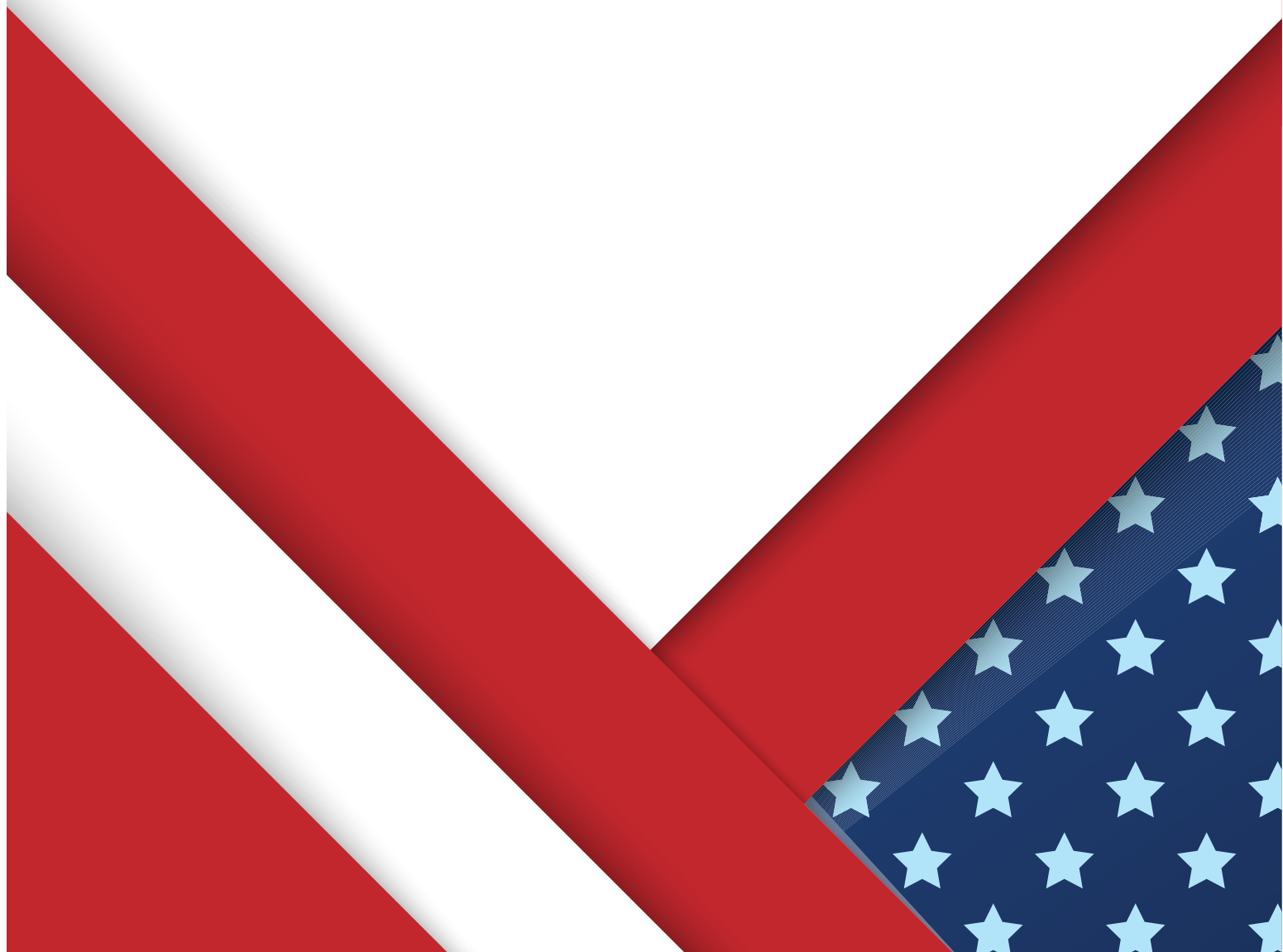




Oregon Chapter

Annual Report 2020-2021



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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.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

The Oregon Chapter's goal is to make each and every year better than the previous year. To do this, we are always looking ahead for more events and fund raisers to get our members involved in. With you our members participating and volunteering, we can find our weak areas and make them stronger for the future. Our Board of Directors are constantly having planning meetings to work together as a team, so we can keep the Chapter alive and moving forward.

