

ANNUAL REPORT 2010



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Presidents Message

Carl Harris, President

On behalf of the Buckeye Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America, I am pleased to submit for your review our 2010 Annual Report and financial statements covering the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

This report reflects the evolution of our chapter making it more efficient and able to assist our members.

Our accomplishments during this fiscal year included sports and membership awards, service to those hospitalized with spinal cord illness/disease, and increased communication with our members by written and electronic means and teleconferencing.

Special thanks to the members of our Board of Directors, our Volunteers and the Chapter Staff for making positive changes within our Chapter despite the state of the economy. As we move into the next year, we are excited about upcoming program enhancements and look forward to further helping our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Harris, President

Executive Director Summary

Sharon Moster, Executive Director

As Executive Director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter, I submit my report for the fiscal year October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Our Chapter has revitalized itself over the last year with new programming, increased communication to our members and corporate fund development.

As you will see from our audited financial statements, we have made remarkable progress in reporting our fiscal situation. Although we cancelled our contract with a paid professional solicitor which brought in over \$130,000 per year, we have not had to make significant adjustments to our program budget. Since our members' needs will always come first, we cut costs in personnel, office and travel expenses instead of impacting our programming.

The Board of Directors of the Chapter have worked hard to make sure our members are served. If you have suggestions that will enhance our ability to aid our members, please feel free to contact me at sharonm@buckeyepva.org.

Sincerely,

Sharon Moster, Executive Director

Hospital Program

The Buckeye Chapter constantly strives to improve health care for our members. This remains our number one priority.

Our continued outstanding relationship with the Louis B. Stokes VAMC is beneficial to both our Chapter and our members. The Chapter has an office located at the Louis B. Stokes Hospital in the Spinal Cord Injury Unit. This office is helpful to inpatients and outpatients alike. We can be reached at this location by calling 216-791-3800, extension 6157 or 6158.

The involvement in the SCI Clinics of our Volunteer Liaison Officers, Dale Spiller of Dayton and Fred Wittmeyer of Cincinnati has been admirable. We thank them for all their support.

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Louise B. Stokes Cleveland Veterans Medical Center
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Spinal Cord Injury Unit
Sixth Floor, Room 6C-106
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
216-791-3800 Extension 6157 or 6158

Sports Report

The Buckeye Chapter continues to build the Sports and Recreation Program around the needs and interests of our members.

Discussions have been held with members of our board to improve participation in additional programs. We are in the process of updating the systems for collecting sports related data from our members. Updated ISP guidelines and participation requirements for the 2011 sports year are available on our website.

The Buckeye Chapter 2010 Sports and Recreation Booklet was distributed to all our members in February 2010. This booklet was updated online and in the Chapter Newsletter for opportunities throughout the 2011 sports year.

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. – BUCKEYE CHAPTER

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2009)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES		
PUBLIC SUPPORT		
National Grants	\$ 242,506	\$ 182,512
Donations - Other	37,298	5,925
Donated Services	17,000	6,000
Donations - Benefit Systems	6,147	1,135,442
	<u>302,951</u>	<u>1,329,879</u>
REVENUES		
Special Events	3,525	1,321
Restaurant Revenue	4,369	
Investment Income	39,419	25,587
	<u>47,313</u>	<u>26,908</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES	350,264	1,356,787
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Membership & Benefits	58,689	90,775
Public Affairs	249,842	198,421
Research	26,692	5,092
Total Program Services	<u>335,223</u>	<u>294,288</u>
Supporting Services		
Management & General	96,290	65,445
Fund Raising	29,532	880,202
Total Supporting Services	<u>125,822</u>	<u>945,647</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>461,045</u>	<u>1,239,935</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(110,781)	116,852
NET ASSETS – Beginning	<u>1,343,402</u>	<u>1,226,550</u>
NET ASSETS – Ending	<u>\$ 1,232,621</u>	<u>\$ 1,343,402</u>

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. – BUCKEYE CHAPTER

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2009)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in Net Assets	\$ (110,781)	\$116,852
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation		11,000
Impairment of Fixed Assets	50,393	
Realized (Gains)Losses on Investments	1,322	(3,451)
Unrealized (Gains)Losses on Investments	(29,459)	32,169
Changes in:		
Pledges Receivable	-	1,384
Interest Receivable	-	11,684
Prepaid Expenses	-	6,278
Supplies Inventory	-	2,968
Accounts Payable	(480)	(197,089)
Accrued Compensation-Related	(5,143)	(6,895)
Total Adjustments	<u>16,633</u>	<u>(141,952)</u>
Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>(94,148)</u>	<u>(25,100)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Proceeds from Sales of Investments	79,248	3,889
Security Deposit	1,516	(1,500)
Copier Lease Buyout	<u>(17,393)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Provided by Investing Activities	63,371	2,389
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments on Capital Lease Payable	<u>(38,607)</u>	<u>(9,361)</u>
Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>(38,607)</u>	<u>(9,361)</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH	<u>(69,384)</u>	<u>(32,072)</u>
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>95,918</u>	<u>127,990</u>
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS - AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 26,534</u>	<u>\$ 95,918</u>

