



# **Paralyzed Veterans of America** 2016

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Nevada Chapter

**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 173 members from around the state.

In 2016, 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. Members Lester Wood, Mariza Shaffa and Larry Porter participated in the games and won the following medals: (this year we also took along a coach, Julie Johnson) **Larry Porter** won **Gold** in Track 100M, Track 200m, Track 400m, Field Shot, Field discus, Field javelin and Weightlifting. He also won **Silver** medals in Archer and Rugby. **Mariza Shaffa** won **Gold** in Slalom and Swimming, 50 yard backstroke and a **Bronze** in Bowling. Lester Wood won a **Bronze** in Table tennis. Congratulations to them all.
- ◆ We hosted the Paralympics kids and their families throughout the year and they were treated to BBQ's and ice cream social's. 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, hygiene products and clothing. We expanded this program to year round, thereby allowing us to more than double the number of veterans helped
- ◆ We had an amazing Public Awareness Month. We started it off at a tour for our members at the Atomic Museum, then a booth at the VA Hospital; our Annual Open House and our 4th Annual Walk, Run and Roll..
- ◆ We added a Development Committee which has allowed us to expand our existing programs, as well as develop new ones.

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 have a great rapport and have regular meetings with the VA Director and Staff ensuring that our veterans are getting the quality healthcare and benefits they have coming.

- ◆ 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

## Fundraising

Nevada PVA is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. We receive no federal funding or federal grant support. We receive approximately 50% of our funding from National PVA and the rest through various fundraising events to help support the programs and services we provide to our members. Fundraising activities include, Grant writing, CFC campaigns, Vehicle Donation Program, United Way, MGM Foundation, and community support, etc.. We held our 4th Annual Walk, Run and Roll and had the best turnout to date, this is becoming a great fundraiser and awareness event for us.

## Hospital Liaison

The Chapter Service Office, Chapter staff and Chapter representatives have regular meeting with the VA staff and the Director of the medical center to discuss and address issues that require attention. We also have a representative attend quarterly VAVS meetings. We keep an active working relationship with the VA Directors and staff at both the Southern Nevada VA Medical Center and the Reno VA Medical Center. It is our goal to maintain a presence at both facilities to ensure the highest quality of care for our members and the veteran community at large.

## SCI Clinic

The Chapter works with the VA Medical Center staff at the Southern Nevada VA Medical Center as well as the VA Medical Center in Reno to ensure that our members are receiving the services they require. Staffing at both hospitals consists of a Physician, Nurse, Social Worker and various other therapists on staff which ensures that our members receive the best care possible. Our Wellness Program at the Southern Nevada VA this year has been very successful and we look forward to continuing to grow this program.

## Advocacy/Legislation

Our Chapter Advocacy/Legislative Director attended the PVA Advocacy and Legislation seminar in Washington, DC and met with all Nevada Congressional Representatives to outline PVA's stand on important issues, such as Veterans benefits, healthcare and the Independent Budget. He also monitors Nevada State Legislation for any issues that may pertain to disabled veterans. The Chapter also works closely with both state and federal representatives to support legislation to benefit veterans and the disabled community at large and various members of our board attend Town Hall and Roundtable discussions.

## Service

Our National Service office, located at the Reno VA Regional Office maintains outreach efforts for veterans who have sustained spinal cord injuries and/or diseases, through contacts at VA medical centers and local hospitals. Our Service Officer provides direct services by assisting veterans with claims and survivors' benefits, including compensation, pension, education, loan guarantees, automobile adaptation grants, specifically adapted housing grants, prosthetics and medical care. Mr. Ian Kenner, serves as the NSO out of Reno, NV and our VLO, Patti Matysiak serves out of the Las Vegas VA.



## FY 2016 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 Donors

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Paralyzed Veterans of America                   | Fidelity Charitable Gifts   |
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\*Names listed represent donors who gave a total of \$50 or more to Nevada PVA in 2016.



# Program Overview

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

Nevada PVA's focus is on the health and wellness of veterans with spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D). Over the years, Nevada PVA has become the leading provider of sports, recreation and wellness programs for veterans with SCI/D. 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, bocchia, 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 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 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 2016 we made 1,660 contacts, resolved 1,006 issues resulting in total grant benefits in the amount of \$4,622,780.