The pandemic has really slowed everything down but I think it's getting better. It is important we all think positive, 2022 is the year we are going to work hard on bringing in more members in Idaho and SW Washington, which our Chapter is responsible for. We are planning on having more meetings and a road trip to get more recognition it's not going to be easy but hopefully worth it all.



From left to right: Hack Albertson, Dennis Hooper, Carolyn Hamstreet Shores, Larry Gardner, Bill Gray, Don Hedlind, and Ken Corneilus

COMMUNICATION

The Oregon Chapter's Paralog Magazine is sent out to all our members and others involved directly with the chapter. This is a bimonthly magazine that includes all our upcoming events, update reports from our Board of Directors, articles from members and advertisements, etc. We use billboards to bring awareness to events and fundraisers; as well as our website, and social media for updates and information; along with mailing out flyers to our members; making lots

of phone calls and whatever we can to get through to our members and everyone concerned. We also attend many different Fairs and Festivals through the Chapters charter to inform the public of our purpose and mission to improve the outlook for our veterans.



PEER MENTORING

The PVA Oregon Chapter is looking forward to using the Seattle VA SCI Units new Peer Mentoring Program undergoing the final review process. After a traumatic event or diagnosis such as SCI or disease, it often helps to talk to someone (a “peer”) who has been through a similar experience and has made a successful adjustment to SCI or disease.

The Peer Mentoring Program will match newly injured or diagnosed SCI inpatients with trained peer mentors that have made a successful adjustment to SCI or disease as they have asked the same questions and faced similar challenges.

SPORTS

The Oregon Paralyzed Veterans sports programs for 2020 – 2021 again has suffered from the pandemic. There has been some small improvements throughout the year, so hopefully everything will turn for the good in 2022.

The bowling program was really slow for the year and is still moving very slow. The Trap Team is very active and is already working on building the team up for more shoots. We are also planning a national shoot in the near future. Our Deep-Sea Fishing trips were very successful and are already dated for 2022 season.

We also had an Air Gun Coordinator who put together an Air Gun meeting at the gun club. This allowed interested

members to come out, shoot, and see if they had some interest. The meeting went very well and was followed up with a competition shoot that also went very well. Now, we have another competition shoot date set to keep the sport moving forward.

The chapter is still working on some other sports like Boccia Ball, Table Tennis, and Archery. With the help of some coordinators, I’m sure we will get there. The chapter will also be having our annual Gold Cup Golf tournament again in 2022, which is always the biggest sports event we do.



Table Tennis



Air Gun



Deep Sea Fishing



Bowling



Archery



Disc Golf



MEMBERSHIP



Membership for OPVA is constantly evolving; our organization is comprised of 137 service connected and 153 non-service-connected members. Our members contribute their time, effort, and donations throughout the years. We would like to announce the loss of:

Name	Age	Service	Service Connected
Gary E Cooper	82	Army	Yes
Frank P Leithauser	80	Army	No
Michael J Mullett	74	Army	No
Fritz VonAllmen	92	Army	No
William C Russo	71	Army	Yes
David A Peddicord	73	Army	No
Steven R Williams	50	Air Force	Yes
Rita L Baugh	66	Army	Yes
Jeffery D Fortner	66	Air Force	No
Virginia M Facer	74	Navy	Yes
Carl D Griffith	69	Coast Guard	Yes
Jonathan W Cline	72	Army	No
Gregory L Gilliland	73	Marine Corps	Yes
Kathryn E Shear	64	Army	Yes
Gary L Tucker	64	Coast Guard	Yes
Gary O'Donnell	70	Marine Corps	No
Scott B Catlin	59	Marine Corps	No
Robert E Van Buren	77	Navy	Yes

We thank them for their service and sacrifice to our great nation, along with their selfless contribution to the success and viability of our organization.

We had 3 members transfer out of the chapter, and 3 members transferred in. There were 6 new members and 6 will be removed with bad addresses. **(Please remember to update us with any changes in your address, phone # or email.)**

Membership in OPVA has many benefits, so make sure we have your updated membership information and be sure to vote in our annual elections. We encourage our members to participate in our many events and “be a part of something special and rewarding!”

OPVA runs on volunteer time, our members volunteered 2,054.5 hours, and our non-member volunteers put in 630.5 hours with a total of 2,685 hours. The participation and camaraderie that was achieved will be everlasting. We have to say that without our volunteers we could not do what we do, “you are the backbone of the OPVA” We are proud to say we have 4 of associate members who contributed 97 of hours helping us out. Thank you all!





GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Was 2021 a reemergence of the 2020 fever of discontent? Like many veterans continuity of access to VA services while dovetailed into the Covid-19 pandemic made for concern across the veteran landscape. Fear not, your VA and PVA/OPVA remain at the helm working for you.

VA funding remains firmly in place with anticipated increases in program services such as women’s critical health care, access to Care Giver assistance, athletics.

OPVA working with UVGO achieved a significant goal: group fishing license for a single fee.

Oregon legislators fielded roughly 19 other pieces of veteran legislation from housing to community grants to homeless intervention. Handicap Parking advocacy won first prize for Group Gripe.

On a sad note we lost veteran advocate Jim Willis, the torch bearer for all things veteran. As of this report massive funding legislation is stalled in Congress. Most assuredly VA services remain strong and responsive. Along the Oregon Trail OPVA is there for you.

FUNDRAISING

The Oregon Chapter continues to set goals to help our members in every way possible. We do this with fundraising events such as our Gold Cup Golf Tournament at McNary Golf Club in Keizer and our Show & Shine Car Show in South Salem. We also held our annual raffles a Can-AM ATV raffle and a \$500 Outdoor Adventure Package for a Sportsman’s Warehouse gift card.

We also unveiled our next raffle car at the Show & Shine Car Show in September which is a 1977 Corvette, along with many events throughout the year. Grants and donations are a big part of what’s keeping us going, we keep moving forward to enrich our veterans’ lives.





CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America currently has a very secure and trustworthy office staff. Our Office Manager and Executive Director work hard to follow the bylaws of operation for the chapter. They go above and beyond to make sure the management is doing everything possible to

keep the system correct, always on top of required reports, meetings, working with Directors, and keeping everyone going the right direction.

Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.

**Statements of Support, Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance
September 30, 2021 and 2020**

	2021	2020
Support and Revenues		
Support		
Contributions	\$80,335	\$567,279
Donated Equipment & Services	0	771
Grants	151,581	158,454
Fundraising	10,548	10,614
Total Support	242,464	737,118
Revenues		
Events and Other Income	78,415	29,911
Advertising		6,529
Investment Income	76,564	33,991
Miscellaneous Revenues	4,375	546
Total Revenues	159,354	70,977
Total Support & Revenues	401,818	808,095
Expenses		
Program Services		
Communications	116,612	114,182
Government Relations	3,715	6,312
Hospital/Services	856	1,583
Membership & Benefits	100,805	95,507
Sports	23,620	29,918
Total Program Services	245,608	247,502
Support Services		
General & Administrative	49,378	48,273
Fundraising	39,345	47,875
Total Support Services	88,723	96,148
Total Expenses	334,331	343,650
Changes In Net Assets		
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,044,703	580,258
Net Assets, Ending of Year	\$1,112,90	\$1,044,703

Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.

Report of Assets and Liabilities September 30, 2021 and 2020

	Assets	
	2021	2020
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$222,237	\$543,719
Investments	635,860	243,886
Prepaid Expenses	610	718
Inventory	89,831	92,363
Total Current Assets	948,538	880,686
Fixed Assets		
Land	41,069	41,069
Land Improvements	26,109	26,109
Building & Building Improvements	350,880	350,880
Office Equipment	39,962	56,678
Sporting Equipment	15,279	13,834
Furniture	3,289	3,289
Vehicles	20,863	18,363
	497,451	510,222
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(339,505)	(347,518)
Total Fixed Assets	157,946	162,704
Other Assets		
Deferred Income Tax Benefits	9,676	9,676
Total Assets	\$1,116,160	\$1,053,066

Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Account Payable	\$ -	\$ 3,013
Accrued Liabilities	3,970	5,350
Total Current Liabilities	3,970	8,363

Net Assets

Net assets without donor restrictions	1,100,380	1,035,470
Net assets with donor restrictions	11,810	9,233
Total Net Assets	1,112,190	1,044,703

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

\$1,116,160

\$1,053,066



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2022 Deep Sea Fishing

Free For Voting
 Members!
 Bring a guest for
\$65!

Dates and Boarding Times:

- May 25th - 5:30am
- July 19th - 5:30am
- Sept 19th - 6:30am

DOCKSIDE CHARTERS

5 Hour Trip - Lingcod and Rockfish

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 541-765-2545