



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Oregon Chapter

Annual Report
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OPVA MISSION STATEMENT

Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America (OPVA), incorporated in 1976, is a chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. OPVA serves the needs of its Members – U.S. military veterans with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) – and helps them enjoy the highest possible quality of life.

OPVA, Members, Associate Members, Family Members, Volunteers, and allied organizations work to provide leadership and advocacy in:

- Improving health care and SCI/D research and education
- Protecting veterans rights and benefits
- Improving awareness of disability rights
- Offering sports and health-promotion activities
- Increasing accessibility and removing architectural barriers in Oregon, Southwest Washington, and Idaho.

A 501(c)(3) charity, OPVA relies on grants and donations from members of the public.



Jack Howell, Larry Gardner, Tom Hurt, Dan Service, Bill Blake, Sue Holt, Dave Parker, Bill Gray, Mike Rosebalm

President's Message

Dan Service

It is a privilege to share with you the highlights of the successful year we had. We again met all State and Federal requirements of our financial audit and report as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization in the state of Oregon.

We enjoyed meeting with many of you at our Pizza Membership Meetings, and because of those meetings we are looking to expand other sports programs for you, like Air Rifle, Pistol, and Bowling Teams. At these meetings, we explained the different programs that are available to assist you in some form of activity to help you keep moving and healthy.

This year our Trap team was involved in at least 13 different shoots, and was extremely successful in advancing the program. Stay tuned for this year's shoots, the team is looking for additional team members, and you could be one them.

Our Ability Expo in Portland was a huge success also. We had many vendors there that helped our public to find the answers they were looking for. It gives us great joy to be able to tell you we are hoping to increase our vendors this year, so we will be able to help more people.

We partnered with US Forest Service for Free Fish Day at Detroit Lake. Around 200 people came out to enjoy a free day of fishing. We were able to provide fishing poles and T-Shirts for the kids, and food for all to help them enjoy a great day at the lake. We are hoping to see more of you in the future.

“I GOT ONE” is what was yelled out from our members that enjoyed one of our Deep-Sea Fishing trips. Sitting proud next to their catch with fish that sometimes were almost as big as they were, pictures were taken, and promises to return were pledged. And just think they now have a freezer full of cut flash frozen fish and crab. For those who enjoy both, this is really a great way to fill your freezer, and have a fun day away from home.

We participated in different events where we set up our tables, such as the Winter Rod & Speed Show in Albany, Portland Roadster Show, Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Salem, Iris Festival Golf Tournament, Marion County Fair in Salem, Lebanon Vets' Home Hot Dog Feed, Spirit Mt. Car Show, Oregon State Fair in Salem, St. Helen's Stand Down, and Sublimity Harvest Festival and First Tuesdays in Sublimity. There are so many events to name, that it would probably take up an entire page.

At the invitation of the Albany Veterans Day Parade, we showed up happy and ready to meet the public. One of our own, Dave Parker, was even selected to be the Veteran of the Year for the parade. We have been invited to participate again this year at each of these events, plus a couple of new ones, and would love to have you there to help represent Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America or enjoy the event.

Several of our members enjoyed events sponsored by other organizations. Oregon Adaptive Sports sponsored both a winter and summer program this year. Central

Oregon Healing Waters Fly Fishing, who were more than happy to teach our members how to correctly fly fish. We have a great relationship with them, and they have offered these activities to us again this year.

Many of our members and veterans received grants and volunteer time from Home Depot to help make their homes a little more useful.

The 2016 Car Raffle of our 2006 Pontiac Solstice was such a success we can't wait for our next raffle of a 1965 Plymouth Barracuda on August 12, 2017. Even more exciting was the super response on the 2016 Gun Raffle (Springfield XD). We have already received a donation specifically for 2017's Gun Raffle, a Ruger SP101. The raffle will held on September 16, 2017.

If you were not able to make it to our picnic this year, you missed a good time. At the Banquet the new board

was sworn in, prizes were given out by drawings, food was devoured, and friendship renewed and started, and the best part is they were both spectacular.

We have received many donated items to help our members function in ways they could not in the past. We are still able to assist in delivering or picking up donated items, in a 50 mile radius just give us a call and we will see what will work best for all of us. We are blessed and grateful to have such great volunteers who have and do assist us at these functions, and in our lives.

Things just seemed to work out well for us this year. Our Golf Gold Cup Golf Tournament and Auction, Cruise-n-Ride Benefit, as well as smaller activities really helped us be more visible to the public. All the events mentioned above are put on especially for you, the members of Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America. We encourage you to take advantage of these programs.



Vice President Louie Grimmer

Would you believe it is already 2017? Time flies when you are having fun and at the Oregon chapter of PVA we try to do that by having our annual deep sea fishing trips in the summer and fall. We are also quite involved with raffling off unique cars we buy at a reduced price, then raffle them off for \$10.00 a ticket or \$40.00 for 5 tickets. We have raffled a pistol for \$5.00 per ticket same way as the vehicles and have found this to be quite cost effective.

