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A Message from the President

It is a pleasure to present this year's Texas Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's 2010-2011 Annual Report. This year started off with our Jack Sanders Awards Banquet and Membership meeting. The members enjoyed dinner, music and dancing and we also swore in the new Board of Directors. TPVA has staggered the elections that split the board up for our election process. This helps to ensure that your board members maintain a high level of experience. We continued to hold quarterly face-to-face board meetings and rotated these meetings to our different satellite areas. This provides an opportunity for our members to see how the Board of Directors works and the chance to participate as well as have an opportunity to become more involved with the organization. We provide the opportunity for our members to address the board with any issues or concerns at all of our meetings. We held monthly teleconferences in between the quarterly meetings to maintain constant awareness of the business at hand.

TPVA Satellites hold membership forums for the members to share information. These forums also give the local area members a timely update of what's happening in their chapter and promotes fellowship with other members in the area.

The Texas Chapter has two VA SCI facilities in its area, the Michael E. De Bakey VAMC in Houston along with its ten spokes and Audie L. Murphy VAMC in San Antonio and its spoke in Temple that all work together to ensure that both PVA and TPVA Members have adequate access to medical care.

Let me ensure our members that the Texas Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans' Board of Directors will continue to work diligently in order to keep the chapter strong and viable while serving our members. This annual report provides a detailed accounting for our members. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Chapter President.

I would like to thank the numerous members and others who stepped up to the plate and selflessly volunteered and gave their time to help us achieve our mission. However, membership participation, as well as, a shortage of volunteers seem to be increasing hurdles for our organization. We are addressing this issue.

I would like to thank the numerous sponsors who have helped support the Texas Chapter accomplish our mission. The success and longevity of our programs rely on fundraising and the kindness of our community.

Chapter Administration

Our office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. We are in compliance with all the reporting requirements of National PVA. We obtain annual audited financial statements and file all required forms with the IRS, the state, and other entities, as required. The Texas Chapter has two employees, Bookkeeper Amanda Saunders and Administrative Assistant and Newsletter Editor, Sherry Kirkpatrick who 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 help to make our chapter work to better serve our members.

Communication

Our Speedy Gazette Newsletter is published bi-monthly with a summary newsletter in between and mailed to members and other interested parties. We regularly update our website at www.texaspva.org, which offers public communication between our members, the Chapter, and supporters. The Chapter's Speedy Gazette Newsletter is published online. If you would like to save the Chapter money, please ask to receive your newsletter via email instead of the mailed hard copy by sending us your email address.

Service

National Service Officers for our member area are: Greg Treacy or John Kahler (713-383-2727) and/or Buddy Osborne (713-794-7993) for the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC in Houston. Contact Norm Hungerford, Senior NSO (210-617-5275) at the Audie L. Murphy VAMC in San Antonio or John Allen, Senior NSO (254-299-9944) in Waco. Both San Antonio and Houston's SCI Units have Hospital Liaison Officers who volunteer valuable time to assist the NSOs and the Chapter to ensure that our hospitalized members receive the highest quality of care. We also have Volunteer Liaison Officers in the centers. TPVA members can apply and obtain their veteran's benefits through four National Service Offices.

Liaison

We keep an active working relationship with the Michael E. DeBakey VAMC and the Audie L. Murphy VAMC and community-based out-patient clinics throughout Texas. Assisting us is VLO, Jack Soto in Temple, Texas, HLO Mike Spurlock at Audie L. Murphy VAMC, and HLO Silviano Rivera for Michael E. DeBakey VAMC. Our goal is to maintain presence at both facilities to ensure the highest quality of care.

Advocacy/Legislative

Chapter Legislative Director, Darrell Wilson, Advocacy Director, Anne Robinson, and President David Fowler attended the PVA Advocacy/Legislative Seminar and had a great deal of success meeting with our Senators and Representatives in Washington. The Chapter level Advocacy/Legislative Seminar was held in Austin last February and we were honored to have presentations from PVA National representatives, and the Texas Governor's Committee of People with Disabilities and the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities. Shortly after the Austin seminar, the board and staff went over to the Capitol and met with our statewide representatives where issues facing Texas veterans were brought up and discussed.

President Fowler continues to serve on the Texas Governor's Committee of People with Disabilities board. He meets with city officials in order to enforce the civil rights of our members and the disabled community as a whole.

