

2011—2012 Arizona Chapter Annual Report



Paralyzed Veterans
OF AMERICA

— **Arizona Chapter** —

Changing Lives, Building Futures

This report is a synopsis of the last fiscal year for the Arizona Chapter. It will start with an explanation of each program and provide the final financial situation for the Chapter at the end of fiscal year 2012: September 30, 2012.

Administration: We now have two years in our building and the move seems to be better with each fiscal quarter. A large portion of our neighbors have been bought out and the properties are either in the process of updating or complete rebuild. We are attempting to modernize our own facility to be for efficient and member friendly. The Chapter has completed all necessary paperwork through the year to comply with all the regulations each entity imposes on it. The website has been added to we are striving to keep it updated. We are also now rated as a Nonprofit with the BBB. **We spent 86.7% of every dollar received on our programs.**

Advocacy/Outreach: We have been putting a major effort into expanding our presence at local health expos and working to reach any veteran who may need assistance. We have done three major events and are attempting to attend all other disability group's events as time and personnel allow. We are annual sponsors of the City of Flagstaff's Disability Dinner. Presently we are working an outreach jobs program that will allow many of our members the opportunity to return to gainful employment. We are working in conjunction with the Arizona State University Job Catalyst which is providing pro bona assistance for us to develop a solid model for the Chapter to acquire the status to bid successfully on government contracts and put veterans back to work.

Communications: The Chapter uses a bi-monthly newsletter, the Desert Oracle to keep our members and other interested parties aware of Chapter issues and events. While a good portion of our members receive it digitally, we find that like our printed materials emails change as quickly as addresses. We also use digital memos to keep those on the list with short bursts of information that need to be sent out before the next Desert Oracle is published. We refurbished our copier and upgraded our server and software to stay current and professional in these areas.

Fundraising: We will continue to receive rental income from the suite next door; they resigned a year's lease in August. We finalized the end to our transportation program as the costs outweighed the value to the Chapter. All of the vehicles were disposed of and the insurance and maintenance saving will take some of the sting out of National PVA's cuts to the Chapter for the 2012 Fiscal Year. We are building up royalties from our coupon book program. We are seeking a permanent source of local income to stabilize our program expenses.

Service: The Chapter has temporary NSO's serving the Arizona/Nevada area. Unfortunately Diego Suazo has resigned for personal reasons and it is a loss for the Chapter. Flip Micocci terminally was ill; as of this time he has passed. Please take the time to provide positive thoughts for both. Also please respect their privacy. We still have Jackie Berkshire so the office remains professionally run and staffed. We will be getting new candidates and we expect to continue a long fruitful relationship with the service office.

Hospital: The Chapter is developing new clinic space for all three hospitals this year. The Phoenix Clinic was finished and returned to an enlarged area last; now we planning a new clinic for FY 2014. The Clinic will now be the initial contact clinic for new ALS patients. The hospital will add an on call neurologist to speed up the initial intake of these veterans. ***Prescott Hospital*** has hired a full staff and has decided on a 3200 sq. ft. clinic with all the room the clinic will need. Construction should begin in FY 2015. The clinic will remain servicing non SCI/D veterans until the registry doubles to at least 300. ***The Tucson Clinic*** is slated for a complete physical overhaul. It will not be initiated until Fiscal Year 2014. We expect this to be a large continuous project as the numbers have declined and MS veterans are not fully indoctrinated in this clinic's mission. The Chapter and the National Service Officers have diligently been following the plan developed during a focus visit from Nation PVA in 2011.

Membership: The Chapter presently has 526 members, in comparison to 455 last year. Many fine members have passed. We will miss them. We logged 3402 volunteer hours this past year. All Chapter regular Board of Directors meetings were open to general membership. Meetings are held in March in the Marana (Southern Arizona) area; Prescott has the June Barbecue and Phoenix hosted the other three meetings, on the second Tuesday of the month. We hold 6 bi-monthly meetings starting on October each year.

Sports and Recreation: The Arizona Chapter continues to provide assistance to novice team members to attend the National Wheelchair Veterans Games.

While we had three novices attend the games this year. We are continuing to cultivate a few new members who for personal reasons dropped out at the last minute. We sent 13 athletes along with seven support staff including personal assistants to Richmond VA. Fundraising was down but all three hospitals combined with plenty of support. The Prescott crew really had another great fundraising year. In spite of another rainy outing our Trap Shoot went off well. We want to thank Hilda Fox and Andy MacDonald who kept it all together. We support five local sports teams around the state. They include three basketball teams, one sledge hockey team and a developmental quad-rugby team. All teams are funded equal amounts each year. They must each request funds by June 30th of the prior fiscal year and have a nonprofit to handle their funds.

We have one additional program, that is Prosthetics and it is popular. Prosthetics allows the Chapter to involve its self into the community at large. This is an exceptional lending closet that donated over **\$50,000.00** of medical supplies and equipment this year. Now that the Chapter office is only a couple of blocks from the Phoenix VA and the NSO office, we are seeing more members and providing better service to the Phoenix VAMC. The Board of Directors has worked hard to continue the development of the Chapter programs and has set their sights on hospital and membership as the main areas we will concentrate on in the upcoming year.

Please accept our gratitude to all of you who have invested time or money into the Chapter this past year.

**ARIZONA CHAPTER
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND 2011**

ASSETS	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 311,426	\$ 280,912
Beneficial interest in lead trust (Note 2)	10,909	10,909
Prepaid expenses	586	616
Inventory	<u>43,090</u>	<u>12,667</u>
Total current assets	366,011	305,104
Property and equipment, net (Note 3)	439,267	445,381
Beneficial interest in lead trust	-	10,491
Beneficial interest in remainder trust (Note 4)	<u>76,661</u>	<u>67,633</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 881,939</u>	<u>\$ 828,609</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accrued payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ 7,684	\$ 5,704
Accrued leave	5,568	10,462
Accrued property taxes	<u>1,957</u>	<u>6,350</u>
Total current liabilities	15,209	22,516
 NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted:	779,160	717,060
Temporarily restricted (Note 6)	<u>87,570</u>	<u>89,033</u>
Total net assets	866,730	806,093
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 881,939</u>	<u>\$ 828,609</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements

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The Chapter NEEDS every member's correct information. Along with your name we need:

- 1. Your entire current address**
- 2. A valid e-mail address (will not receive solicitations)**
- 3. A current phone number (will not be given out)**
- 4. An emergency contact with phone number**

The above information will be placed in the National database to ensure you are kept informed of your benefits, your rights, and events that will effect your health and your well being.

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All of you that verify or update your information (first 100 people), will be entered into a drawing for a free gift card to Fry's Food or Wal-Mart, your choice. Drawing date will by March 5th 2013. You will be contacted if you win. Please make sure ALL your information is correct.

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