We attend places we can introduce OPVA to the public including car shows, fishing events, state fair, county fair, chamber of commerce, and many unofficial events. OPVA does have a presence of recognition at the hospitals in Oregon and the State of Washington.

OPVA allows each voting member access to a program called the "RECREATION FUND". This program allows members up to \$250.00 a year to do things like going out to a movie, fairs, football games, shooting ranges and many more things they deem as recreation. All they need to do is send the receipts, a paragraph or two to

the office, and a reimbursement check will be mailed to them. To my recollection all voting members do not take advantage of this program despite constant publication in our PARALOG news letter of the availability.



We have approximately 340 voting members and whenever I meet with someone who doesn't know about OPVA, I just tell them we are the survivors.

Membership and Legislation

Roger Robinson

Membership 2016

Our membership has remained steady this year with only a few passing away. We need more participation in chapter functions, and encourage all to attend. The Members Recreation Fund is being used more frequently and we hope it will continue to grow. The money provided is \$250.00 annually for any recreational activity. Upon turning in receipts and a short detail you then will be reimbursed for up to \$250.00 this will be available during the 2017 fiscal year also.

The free fish day continues to draw lots of children from the local community. We had high water this year and the lake provided plenty of fish. All participants learn things about our environment and by doing so receive a prize, this year fishing rods were provided by Cabela's. This next fiscal will be the 25th year our chapter has done this community outreach, and the same volunteers.

The annual picnic was at Cascade Gateway Park in Salem with fishing and ball games available. The chapter provided BBQ hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Trimmings provided by Reser's Fine Foods of Portland and other local businesses'. We are looking for a new location for this year's picnic, hopefully to draw more of you, the membership out.

Legislation 2016

Major legislation relating to Oregon Veterans, is passage measure 96 providing approximately \$18 million lottery funds for new programs for veterans. All veteran's organizations can file for a program or programs through the legislation process to provide long range funding. This will take place between January 2017 and July 2017 session. We are looking forward for some great programs. This measure was passed by 87% of the voter's largest vote approval in history. At the same time, our Governor is claiming \$8 million to be put in the general fund, deceiving the voter's confidence. This will be our priority to not let this happen. This was a plot because the sale tax measure 97 FAILED big time, and this \$8 million would fill the gap, leaving veterans less than voted on and approved by \$10 million. UVGO (United Groups of Oregon), will be addressing this in January 2107 we are member of this group and I will represent our chapter. We hope to settle this very soon and submit new legislation for our veteran's programs.

Hospital Liaison

Mike Rosebalm

The Oregon PVA Chapter Hospital Liaison Program primary purpose is to advocate for and monitor the delivery of high-quality and appropriate healthcare benefits and services for our members. To do this Oregon PVA keeps a working relationship with the Seattle SCI Center and the Vancouver, WA SCI Primary Care Team, Portland/Vancouver VAVS and PVA National Service Officer (NSO) serving our members. This includes monthly visits to Seattle and weekly visits to Vancouver as well as an ongoing communication with the NSO.

This year the Hospital Liaison Program assisted member's in resolving care and service issues. It also provided scholarships for continuing education so SCI RN's could receive their Rehab RN qualification to enhance SCI care and issues. We continued to support and/or fund recreation programs with the medical facilities and veterans home in our service area.



Additionally, the Hospital Liaison Program Director served as Chairman on the VAVS Executive Committee and participated in the annual PVA Site Visit of the Seattle SCI Center to ensure Compliance with VHA Directive 1176 and Handbook.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND 2015

	ASSETS	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 44,283	\$ 42,873
Accounts Receivable	-	1,414
Prepaid Expenses	568	584
Inventory	57,606	26,154
Deferred Income Tax Benefits	7,500	5,000
Total Current Assets	<u>109,957</u>	<u>76,025</u>
MARKETABLE SECURITIES		
Investments	<u>247,143</u>	<u>230,581</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Land	41,069	41,069
Land Improvements	26,109	26,109
Building & Building Improvements	327,922	327,922
Office Equipment	72,729	72,487
Sporting Equipment	13,439	63,739
Furniture	3,289	3,289
Vehicles	18,363	18,157
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(284,137)</u>	<u>-270,991</u>
Total fixed Assets	<u>218,783</u>	<u>281,781</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 575,883</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 588,387</u></u>

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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

	2016	2015
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,402	\$ 1,923
Accrued Liabilities	5,999	3,782
Current Portion of Capitalized Leases	10,550	9,529
Total Current Liabilities	<u>17,951</u>	<u>15,234</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Capitalized Leases	18,844	27,570
Less Current Portion	(10,550)	(9,529)
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>8,294</u>	<u>18,041</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>26,245</u>	<u>33,275</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	549,638	544,851
Temporarily Restricted	-	10,261
Total Net Assets	<u>549,638</u>	<u>555,112</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 575,883</u>	<u>\$ 588,387</u>

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