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Tri-State Chapter

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PVA TRI-STATE CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter, incorporated in 1976, is a chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. PVA Tri-State 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.

PVA Tri-State, 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, PVA Tri-State relies on grants and donations from members of the public.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

In 2022, the OREGON PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, working with the national PVA was able to make a Chapter name change which now is the PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA TRI- STATE CHAPTER (PVA Tri-State). Our jurisdiction has always covered all of Oregon, Idaho and SW Washington. This change has made it easier to get more potential members in IDAHO to know who their Chapter is so they will sign on as members. In June of this year, we made a road trip thru IDAHO starting with a meeting in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Then south to Lewiston, ID, for a meeting, and then on down for a meeting in Meridian, ID, then our last and finale meeting was at Wallowa Lake, in north east Oregon. Making this trip we were able to gain lots of recognition, more members, and a potential 2nd ambassador in Lewiston, ID, to help cover the area. Currently we have ambassadors in: Boise, ID; Roseburg, OR; and one in La Pine, OR. PVA Tri-State continues to move forward helping our members thru our Chapter programs.



From left to right: Don Hedlind, Dennis Harbour, Carolyn Hamstreet Shores, Dennis Hooper, Bill Gray, and Larry Gardner

COMMUNICATION



PVA Tri-State'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 sponsors, etc. We do have a part time Graphic Designer whose main focus is designing and production of our Paralog; as well as all the different flyers that are produced. We use electronic

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 for the Chapter to inform the public of our purpose and mission to improve the outlook for our Veterans.

PEER MENTORING

This year PVA Tri-State has made progress developing a Peer Mentor Program. The primary purpose is to help veterans with Spinal Cord Injury and/or Disease (SCI/D) and their families: adjust to the onset of new impairments and disabilities; better understand the rehabilitation process; develop new social skills and relationships to transition to community living. Peer Mentors serve as role models by sharing experiences and practical suggestions regarding living with SCI/D, listening to the concerns of the individual and responding

in such a way as to facilitate the rehabilitation process and enhance the quality of life.

Peer mentoring has proven to be a key factor in adjusting to life with SCI/D. Based on the philosophy that the person who can be most effective in providing support is the one who has shared similar experiences, and peer mentoring offers the veteran insight and practical suggestions in dealing with a variety of issues that arise after SCI/D.

SPORTS

The 2022 PVA Tri-State sports programs have had some ups and downs thru out the year. The trapshooting since the COVID pandemic has slowed way down and is not back up where it was. However, we still have a trap team and we are looking forward to a better year in 2023. PVA Tri-State hosted a National Trapshoot in September, on the 23rd thru the 25th, at the Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club. It was very successful and lots of fun.

We also have a very successful Air Gun program that shoots every other month at an indoor range provided by the Albany Rifle and Pistol Club at no charge for the Chapter.

On July 16th , PVA Tri-State hosted our annual Gold Cup Golf tournament in Keizer OR, at McNary Golf Club.

This is one of our biggest fund-raising events that we do every year with the turnout growing to an unbelievable number of golfers and volunteers.

Our next biggest sports event is our Deep Sea Fishing trips we offer to our members and assistants. We work with Dockside Charters out of Depoe Bay, OR to schedule three bottom fish trips and one salmon trip each year, this program has been very successful and fun for our members with lots of fish and crabs caught each trip.

The Chapter is always working to get more sports programs started like archery and bowling. We know it just takes time working with the members but we will succeed in time with their participation.



Trap Shooting



Air Gun



Deep Sea Fishing



Archery



MEMBERSHIP



Membership for PVA Tri-State is constantly evolving; our organization is currently comprised of a total of 281 members, 134 SC (service connected) and 147 NSC (non-service-connected). We started 2022 with 290 members of which 148 are service-connected and 142 are non-service-connected. We currently have 61 having Cervical injuries, 18 lumbar injuries and 59 with thoracic injuries. The others are spinal cord disease with 92 MS, 19 ALS and 32 Other.

Service to our country comes with a sacrifice, and many of our members were in our nation's wars and conflicts. For period of service, we currently have: 6 Korean War conflict; along with 138 Vietnam War; 64 Gulf War; and 135 Peacetime members.

Number of Members:	Age:
9	under 44,
28	(45-54)
68	(55-64)
109	(65-74)
58	(75-84)
9	85 and older

We are sad to announce the deaths of the following members. We thank them for their service and "selfless sacrifice" to our nation and viability of our chapter.

Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death
David A Landis	10/16/2021	Corwin L Wunn	02/17/2022
Richard W Blair	11/01/2021	Peter E Parsons	03/02/2022
Steven R Herron	11/09/2021	Roger C Robinson	03/09/2022
Leslie T Halvorson	12/08/2021	Charles F Montague	04/22/2022
Richard J Dinges	12/21/2021	Frederick D Parker	06/09/2022
Donna J Schymanski	12/29/2021	Hosie Stadamire	06/26/2022
Albert W Wagoner	01/05/2022	Ervin R McLain	07/01/2022
Gordon D Pike	01/22/2022	Lee D Hall	07/17/2022
Corwin L Wunn	02/17/2022	Charles R Feringa	09/06/2022

Membership in PVA Tri-State has many benefits, so make sure we have your updated membership information and be sure to vote in our annual elections. Our Chapter has an Ambassador Program throughout our jurisdiction to contact, organize, and meet-up with our members. We have Ambassadors in Southern Oregon, Central Oregon, and Idaho to serve our members and address their concerns; they also organize events for you to participate in.

