



Paralyzed Veterans of America 2017

Nevada Chapter

Annual **REPORT**

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From the Desk of the President

Dear Members & Friends,

Our community suffered a great loss this year. On October 1st, 58 angels were taken from us at the Route 91 Concert. This tragedy has forever impacted our community but it has also brought us together and made us stronger. #VegasStrong.

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 2017, 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. Lester Wood, Leon Bostick, Mariza Shaffa and myself participated in the games and we brought back 5 Gold medals, 5 Silver medals and 3 Bronze medals. Congratulations to my fellow athletes for all their hard work.
- ◆ 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, disabled veterans through Adopt-A-Veteran, which provided them with basic needs such as food, hygiene products and clothing.
- ◆ We had an amazing Public Awareness Month. We started it off early with our annual fishing trip, bocchia ball, general membership and awards banquet, open house, annual walk, run & roll and ended it with a mobility expo.

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, community events and community support, etc..

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 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.



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:

(a) Step Outside

Step Outside enables the veterans to get out of their home and take part in their community.

(b) Adopt-A-Vet

Adopt-A-Vet provides for the basic needs for veterans. During 2017 we delivered 4,556 pounds of food and 600 pounds of fresh produce totaling 4,600 meals for approximately 800 veterans. We also supplied 1,000 hygiene kits and numerous bags and boxes of clothing.

(c) Sports (for physical stability)

Through sports we offer bowling, bocchia, trapshoot and fishing outings to help enhance mental and physical stability.

(d) Paralympic Kids

Children's sports activity clinics and summer camps.

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 YouTube), 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 2017 we made 1,631 contacts, resolved 784 issues resulting in total grant benefits in the amount of 8,052,046.

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 2017 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 Sports, Recreation and Wellness, Outreach & Education, Liaison & Advocacy Service.

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| Ability Center | Navy Federal Credit Union |
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THE YEAR IN PICTURES



NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017

Assets

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$494,118 |
| Certificates of deposit | 322,843 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 7,226 |
| Investments | 530,191 |
| Inventory | <u>20,300</u> |
| Total current assets | 1,374,678 |
| Net property and equipment | <u>326,256</u> |
| Total assets | <u>1,700,934</u> |

Liabilities and net assets

Liabilities

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Accounts payable | 4,196 |
| Accrued payroll | 1,379 |
| Accrued PTO | <u>18,724</u> |
| Total current liabilities | <u>24,299</u> |
| Total liabilities | 24,299 |

Net assets

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted, not designated | 1,610,508 |
| Board-designated | 52,329 |
| Temporarily restricted | <u>13,798</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>1,676,635</u> |
| Total liabilities and net assets | <u>\$1,700,934</u> |



NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

| | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Temporarily Restricted</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Revenue and other support</u> | | | |
| PVA Grants | \$170,575 | \$ | \$170,575 |
| Fundraising | 104,888 | | 104,888 |
| Contributions | 24,131 | 7,500 | 31,631 |
| Donated items | 35,780 | | 35,780 |
| Investment income/(loss), net | 58,369 | | 58,369 |
| Other | 20,754 | | 20,754 |
| TRNA released from restrictions | <u>8,973</u> | <u>(8,973)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total revenue and other support | <u>423,470</u> | <u>(1,473)</u> | <u>421,997</u> |
| <u>Expense</u> | | | |
| <u>Program services</u> | | | |
| Advocacy, liaison & service | 179,295 | | 179,295 |
| Sports & recreation | 92,848 | | 92,848 |
| Communication | 44,093 | | 44,093 |
| Membership | <u>49,528</u> | | <u>49,528</u> |
| Total program services | 365,764 | | 365,764 |
| <u>Supporting services</u> | | | |
| General and administrative | 27,503 | | 27,503 |
| Fundraising | <u>37,070</u> | | <u>37,070</u> |
| Total expense | <u>430,337</u> | <u> </u> | <u>430,337</u> |
| Change in net assets | (6,867) | (1,473) | (8,340) |
| Net assets, beginning of period | <u>1,669,704</u> | 15,271 | <u>1,684,975</u> |
| Net assets, end of period | \$1,662,837 | \$13,798 | \$1,676,635 |



NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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| <u>Cash flows from operating activities</u> | |
| Change in net assets | \$ (8,340) |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities | |
| Depreciation | 24,202 |
| In-Kind donations capitalized as inventory | 40,700 |
| (Gain)/loss on sale of assets | (10,500) |
| (Gain)/loss on Investments | (58,369) |
| <u>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</u> | |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable | 385 |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable | 2,954 |
| Increase (decrease) in payroll accruals | <u>(1,601)</u> |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>(10,569)</u> |
| <u>Cash flows from investing activities</u> | |
| Cash received from sale of donated land | 12,000 |
| Cash received from interest and dividends, net of reinvestment | 172 |
| Cash paid for investments | <u>(50,000)</u> |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (37,828) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (48,397) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | <u>542,515</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | <u>\$494,118</u> |

The Organization paid \$0 for interest for the year ended December 31, 2017



In Memoriam

Those we love don't go away

They sit beside us every day

Unseen, unheard, but always near

Still loved, still missed and very dear

Joseph W. Boyd
Denis W. Geil
Nancy Graf
Thomas Hill
Stanley H. Hunt
Louis N. Rocco



“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.” *Henry David Thoreau*



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