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. – BUCKEYE CHAPTER

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2009)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 26,534	\$ 95,918
FIXED ASSETS:		
Office Furniture & Equipment	11,700	94,084
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(11,700)</u>	<u>(61,084)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>33,000</u>
OTHER ASSETS:		
Investments	1,220,881	1,271,992
Deposits	<u>280</u>	<u>1,796</u>
	<u>1,221,161</u>	<u>1,273,788</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,247,695</u>	<u>\$ 1,402,706</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,980
Accrued Vacation	10,300	10,245
Accrued Payroll & Withheld Taxes	<u>2,274</u>	<u>7,472</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>15,074</u>	<u>20,697</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Capital Lease Payable	<u>-</u>	<u>38,607</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>15,074</u>	<u>59,304</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	<u>1,232,621</u>	<u>1,343,402</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,247,695</u>	<u>\$ 1,402,706</u>

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. – BUCKEYE CHAPTER

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2009)

	Membership & Benefit	Public Affairs	Research	General & Administrative		Fund Raising	Total	2010	
				Total					
EXPENSES									
Compensation	\$ 18,596	\$ 98,516	\$ 3,434	\$ 42,729	\$ 9,305	\$ 52,034	\$ 110,349	\$ 110,349	
Awards & Grants	15,147	68,042	21,101	716		716	78,321	78,321	
Occupancy	5,266	20,464	1,043	11,241	2,485	13,726	30,779	30,779	
Conferences, Meetings & Travel	3,236	25,748		3,477		3,477	56,649	56,649	
Office Supplies & Expense	9,755	5,488	106	2,682	1,719	4,401	24,812	24,812	
Professional & Consulting				16,091	2,264	18,355	22,196	22,196	
Printing, Publications & Promotion		642		642	11,038	11,680	33,071	33,071	
Restaurant Expenses				4,814		4,814			
Postage	1,296	1,944		1,133		1,133	2,136	2,136	
Dues & Subscriptions		224		268		268	4,391	4,391	
Fundraising Expense							866,231	866,231	
Expenses Before Depreciation	53,296	221,068	25,684	83,793	26,811	110,604	1,228,935	1,228,935	
Loss on Impairment of Assets	5,393	28,774	1,008	12,497	2,721	15,218			
Depreciation									
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,393	28,774	1,008	12,497	2,721	15,218	11,000	11,000	
	\$ 58,689	\$ 249,842	\$ 26,692	\$ 96,290	\$ 29,532	\$ 125,822	\$ 1,239,935	\$ 1,239,935	

Government Relations

Frank Anderson, Government Relations Director

As part of the Paralyzed Veterans of America mission, our Government Relations program has made Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter an active force in the advocacy and legislative arenas affecting our members and others with disabilities. The Chapter is involved with many local and statewide initiatives including:

National Disability Awareness Day
County Commissioners' Advisory Board
Disability Network of Ohio Solidarity
Joint Veterans' Commission of Cuyahoga County
Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio

Linking Employment Awareness and Potential
Disability Policy Coalition
Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors'
Monument Commission
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

In order to impress the importance of accessibility on the architects of tomorrow, we have developed a relationship with Cuyahoga Community College's Interior Design class. Our participation in lectures and class projects ensures that these future designers will think about accessibility throughout their careers.

Frank Anderson has represented Buckeye PVA as a peer counselor at the annual Governor's Council on People with Disabilities Youth Leadership Forum. This is the 12th year bringing together young people with disabilities from throughout the state of Ohio for a week of activities structured to develop their leadership abilities.

Our participation in the renovation of the Cleveland Soldiers & Sailors Monument through representation on the renovation committee and with financial contributions, the monument is now accessible to all by the addition of a wheelchair lift.

Buckeye Chapter PVA continues to serve on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board for accessible transit and Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio to help create housing for people with disabilities.

In addition, our Government Relations Director continues to work with our state legislators on a number of issues pertaining to our members here in the state of Ohio. Increasing our contacts with our state legislators provides Buckeye Chapter membership with current information.

Membership

The Buckeye Chapter – Paralyzed Veterans of America membership as of September 30, 2010 stands at 564. Of this total, 232 have a service connected disability and 332 are non-service connected. In addition, the chapter membership gender breakdown is 536 male, 28 female.

There is no charge to become a member of Buckeye PVA. The Chapter is here to support all veterans with spinal cord disabilities acquired during active service or after honorable discharge. One source of our membership comes directly from our hands-on support of veterans who are receiving medical care in a V.A. Medical Center. Many of those referrals to the Chapter come from the Veterans Administration's Primary Care Teams located in the SCI Center catchments area.

The Chapter also offers participating affiliate memberships, at a modest cost, to other individuals who are disabled and wish to participate primarily in our extensive wheelchair sports programs. We also have special affiliates who join at a greatly reduced cost so that they can continue to be apprised of Chapter activities.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter strives to improve the quality of life of honorably discharged veterans who have spinal cord injury, dysfunction or illness including but not limited to multiple sclerosis and ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) through advocacy, medical research, sports and recreation, education and communication.