## **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.





## THE YEAR IN PICTURES



**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Assets

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$542,515        |
| Certificates of deposit    | 322,650          |
| Accounts receivable, net   | 7,611            |
| Investments                | 422,186          |
| Inventory                  | <u>61,000</u>    |
| Total current assets       | 1,355,962        |
| Net property and equipment | <u>351,958</u>   |
| Total assets               | <u>1,707,920</u> |

Liabilities and net assets

Liabilities

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Accounts payable          | 1,242         |
| Accrued PTO               | <u>21,703</u> |
| Total current liabilities | <u>22,945</u> |
| Total liabilities         | 22,945        |

Net assets

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted, not designated     | 1,617,375          |
| Board-designated                 | 52,329             |
| Temporarily restricted           | <u>15,271</u>      |
| Total net assets                 | <u>1,684,975</u>   |
| Total liabilities and net assets | <u>\$1,707,920</u> |





**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

|                                  | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Temporarily<br/>Restricted</u> | <u>Total</u>      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Revenue and other support</u> |                     |                                   |                   |
| Contributions                    | \$63,369            | \$15,000                          | \$78,369          |
| Investment income/(loss), net    | 24,815              |                                   | 24,815            |
| Donated items                    | 78,200              | -                                 | 78,200            |
| PVA grant                        | 163,876             | -                                 | 163,876           |
| Fundraising                      | 112,620             |                                   | 112,620           |
| Other                            | 4,760               |                                   | 4,760             |
| TRNA released from restrictions  | <u>1,862</u>        | <u>(1,862)</u>                    | <u>-</u>          |
| Total revenue and other support  | <u>449,502</u>      | <u>13,138</u>                     | <u>462,640</u>    |
| <u>Expense</u>                   |                     |                                   |                   |
| <u>Program services</u>          |                     |                                   |                   |
| Membership and Benefits          | 178,455             | -                                 | 178,455           |
| Public Affairs                   | 108,557             | -                                 | 108,557           |
| Research and Support             | <u>3,000</u>        | <u>-</u>                          | <u>3,000</u>      |
| Total program services           | 290,012             | -                                 | 290,012           |
| <u>Supporting services</u>       |                     |                                   |                   |
| General and administrative       | 24,183              | -                                 | 24,183            |
| Fundraising                      | <u>34,126</u>       | <u>-</u>                          | <u>34,126</u>     |
| Total expense                    | <u>348,321</u>      | <u>-</u>                          | <u>348,321</u>    |
| Change in net assets             | 101,181             | 13,138                            | 114,319           |
| Net assets, beginning of period  | <u>1,568,523</u>    | <u>2,133</u>                      | <u>1,570, 656</u> |
| Net assets, end of period        | \$1,669,704         | \$15,271                          | \$1,684,975       |



**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| <u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>                    |                         |
| Change in net assets   | \$114,319               |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets                  |                         |
| to net cash provided by operating activities                   |                         |
| Depreciation   | 24,202                  |
| In-Kind donations capitalized as inventory                     | (46,900)                |
| (Gain)/loss on Investment                                      | (24,815)                |
| <u>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</u>             |                         |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable                     | (6,499)                 |
| (Increase) Decrease in prepaid assets                          | -                       |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable                        | (2,724)                 |
| Increase (decrease) in payroll accruals                        | <u>733</u>              |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                      | <u>58,316</u>           |
| <u>Cash flows from investing activities</u>                    |                         |
| Cash received from interest and dividends, net of reinvestment | 193                     |
| Cash paid for investments                                      | <u>-</u>                |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities            | 193                     |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents           | 58,509                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period                 | <u>484,006</u>          |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period                       | <u><u>\$542,515</u></u> |

The Organization paid \$0 for interest for the year ended December 31, 2016



## *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.*

Michael G. Cordes  
Carl L. Hagemeyer  
Beverly C. Jolley  
Anthony F. Kershaw



"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."— **Joshua J. Marine**



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