



# Paralyzed Veterans of America

Nevada Chapter

2015

Annual REPORT

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## From the Desk of the President

Dear Members & Friends,

This past year was a time of continued growth and change for Nevada PVA. Our chapter is going strong with 176 members from around the state.

Throughout 2015, there were so many accomplishments and exciting events throughout the year that it is hard to pick just one to highlight. Here are several:

- ◆ Several of our members participated in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Our very own board members Mariza Shaffa and I won five medals each (several gold).
- ◆ We hosted the Paralympics kids and their families this past June and they were treated to a barbeque and ice cream social. They continue to inspire us with their happy faces.
- ◆ We continued to support local, low-income veterans through Adopt-A-Veteran, which provided them with basic needs such as food and clothing.
- ◆ We had an amazing Public Awareness Month. We started it off at the VA Hospital with an obstacle course where VA employees got a chance to see what it was like to maneuver in a chair. Race car driver Fast Jack took first place.

Nevada PVA is closing in on nearly two decades of service. We're going strong and the future looks bright. We are committed to improving the quality of life for veterans with spinal cord injury/dysfunction and the disabled community.

- ◆ We fight for all veterans.
- ◆ We advocate for quality healthcare and decent benefits.
- ◆ We push to make America accessible.
- ◆ We empower veterans with the tools they need to secure good careers.
- ◆ We promote and provide adaptive sports opportunities.
- ◆ We deliver our services to all veterans FREE of charge, thanks to the support of our donors.

You can count on Nevada PVA to serve you and to make your lives better every day. Thank you to all of our members, donors, and volunteers for supporting Nevada PVA.

Sincerely,

Dan Kaminski, President

# **Program Overview**

## **Sports, Recreation and Wellness Programs:**

Nevada PVA's focus is on the health and wellness of veterans with spinal cord injury (SCI). Over the years, Nevada PVA has become the leading provider of sports, recreation and wellness programs for veterans with SCI. Our program includes the following services: (1) Step Outside: (2) Adopt-A-Vet: (3) Sports (for physical stability) and (4) Paralympic Children's sports activity clinics. Step Outside enables the veterans to get out of their home and take part in their community. Adopt-A-Vet provides for the basic needs for veterans. Through sports we offer bowling, Trapshoot and fishing outings to help enhance mental and physical stability.

## **Outreach and Education**

We have a bi-monthly newsletter and bi-monthly E-news Updates, these are sent out to our members, fellow chapters, and spinal cord clinics. We also have social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and You Tube), which we use for outreach and education. We also provide support to veterans and their families as well as our spinal cord nurses and social worker at both hospitals, through our education scholarships. Nevada PVA participates in numerous community outreach events including the Veterans Service Fair and veteran's health fairs.

## **Liaison and Service:**

The Nevada Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America will use our unique expertise to ensure the quality healthcare, expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life for veterans and all people with spinal cord injury and disease. We accomplish this through VA liaison services.

In FY 2015 we made 1,497 contacts, resolved 531 issues resulting in total grant benefits in the amount of \$1,840,391.

## **Other program services Research Support:**

Nevada PVA supports research by outside organization's and partners who are seeking treatment for SCI and cures for spinal disease.

## **FY 2015 Donors**

Donations, regardless of the size, helps Nevada PVA care for paralyzed veterans and continue to serve them in the areas of service such as Advocacy, Membership Services, and Sports, Recreation and Wellness Programs.

### **Corporate & Foundation Donors**

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Paralyzed Veterans of America                   | Fidelity Charitable Gifts   |
| United Way of Southern Nevada                   | Amazon Smile                |
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| Causecast Foundation                            | Smith's                     |

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# The Year in Pictures

Annual Trap Shoot



Veterans Day Parade



Fishing on Lake Mead



Annual Bowling Tournament



Veterans Wheelchair Games



Annual Christmas Party







**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Assets

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$484,006               |
| Certificates of deposit    | 322,436                 |
| Accounts receivable        | 1,112                   |
| Investments                | 397,778                 |
| Inventory                  | <u>14,100</u>           |
| Total current assets       | 1,219,432               |
| Net property and equipment | <u>376,160</u>          |
| Total assets               | <u><u>1,595,592</u></u> |