We operate on volunteer time, which has its rewards and benefits. Over this last year we have had 2,360 Volunteer Hours put in by our members and 609 Volunteer hours by 72 Volunteers. We extend an invite to come to our events and enjoy some "good-ole fashioned camaraderie" and if you would like, work the booth with us. When you volunteer with us, you get to meet the public and fellow vets in the area. We encourage our members to participate in our many events and "be a part of something special and rewarding. Our Ambassadors and Volunteers also help and organize community events like fairs and festivals. Keep an eye on the calendar section of the Paralog and our website for all events.

(Please remember to update us with any changes in your address, phone # or email.)



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



Pushing Access Forward, is our new mantra, and 2022 was a year of action for our Chapter. On the Government Relations front, we are establishing long-term relationships with Federal, State, and County leadership across our vast jurisdiction. At the National level the PACT (Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics) Act was passed and signed into law. This legislation expands VA health care to more than 3.5 million Veterans exposed to toxins and could potentially benefit 1 in 5 current Veterans. It represents the largest Veterans' health care bill in decades. The legislation is a win-win for all vets, because it opens the budget to hire more VA staff who will implement it and verify every veteran has the care and support, they have earned with their "service and sacrifice." Our Legislators should be applauded for once again putting vets first. Many of our members will benefit from this vital piece of legislation that will reform the VA well into this century.

The "Raise Act" was passed and signed into law this year it addresses the needs of our nurses and doctors within the VA, making sure they are receiving the benefits and pay they are entitled to.

The "Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act" has been passed and is now signed into law. This legislation allows a qualified veteran who received an auto grant 30 years or more ago, to receive a new auto grant from the VA. We will work with our leaders to ensure this new legislation is implemented and our members will have access to funds to purchase a new vehicle.

Our women veterans will benefit from the MAMMO Act (Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act) It established a new standard within the VA for all nursing mothers to have private nursing units to nurse their babies while at the VA. Many other options in women's medical care are also included.

On the local level we are working with and lobbying our leaders to address veteran homelessness and hunger. Our states have the desire to fix this problem, we must work together to help them do it.

In Oregon, your Chapter is a member of UVGO (United Veterans Governmental Organizations) where we advocate for and join forces to lobby our leaders to address veteran issues and needs.

In SW Washington, we are a member of the CMAC (Community Military Appreciation Committee) where we work with local leaders advocating for military and veteran issues within the community.

In Idaho we are working with our Idaho Ambassador to establish relationships with local and state leaders to lobby and advocate for veterans needs within the state.



FUNDRAISING



PVA Tri-State 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 an Arctic Cat ATV Raffle which we drew the winner live at the Marion County Fair, as well as a 1977 Corvette where the winner was drawn live at the Oregon State Fair and they were

present at the drawing. We did unveil our next raffle ATV at our annual Gold Cup Golf Tournament, which is a CF Moto CForce 800 XC, this will be displayed at 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. In 2023, the Chapter plans on hiring a Development Coordinator to assist in Fundraising activities.



CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter 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.

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Statements of Support, Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance September 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
Support and Revenues		
Support		
Contributions	\$ 425,683	\$ 80,335
Donated Equipment & Services	6,700	0
Grants	168,407	151,581
Fundraising	12,530	10,548
Total Support	613,320	242,464
Revenues		
Events and Other Income	90,460	78,415
Investment Income	-67,235	76,564
Miscellaneous Revenues	4,839	4,375
Total Revenues	28,064	159,354
Total Support & Revenues	641,384	401,818
Expenses		
Program Services		
Communications	137,519	116,612
Government Relations	4,148	3,715
Hospital/Services	6,004	856
Membership & Benefits	106,399	100,805
Sports	33,795	23,620
Total Program Services	287,865	245,608
Support Services		
General & Administrative	53,529	49,378
Fundraising	51,193	39,345
Total Support Services	104,722	88,723
Total Expenses	392,587	334,331
Changes In Net Assets	248,797	67,487
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,112,190	1,044,703
Net Assets, Ending of Year	\$1,360,987	\$1,112,190

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Report of Assets and Liabilities September 30, 2022 and 2021

	Assets	
	2022	2021
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 769,940	\$ 222,237
Investments	360,966	635,860
Prepaid Expenses	1,411	610
Inventory	59,048	89,831
Total Current Assets	1,191,365	948,538
Fixed Assets		
Land	41,069	41,069
Land Improvements	26,109	26,109
Building & Building Improvements	362,774	350,880
Office Equipment	50,465	39,962
Sporting Equipment	15,279	15,279
Furniture	3,289	3,289
Vehicles	20,863	20,863
	519,848	497,451
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(339,552)	(339,505)
Total Fixed Assets	164,296	157,946
Other Assets		
Deferred Income Tax Benefits	9,676	9,676
Total Assets	\$ 1,365,337	\$ 1,116,160
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Liabilities	4,350	3,970
Total Current Liabilities	4,350	3,970
Net Assets		
Net assets without donor restrictions	1,350,353	1,100,380
Net assets with donor restrictions	10,634	11,810
Total Net Assets	1,360,987	1,112,190
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 1,365,337	\$ 1,116,160



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