

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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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 2011 Annual Report and financial statements covering the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

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, Chapter improvement awards and Better Business Bureau Accreditation in addition to greater service to those hospitalized with spinal cord illness/disease, those who are long term residents of the VAMC Cleveland domiciliary 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, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

Our Chapter has revitalized itself over the last two years 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 the economy has taken a toll on our finances, 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. In fact, we have increased programming including the addition of a Family Mileage Reimbursement Program and an Emergency Assistance Program.

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

Government Relations

Sadly, the Chapter Government Relations Director, Frank Anderson, passed away in December of 2011 after a long and painful illness. Although Frank has left us, we submit this report as part of the work he did for the Chapter over the 25 plus years.

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 continues to be 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.

With 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, we continue 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 state legislators provides Buckeye Chapter membership with current information.

Membership

The Buckeye Chapter – Paralyzed Veterans of America membership as of September 30, 2011 stands at 539. Of this total, 221 have a service connected disability and 318 are non-service connected.

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 typically to support our organization through their volunteer efforts.

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. – BUCKEYE CHAPTER

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2011
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2010)

	Temporarily Restricted	Unrestricted	2011	2010
PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES				
PUBLIC SUPPORT				
National Paralyzed VOA Grants	\$ -	\$ 233,846	\$ 233,846	\$ 242,506
Individuals and Corporations	7,500	24,301	31,801	43,445
Donated Occupancy		18,000	18,000	12,000
Foundations	8,200		8,200	
	<u>15,700</u>	<u>276,147</u>	<u>291,847</u>	<u>297,951</u>
REVENUES				
Restaurant Revenue, Net		(11,302)	(11,302)	(9,825)
Special Events, Net		7,121	7,121	3,525
Investment Income (Loss)		(5,077)	(5,077)	39,419
Other Revenue		550	550	9,380
	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,708)</u>	<u>(8,708)</u>	<u>42,499</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES	15,700	267,439	283,139	340,450
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS				
	<u>(1,207)</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>-</u>	
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	14,493	268,646	283,139	340,450
EXPENSES				
Program Services				
Membership & Benefits		59,639	59,639	58,689
Public Affairs		189,538	189,538	244,842
Research		5,043	5,043	26,692
Total Program Services	<u>-</u>	<u>254,220</u>	<u>254,220</u>	<u>330,223</u>
Supporting Services				
Management & General		48,063	48,063	91,476
Fund Raising		12,249	12,249	29,532
Total Supporting Services	<u>-</u>	<u>60,312</u>	<u>60,312</u>	<u>121,008</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>-</u>	<u>314,532</u>	<u>314,532</u>	<u>451,231</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	14,493	(45,886)	(31,393)	(110,781)
NET ASSETS – Beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>1,232,621</u>	<u>1,232,621</u>	<u>1,343,402</u>
NET ASSETS – Ending	<u>\$ 14,493</u>	<u>\$ 1,186,735</u>	<u>\$ 1,201,228</u>	<u>\$ 1,232,621</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2011
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2010)

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in Net Assets	\$ (31,393)	\$(110,781)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:		
Losses(Gains) on Investments	5,077	(28,137)
Impairment of Fixed Assets	-	50,393
Changes in:		
Grants Receivable	(7,500)	-
Accounts Payable	1,072	(480)
Accrued Compensation-Related	(4,674)	(5,143)
Total Adjustments	<u>(6,025)</u>	<u>16,633</u>
Cash Used by Operating Activities	(37,418)	(94,148)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Proceeds from Sales of Investments	37,000	79,248
Security Deposit		1,516
Copier Lease Buyout		(17,393)
Cash Provided by Investing Activities	37,000	63,371
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments on Capital Lease Payable	-	(38,607)
Cash Used by Financing Activities	-	(38,607)
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(418)	(69,384)
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>26,534</u>	<u>95,918</u>
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS - AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 26,116</u>	<u>\$ 26,534</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2010)

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 26,116	\$ 26,534
Grant Receivable	7,500	
	<u>33,616</u>	<u>26,534</u>
FIXED ASSETS:		
Office Furniture & Equipment	10,740	11,700
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(10,740)</u>	<u>(11,700)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
OTHER ASSETS:		
Investments	1,178,804	1,220,881
Deposits	280	280
	<u>1,179,084</u>	<u>1,221,161</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,212,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,247,695</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,572	\$ 2,500
Accrued Vacation	5,400	10,300
Accrued Payroll & Withheld Taxes	2,500	2,274
Total Current Liabilities	<u>11,472</u>	<u>15,074</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	1,186,735	1,232,621
Temporarily Restricted	14,493	
	<u>1,201,228</u>	<u>1,232,621</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,212,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,247,695</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2011
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2010)

	Membership & Benefit	Public Affairs	Research	Total	General & Administrative	Fund Raising	Total	2011	2010
EXPENSES									
Compensation	\$ 25,823	\$ 85,200	\$ -	\$ 111,023	\$ 9,992	\$ 3,798	\$ 13,790	\$ 124,813	\$ 172,580
Awards & Grants	16,276	39,613	5,000	60,889	127		127	61,016	105,006
Occupancy	11,163	36,830		47,993	4,319	1,642	5,961	53,954	35,499
Conferences, Meetings & Travel	1,986	22,936		24,922	7,502	246	7,748	32,670	32,461
Professional & Consulting	218			218	15,405	1,122	16,527	16,745	18,355
Office Supplies & Expense	93	1,787	43	1,923	9,013	116	9,129	11,052	19,750
Printing, Publications & Promotion	1,977	1,914		3,891	629	2,649	3,278	7,169	12,322
Postage	2,103	375		2,478	260	997	1,257	3,735	4,373
Dues & Subscriptions		883		883	816		816	1,699	492
Fundraising Expense				-		1,679	1,679	1,679	-
Expenses Before Impairment	59,639	189,538	5,043	254,220	48,063	12,249	60,312	314,532	400,838
Loss on Impairment of Assets				-			-	-	50,393
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 59,639	\$ 189,538	\$ 5,043	\$ 254,220	\$ 48,063	\$ 12,249	\$ 60,312	\$ 314,532	\$ 451,231

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 along with our Hospital Liaison Officers, Mike Murphy of Dayton and Ricky Olson of Cincinnati have been admirable. We thank them for all their support.

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Sixth Floor, Room 6C-106
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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. ISP guidelines and participation requirements for the 2011-12 sports year are available on our website.

The Buckeye Chapter 2012 Sports and Recreation Booklet will be distributed to all our members in the 1st quarter of 2012. This booklet will be updated online and in the Chapter Newsletter for opportunities throughout the 2012 sports year.



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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.