Liabilities and net assets

Liabilities

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Accounts payable          | 3,966                |
| Accrued PTO               | <u>20,970</u>        |
| Total current liabilities | <u><u>24,936</u></u> |

Net assets

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted, not designated     | 1,516,194                 |
| Board-designated                 | 52,329                    |
| Temporarily restricted           | <u>2,133</u>              |
| Total net assets                 | <u><u>1,570,656</u></u>   |
| Total liabilities and net assets | <u><u>\$1,595,592</u></u> |



**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

|                                       | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Temporarily<br/>Restricted</u> | <u>Total</u>     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Revenue and other support</u>      |                     |                                   |                  |
| Contributions                         | \$37,739            | \$-                               | \$37,739         |
| Publications                          | -                   | -                                 |                  |
| Investment income/(loss), net         | (14,068)            | -                                 | (14,068)         |
| Donated space, equipment and services | 26,360              | -                                 | 26,360           |
| PVA grant                             | 170,008             | -                                 | 170,008          |
| Fundraising                           | 96,905              |                                   | 96,905           |
| Other                                 | 10,151              |                                   | 10,151           |
| TRNA released from restrictions       | <u>10,162</u>       | <u>(10,162)</u>                   | <u>-</u>         |
| Total revenue and other support       | <u>337,257</u>      | <u>(10,162)</u>                   | <u>327,095</u>   |
| <u>Expense</u>                        |                     |                                   |                  |
| <u>Program services</u>               |                     |                                   |                  |
| Sports, Recreation, and Wellness      | 146,642             | -                                 | 146,642          |
| Outreach and Education                | 108,539             | -                                 | 108,539          |
| Research and Support                  | <u>1,000</u>        | <u>-</u>                          | <u>1,000</u>     |
| Total program services                | 256,181             | -                                 | 256,181          |
| <u>Supporting services</u>            |                     |                                   |                  |
| General and administrative            | 25,507              | -                                 | 25,507           |
| Fundraising                           | <u>30,142</u>       | <u>-</u>                          | <u>30,142</u>    |
| Total expense                         | <u>311,830</u>      | <u>-</u>                          | <u>311,830</u>   |
| Change in net assets                  | 25,427              | (10,162)                          | 15,265           |
| Net assets, beginning of period       | <u>1,543,096</u>    | <u>12,295</u>                     | <u>1,555,391</u> |
| Net assets, end of period             | \$1,568,523         | \$2,133                           | \$1,570,656      |

**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>   |                  |
| Change in net assets  | \$15,265         |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets<br>to net cash provided by operating activities |                  |
| Depreciation  | 24,202           |
| Change In-kind donations capitalized  | (6,100)          |
| Investment losses   | 14,068           |
| <u>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</u>  |                  |
| Increase in accounts receivable   | (1,112)          |
| Decrease in prepaid assets  | 3,124            |
| Increase in accounts payable  | 3,965            |
| Decrease in payroll accruals  | <u>(6,631)</u>   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | <u>46,781</u>    |
| <u>Cash flows from investing activities</u>   |                  |
| Cash received from interest and dividends, net of reinvestment                                | 445              |
| Cash paid for investments   | <u>(250,000)</u> |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | <u>(249,555)</u> |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents   | (202,774)        |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period  | <u>686,780</u>   |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period  | <u>\$484,006</u> |

The Organization paid \$0 for interest for the year ended December 31, 2015

## *In Memoriam*

*We had to say goodbye to many of our members. Their memories, however, will remain a part of us until we join them.*

In 2015 we lost a dearly beloved member who was influential in making Nevada PVA a success....Mr. Kenny Rogers. Kenny was a founder of Nevada PVA.

Kenny was a WWII veteran having served as a plank holder on the Battleship New Jersey in the Pacific Theater. He served on the board of directors of Nevada PVA in one capacity or another since our founding. He was very active in sports, competing in the PVA Trapshoot circuit, the Golden Age Games and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games every year.

How do you say goodbye to someone you've known for 20 years, who was a friend and mentor?

Rest In Peace Our Friend, You Are Missed!!!



*To our other dearly beloved members that we lost in 2015 you will also be missed!!!*

James Denmark  
Robert Deutsch  
Harold May  
Kenny Rogers  
Johns Wallace

*"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles" - Christopher Reeve*

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