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**Arizona Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of
America 2015-2016 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 2016: September 30, 2016.

Administration

We have posted our financials on our website and are happy to announce that 89.9 cents of our income is spent on programs other than Administration and Fundraising. The building remains a firm asset, we will be moving forward to make it a more accommodating facility. We adopted the new By-Laws provided by National PVA In April of 2016

Advocacy and Outreach

The Chapter is currently involved with a Class Action Lawsuit vs. Discount Cab. Our President John Tuzzolino persuaded Harkins Theater in Ahwatukee to remove steps from the theater's new renovation. We were a large sponsor of the Woman's Veterans Booth at the 2016 Stand Down. The Chapter spent two days at Luke Air Force Base manning a booth for Luke Days. We ran tables at various events and put in a large number of hours at the Veteran's Booth at the Arizona State Fair. We also spent a good deal of time at other local events, manning tables and providing information to other Veterans and Caregivers.

The Chapter has a first class Facebook page and a brand new website with up to date information and links.

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. The National Service Officers also contribute a regular article. 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.

Fundraising

We will continue to receive rental income from the suite next door; they re-signed a year's lease in August. We also have a piece of rental property in Chino Valley with excellent tenants. The coupon book royalties are consistent and the books are well received in the community. We have been chosen for the Salt River Project Employee Giving Program and receive an excellent donation each year. National PVA has continued their Chapter support and it is appreciated. We work with National for the GIVE Clothing program and Wheels for Warriors. The Chapter has been the recipient of a number of bequests and these provide added help with our mission.

Hospitals

The Chapter feels we are finally getting ahead at the Phoenix SCI/D Clinic with a staff of seven (7) and full services for Veterans with ALS. Our NSO Mr. Wilson managed four (4) SCI/D parking spots in a prime area, even with our rotating Hospital Directors. The Prescott hospital is on schedule and began our new clinic there in 2016. We have been assured that that the eleven (11) parking spots will remain ours. Tucson SCI/D Clinic is almost completed with three exam rooms and nine (9) dedicated parking spots. The staffs in all three clinics have been attending multiple education seminars as their numbers have increased. Our yearly BBQ/picnic in Prescott had a great turnout and the staff is phenomenal. The Chapter would like to thank our National Service Officers and to again thank Mark Lichter from National PVA's architectural team; without them these clinics would not have happened.

Membership

The Chapter presently has 491 members, in comparison to 510 last year. Many fine members have passed. We will miss them. We logged 1412 volunteer hours this past year. All Chapter regular Board of Directors meetings were open to general membership. Meetings are held in April at Ora Mae Park in the Marana (Southern Arizona) area; Prescott has the June Barbecue and Phoenix hosted the other four (4) meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. We hold 6 bi-monthly meetings starting on October each year.

Service

We now have two permanent National Service Officers. They are the living symbol of professionalism. Our Senior NSO Michael Wilson is a well respected advocate amongst his clients and other Veteran Service Organizations. He also doubles as a master chef at the Prescott Picnic. Returning this year is Diego Suazo, who is back and determined to help his fellow Veterans. Of course without Jackie Berkshire to tend to their every need the Service Office would not run at the peak efficiency it that she brought many years ago.

Sports and Recreation

We again sponsored local teams in Ice Hockey and Basketball. Our goal for team sports is for the development and formation of female teams. We sponsored a team to Utah 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 are still using the Tucson Trap & Skeet Club. Thanks to Hilda Fox and Andy MacDonald to ensure it all went smoothly and professional. We would also like to thank the NRA and Friends of the NRA for their generous grant.

Sports and Recreation Continued

The Chapter was able to entice a few local shooters from University of Arizona and the entire wheelchair basketball team; the Lobos, to round out our trap shoot. We also enjoyed a pistol shoot at Three Points Rifle Club Range. Our new event was an Air Rifle event at the Ben Avery Air Gun/Archery Pavilion in August. Archery was a side event that stole the show.

Prosthetics

Last year we totaled **\$252,000** in DME and medical supplies to those in need in Arizona. We gave away more than Seventy-eight (78) pieces of power equipment. This was done with help of a grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. 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.

Email Addresses

We are hoping if you are getting this via standard mail that if you have an email address you will send it to us. We will not sell or give it away. Email is a more efficient way to provide you with information and opportunities that are available. Send an email to AZPVA@AZPVA.org with subject mailing list to be added to all electronic communication in the future.

New Members

If you can get a new member signed up, we will give you a fifty (50) dollar gift card. They need a copy of their DD 214, proof of citizenship and a letter from their doctor stating they are with a spinal cord injury or disease and have bowel and bladder issues. You can sign up as many new members as you want!



**Paralyzed Veterans
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Arizona Chapter

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**Arizona Chapter PVA
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2016**

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash in Bank-Ckg-2853	67,269.52
1010 · Cash in Bank-Sav-5544	246,786.63
Total Checking/Savings	314,056.15
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Inventory-Prosthetics	24,500.00
1251 · Inventory-NRA	650.00
1253 · Inventory-Promotion	750.82
1300 · Prepaid Expenses	1,015.00
1306 · Deposits	168.30
Total Other Current Assets	27,084.12
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Fixed Assets	
1500 · Office Equipment	32,834.65
1501 · Accum Depr - Office Equipment	-30,253.65
1507 · Equipment-Treebot Prototype	74,898.21
1545 · Land	60,000.00
1550 · Building	384,021.34
1551 · Building Improvements	3,789.00
1554 · Rental-Chino Valley	80,971.00
1590 · Accum Depr - Building	-62,974.00
1591 · Accum Deprec-Rental	-4,741.00
Total Fixed Assets	538,545.55
Other Assets	
1710 · Collectibles	8,535.00
1721 · Henning 2nd CRUT	77,663.00
1725 · Wielkiewicz Perpetual Trust	65,500.00
1730 · Time Share	730.00
Total Other Assets	152,428.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,032,113.82
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2010 · Accounts payable	3,682.00
Total Accounts Payable	3,682.00
Credit Cards	
2050 · Credit card	567.00
Total Credit Cards	567.00
Other Current Liabilities	
2020 · Accrued Property Taxes	2,044.00
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	
403(B)	661.88
Simple Retirement Payable	333.34
2100 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	2,646.44
Total 2100 · Payroll Liabilities	3,641.66
2150 · Accrued Expenses	8,000.00
2305 · Rental Deposit	2,140.60
Total Other Current Liabilities	15,826.26
Total Liabilities	20,075.26
Equity	
3010 · Fund Balance (Unrestricted)	880,004.38
3020 · Fund Balance (Restricted)	81,163.00
3040 · Fund Balance-Perm Restricted	65,500.00
Net Income	-14,628.82
Total Equity	1,012,038.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,032,113.82

Attention All Readers: Please accept our gratitude to all of you who have invested time or money into the Chapter this past year. Make sure to look for future events coming up in the near future. Also don't forget to thank your Service Officers for the hard work and commitment they provide day in and day out.



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