52,289		52,287	57,579		57,579
Fundraising	<u>4,982</u>		<u>4,982</u>	<u>4,977</u>		<u>4,977</u>
Total Support Services	<u>57,269</u>		<u>57,269</u>	<u>62,556</u>		<u>62,556</u>
Total Expenses	<u>281,065</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>281,565</u>	<u>283,240</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>283,740</u>
Changes in Net Assets	(13,051)	(500)	(13,551)	22,294	(500)	21,794
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2,960		2,960	(275)		(275)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>1,650,541</u>	<u>4,309</u>	<u>1,654,850</u>	<u>1,628,722</u>	<u>4,809</u>	<u>1,633,531</u>
Net Assets End of Year	<u>\$1,640,450</u>	<u>3,809</u>	<u>\$1,644,259</u>	<u>\$1,650,741</u>	<u>\$4,309</u>	<u>\$1,655,050</u>

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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2012 & 2011

Assets:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash and equivalents (includes Temporarily Restricted)	\$1,057,191	\$1,063,495
Investments	108,565	99,725
Prepaid insurance	4,819	1,991
Vehicles	2,000	2,000
Office equipment	5,423	4,785
Furniture & Fixtures	771	771
Building and improvements	456,136	456,136
Land	95,231	95,231
Accumulated depreciation	(84,132)	(68,266)
 Total Assets	 <u>\$1,646,004</u>	 <u>\$1,655,868</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets:

Accrued expenses	\$1,745	\$ <u>818</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>1,745</u>	 <u>818</u>
 Net Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Operating	1,578,042	1,589,947
Board Designated	<u>62,408</u>	<u>60,794</u>
	<u>1,640,450</u>	<u>1,650,741</u>
Temporarily restricted	<u>3,809</u>	<u>4,309</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u>1,644,259</u>	 <u>1,655,050</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u>\$1,646,004</u>	 <u>\$1,655,868</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

December 31, 2012 & 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$(10,591)	\$ 21,519
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Unrealized (gain)/loss on investments	(2,960)	275
Realized (gain)/loss on investments	(6,008)	
Depreciation	15,866	15,582
Changes in assets & liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses	(2,900)	107
Accrued expenses	<u>927</u>	<u>(8,291)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>(5,666)</u>	<u>29,192</u>
Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
Purchase of investments		<u>(100,000)</u>
Net cash from investing activities		<u>(100,000)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(638)</u>	(6,578)
Net cash from financing activities	<u>(638)</u>	(6,578)
Net change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(6,304)	(77,386)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>1,063,495</u>	<u>1,140,881</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$1,057,191</u>	<u>\$1,063,495</u>