



# **Paralyzed Veterans of America**

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Arizona Chapter

**2012-2013**

**Annual**

**Report**

**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 2013: September 30, 2013.**

**Administration:** This marks the third year and besides the normal upkeep the building was a sound investment. Our new neighbors have brought more people and a greater awareness of our location to those in need of our services. We are striving to develop a better website and venture into social networking on Facebook. We will be posting our financials on our website and are happy to announce that **93%** of all our income is used for our programs expenses.

**Advocacy and Outreach:** We are working on assisting the Phoenix VA to change the state foster care law that insists one room in each home be kept vacant for a state funded individual. The goal being that any home could use all the qualified rooms for veterans only. It is a slow process. The Chapter attended many health and disability expos and learned that we need to go big or stay home. We had an amazingly successful program with Arizona State; two items re-invented were chosen for further development and funding by ASU. We helped to fund the annual Flagstaff Disability Dinner. We also reached out to other disability groups such as Spina Bifida and the ALS Society to swap medical equipment and supplies along with assisting each other to form a strong team in the community.

**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.

**Fundraising:** We will continue to receive rental income from the suite next door; they resigned a year's lease in August. We are doing better than expected with our coupon book royalties. We have looked for other sources of income and were chosen for the Salt River Project Employee Giving Program and expect a decent donation. National PVA has increased our grant and it is appreciated. We have made an investment towards a system to eventually give us a prime source of income and good paying jobs for veterans that wish to return to work.

**Service:** We now have two permanent National Service Officers. Andrew Leyda is a PVA NSO Candidate who was tossed into the fire, but has managed to develop into a positive asset to our Arizona veterans. Michael Wilson has returned, (our own prodigal son). Even shorthanded they brought 3.1 million dollars in to our local veterans. We are happy and productive now that we have another well trained staff. Of course without Jackie Berkshire to tend to their every need the Service Office would not run at the peak efficiency it does today

**Hospitals:** While we were exhilarated to finally have our new clinic and in Phoenix, then the powers that be opted to move us so that the emergency room could expand. The Chapter assisted in National PVA's negotiations for another new larger clinic area; and by the way, PVA has an excellent architectural team.

Their input along with the SCI Clinic staff and our NSO's provided us with a great team effort to ensure another state of the art premium clinic for the Phoenix area veterans. The Prescott hospital is on schedule to begin our new clinic there in fiscal. The staff has been attending multiple education seminars as their numbers have increased by almost 25%. Although the Prescott area has the smallest populations of all three hospitals they are within a few veterans on the registry of our Tucson hospital. Our yearly BBQ/picnic always has a great turn out. The Tucson VAMC is under construction and we should finally be seeing a full SCI/D Clinic in Tucson. This includes but is not limited to a full staff, two real exam rooms, completely outfitted and real offices for the Nurse Practitioner and Social Worker. We wish to thank again Mark Lichter and David Galbo from National PVA's architectural team; without them this clinic would not have happened.

**Membership:** The Chapter presently has 505 members, in comparison to 526 last year. Many fine members have passed. We will miss them. We logged 2802 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:** We again sponsored local teams in Ice Hockey, Basketball and Quad Rugby. Our team support is for the developmental and female teams. We sponsored a team to Tampa for the National Veteran's Wheelchair Games.

Our numbers were lower due to illness and a few members that have moved on. Our Trap Shoot went very well we transferred our shoot down to the Tucson Trap & Skeet Club. Thanks to Hilda Fox and Andy Mac Donald all went smoothly and professional. The Chapter was able to enjoy soon to be discharged veterans from Camp Pendleton, CA and a couple of recently discharged veterans from Louisiana. A few local shooters rounded out our trap shoot. We also enjoyed a pistol shoot at Three Points Rifle Club Range. It was a great start for a new Chapter event.

**Prosthetics:** Last year we had more than tripled the output of donations from our loan closet to \$50,000 from our previous year. Thanks to an unstoppable Administrative Assistant we totaled **\$232,000** in donations to the needy in Arizona. We gave away more than 69 pieces of power equipment. If you have **any** prosthetic equipment and/or medical supplies that you would like to donate to the Chapter, please call the office to arrange a drop-off or a pick-up. We do pick-ups once a month if there is enough to fill a truck. **Every** little bit helps.



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



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**ARIZONA CHAPTER  
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AND 2012**

<b>ASSETS</b>	2013	2012
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 257,824	\$ 311,426
Beneficial interest in lead trust	-	10,909
Prepaid expenses	586	586
Inventory	16,903	43,090
Total current assets	275,313	366,011
Property and equipment, net (Note 2)	481,869	439,267
Beneficial interest in remainder trust (Note 3)	82,193	76,661
Total assets	\$ 839,375	\$ 881,939
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accrued payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ 3,822	\$ 7,684
Accrued leave	8,922	5,568
Accrued property taxes	1,957	1,957
Total current liabilities	14,701	15,209
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted:	742,481	779,160
Temporarily restricted (Note 5)	82,193	87,570
Total net assets	824,674	866,730
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 839,375	\$ 881,939



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