Sports and Recreation

Gabe Diaz de Leon served as TPVA Sports and Recreation Director, along with David Bradshaw and Alvin Guerrero as outdoor sports coordinators. TPVA has a goal to send our many members to the NVWG's, the Winter Sports Clinic and the PVA Bass Trail as possible. Alvin also coordinated with National to get TPVA on the 16th Annual PVA National Trapshoot Circuit Schedule. He and David Bradshaw planned and implemented several fishing and shooting sports events throughout the year. John Taylor, South Texas Satellite Director hosted several events in the Corpus Christi area, as well as, the Family Fishing activities. Our goal is to have some kind of activity available for everyone, whatever their interests are.

Fundraising

We are grateful to benefit from the spring barbeque cook off and the Third Annual "Kill 'em Clays" trap and skeet shoot. We monitor our thrift store operation where clothing is donated in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Corpus Christi. We would like to thank the Vietnam Veterans Association for hosting a benefit golf tournament last fall which netted \$5,000 for TPVA membership programs. We would like to thank our sponsors and donors who consistently donate to TPVA throughout the year.

Membership

This past year our member count was approximately 590, both service connected and non-service connected. This is a result of combined outreach efforts by our NSO's, our hospital liaison activities, as well as our many volunteers.



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Trustees of
Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (a nonprofit organization) as of September 30, 2011, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America as of September 30, 2011, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Statement of Activities

For The Year Ended September 30, 2011

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:				
Contributions and support	\$ 446,185			\$ 446,185
PVA grant	175,614			175,614
Fundraising	31,109			31,109
Investment income	31,494	\$ 83		31,577
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments	(40,128)			(40,128)
Membership dues	50			50
Total support and revenue	644,324	83	-	644,407
EXPENSES:				
Program services:				
Membership and benefits	251,534	24,043	-	275,577
Public affairs	126,093	-	-	126,093
Research	11,020			11,020
Total program services	388,647	24,043	-	412,690
Support services:				
Management and general	155,694	-	-	155,694
Fundraising	19,428			19,428
Total support services	175,122	-	-	175,122
Total expenses	563,769	24,043	-	587,812
Change in net assets	80,555	(23,960)	-	56,595
Net assets, beginning of year	1,267,535	94,969	-	1,362,504
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,348,090	\$ 71,009	\$ -	\$ 1,419,099

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For The Year Ended September 30, 2010

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:				
Contributions and support	\$ 438,394			\$ 438,394
PVA grant	181,710			181,710
Fundraising	16,151			16,151
Investment income	106,472			106,472
Membership dues	75			75
Litigation settlement	-	\$ 94,969		94,969
Other	500			500
Total support and revenue	743,302	94,969	-	838,271
EXPENSES:				
Program services:				
Membership and benefits	290,752	-	-	290,752
Public affairs	244,913	-	-	244,913
Research	7,237			7,237
Total program services	542,902	-	-	542,902
Support services:				
Management and general	151,178	-	-	151,178
Fundraising	7,823			7,823
Total support services	159,001	-	-	159,001
Total expenses	701,903	-	-	701,903
Change in net assets before extraordinary item	41,399	94,969	-	136,368
Extraordinary item: Reclassification of restricted land asset to unrestricted	99,950		(99,950)	
Conveyance of formerly restricted land asset	(99,950)		(99,950)	
Change in net assets and extraordinary item	41,399	94,969	(99,950)	36,418
Net assets, beginning of year	1,226,136	-	99,950	1,326,086
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,267,535	\$ 94,969	\$ -	\$ 1,362,504



Purpose

The purpose of Texas Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (Texas PVA) 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. TPVA 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 that Texas PVA accomplishes its purpose is to promote the health and wellbeing of the disabled person. Texas PVA provides information and equipment to potential wheelchair athletes. Archery, 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.

Mission

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members—veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

PVA will use that expertise to be the leading advocate for:

- Quality health care for our members,
- Research and education addressing spinal cord injury and dysfunction,
- Benefits available as a result of our members' military service,
- Civil rights and opportunities which maximize the independence of our members.

To enable PVA to continue to honor this commitment, we must recruit and retain members who have the experience, energy, dedication, and passion necessary to manage the organization and ensure adequate resources to sustain the programs essential for PVA to achieve its mission.