



# **Paralyzed Veterans of America** 2018

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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 161 members from around the state.

In 2018, 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, and Mike Romanowski and myself participated in the games and we brought back 5 Gold medals, and 2 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. This program teaches kids with all types of disabilities that they can do whatever they set their minds to. We have watched so many of these children grow up and its been such a pleasure to watch them mature into adults.
- ◆ 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, general membership and awards banquet, open house, and our annual walk, run & roll.

Nevada PVA will celebrate 20 years of service to our members and the veteran community next year. 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.
- ◆ We provide basic needs to veterans in need.

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 40% 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, NV Energy Foundation, MGM Foundation, Bank of America Foundation the Engelstad Foundation and 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. We have a close working relationship with our representatives and their Veteran Liaison's in Las Vegas as well as the Reno/Carson City area.

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

Nevada PVA supports research and education by outside organizations and partners who are seeking various treatments for SCI.



# 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 2018 we delivered 20,000 pounds of food and fresh produce totaling 24,460 meals. We also supplied 1,760 hygiene kits and numerous bags and boxes of clothing. We have grown this into a year round program, serving over 100 veterans every month, which includes not only our members but needy veterans in our community.

### (c) Sports (for rehabilitation therapy)

Through sports we offer bowling, bocchia, trapshoot, air guns and fishing outings to help enhance mental and physical stability. We sponsor various events throughout the year such as an annual fishing trip to Lake Mead, an annual Trap Shoot and a bowling tournament where we include not only wheelchair participants but able bodied participants as well. Our annual 5K Walk, Run and Roll features a handcycle portion so that our members and others in the disabled community can participate.

### (d) Paralympic Kids

Children's sports activity clinics and summer camps. We sponsor dinner throughout the year for the Paralympic Sports Program through the City of Las Vegas Adaptive Recreation Department. We also offer scholarships for kids in need of summer camp and sponsor lunch at the end of their two week summer sports camp. Each year we hold a Christmas Party for the kids where we serve a spaghetti dinner and at the end of dinner we hand out presents for the kids in the program as well as their siblings. In 2018 we also began supplying basic needs for some of the families in this program.

## 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 2018 we made 799 contacts, resolved issues resulting in total grant benefits in the amount of \$555,774.



## FY 2018 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.

### Corporate & Foundation Donors

Ability Center	MGM Resorts Foundation
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Joseph Gray	Sharon Mitchell	Ruben Vasquez
James & Holly Gregory	Claudia Ozamoto	

Names listed represent donors who gave a total of \$100 or more to Nevada PVA in 2018





## THE YEAR IN PICTURES



**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$588,470
Certificates of deposit	246,019
Accounts receivable, net	18,378
Investments	498,077
Inventory	<u>21,000</u>
Total current assets	1,371,944
Net property and equipment	<u>342,534</u>
Total assets	<u>1,714,478</u>

Liabilities and net assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable	6,043
Accrued payroll	918
Accrued PTO	<u>14,167</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>21,128</u>
Total liabilities	21,128

Net assets

Net assets without donor restrictions, not designated	1,570,960
Board-designated	47,355
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>75,035</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,693,350</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$1,714,478</u>





**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	Total
<u>Revenue and other support</u>			
PVA Grants	\$160,695	\$	\$160,695
Fundraising	82,014		82,014
Contributions	36,230	75,850	112,080
Donated items	85,000		85,000
Investment income/(loss), net	(31,776)		(31,776)
Other	14,347		14,347
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>14,613</u>	<u>( 14,613)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenue and other support	<u>361,123</u>	<u>61,237</u>	<u>422,360</u>
<u>Expense</u>			
<u>Program services</u>			
Advocacy, liaison & service	150,964		150,964
Sports & recreation	83,447		83,447
Communication	42,338		42,338
Membership	<u>51,038</u>		<u>51,038</u>
Total program services	327,787		327,787
<u>Supporting services</u>			
General and administrative	30,808		30,808
Fundraising	<u>47,051</u>		<u>47,051</u>
Total expense	<u>405,646</u>	<u>        </u>	<u>405,646</u>
Change in net assets	(44,523)	61,237	16,714
Net assets, beginning of period	<u>1,662,837</u>	13,798	<u>1,676,635</u>
Net assets, end of period	\$1,618,314	\$75,035	\$1,693,349



**NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>	
Change in net assets	\$ 16,714
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	34,322
In-Kind donations capitalized as inventory	(700)
In-Kind donations of fixed assets	(50,600)
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	
(Gain) loss on investments	31,776
<u>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</u>	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(11,152)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	1,847
Increase (decrease) in payroll accruals	<u>(5,019)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>17,188</u>
<u>Cash flows from investing activities</u>	
Cash received from sale of donated land	-
Cash received from maturity of certificates of deposit	76,824
Cash received from interest and dividends, net of reinvestment	340
Cash paid for investments	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	77,164
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	94,352
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u>494,118</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 588,470</u>

The Organization paid \$0 for interest for the year ended December 31, 2018



## *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*

Kenneth Armstrong  
Paul Campbell  
Thayer Hurd  
Thomas McNaughton  
Raymond Pumel  
Lola Smith



"Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck." *Dalai Lama*



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