



**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**

Buckeye Chapter

**Annual Report
2017**

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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.

Presidents Message

Carl Harris, President

On behalf of the Buckeye Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America, I am pleased to submit for your review our 2016 Annual Report and financial statements covering the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

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 the continuation of programs such as the Visitor Mileage Reimbursement, Emergency Assistance and the 6th Annual Buckeye Wheelchair Games. In addition, we were the host chapter of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and continue to provide greater service to those hospitalized members with spinal cord illness/disease, those who are residents of the VAMC Cleveland long term care unit and increased communication with our members by written and electronic means and videoconferencing all General Membership meetings.

Special thanks to the members of our Board of Directors, our Volunteers and the Chapter Staff for making positive changes within our Chapter. As we move into the next year, we are excited about expanding our programs to enhance the lives of 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, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Our Chapter continues to revitalize itself with new programming, increased communication to our members and corporate fund development.

As you will see from our audited financial statements, we remain transparent when reporting our fiscal standing. We are a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity and a Gold Member of Guidestar. Both of these organizations are focused on financial transparency and it is a hard fought victory for the Chapter to be recognized for its commitment.

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

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 on the 6th floor 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, ext. 6157. We also have offices at the Dayton VAMC (phone: (937) 268-6511) and Cincinnati VAMC (phone: (513) 861-3100).

The involvement in the SCI Clinics of our Volunteer Liaison Officer, Dale Spiller in Dayton along with our Chapter Hospital Liaisons, Carl Harris and Milton Young in Cleveland, Curtis Fatyol in Dayton, Doug Beckley in Columbus and Sylvester Cooper in Cincinnati have been admirable. We thank them for all their support.

Sports Report

Names and dates change, but the desire and benefits of physical activity and team camaraderie remain the same. This is why Buckeye PVA continues to work closely with Ohio VA hospitals in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Chillicothe to form a team that promotes our members' health and interests.

More family and friends are participating with our members every year in support of Buckeye PVA's summer and winter teams. Our goal is to increase members' skills so they can get involved in individual and community activities, sporting events and PVA sponsored events. Members work very hard to educate others about the opportunities available in sports and recreational programs.

Our sports and recreation programs involve a team of hospital staff and volunteers who are dedicated to our members' best interests. We thank them for their service.



Government Relations

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 federal initiatives.

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

Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter membership as of September 30, 2017 stands at 484. Of this total, 211 have a service connected disability and 273 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 catchment 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.



PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. – BUCKEYE CHAPTER

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2016)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 91,607	\$ 41,757
Prepaid Expenses	13,798	2,965
	<u>105,405</u>	<u>44,722</u>
OTHER ASSETS:		
Investments	<u>1,503,661</u>	<u>1,414,376</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 1,609,066</u>	 <u>\$ 1,459,098</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 993	\$ 10,501
Accrued Payroll-Related	-	318
Total Current Liabilities	<u>993</u>	<u>10,819</u>
 NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	1,579,187	1,443,535
Temporarily Restricted	28,886	4,744
	<u>1,608,073</u>	<u>1,448,279</u>
 Total Liabilities & Net Assets	 <u>\$ 1,609,066</u>	 <u>\$ 1,459,098</u>

See accompanying notes.

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. – BUCKEYE CHAPTER

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2016)

	Temporarily Restricted	Unrestricted	2017	2016
REVENUE				
NVWG-Related	\$ -	\$ 203,000	\$ 203,000	\$ -
National Paralyzed VOA Grants	-	158,084	158,084	158,079
Bequest	-	55,000	55,000	-
Individuals & Corporations	5,000	43,817	48,817	46,638
Foundations and Other	20,000	10,000	30,000	5,000
Donated Occupancy	-	18,000	18,000	18,000
Athletic Events	-	13,857	13,857	19,182
Special Events, Net of Direct Donor Benefits of \$22,054 (2017) and \$10,576 (2016)	-	13,608	13,608	12,058
National Paralyzed VOA - Other Grants	-	4,082	4,082	9,326
Investment Income	-	16	16	5
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(858)	858	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	24,142	520,322	544,464	268,288
EXPENSES				
Program Services				
Membership & Benefits	-	115,539	115,539	117,497
Public Affairs - Chapter	-	182,149	182,149	163,118
Public Affairs - NVWG	-	181,709	181,709	-
Research	-	1,547	1,547	2,000
Total Program Services	-	480,944	480,944	282,615
Supporting Services				
Management & General	-	26,386	26,386	28,491
Fund Raising	-	11,625	11,625	9,591
Total Supporting Services	-	38,011	38,011	38,082
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	518,955	518,955	320,697
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	24,142	1,367	25,509	(52,409)
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	134,285	134,285	125,406
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	24,142	135,652	159,794	72,997
NET ASSETS – Beginning	4,744	1,443,535	1,448,279	1,375,282
NET ASSETS – Ending	\$ 28,886	\$ 1,579,187	\$ 1,608,073	\$ 1,448,279

See accompanying notes.

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STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2016)

EXPENSES	Membership & Benefit	Public Affairs		Research	Total	General & Administrative	Fund Raising	Total	2017	2016
		Chapter	NVWG							
Salaries	\$ 40,353	\$ 36,020	\$ 4,333	\$ -	\$ 80,706	\$ 5,395	\$ 5,395	\$ 10,790	\$ 91,496	\$ 84,078
Payroll Taxes	3,795	3,448	347	-	7,590	518	517	1,035	8,625	8,416
Employee Benefits	1,958	1,701	257	-	3,916	267	266	533	4,449	4,738
	<u>46,106</u>	<u>41,169</u>	<u>4,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,212</u>	<u>6,180</u>	<u>6,178</u>	<u>12,358</u>	<u>104,570</u>	<u>97,232</u>
Occupancy	21,464	25,688	119,167	47	166,366	2,215	886	3,101	169,467	50,547
Conferences, Meeting, & Travel	2,154	94,081	57,243	-	153,478	596	62	658	154,136	54,390
Awards & Grants	29,216	19,087	-	1,500	49,803	-	-	-	49,803	59,227
Printing, Publications & Promotion	3	552	-	-	555	884	2,145	3,029	3,584	11,398
Newsletter	16,371	-	-	-	16,371	-	-	-	16,371	20,283
Professional & Consulting	-	-	362	-	362	12,728	-	12,728	13,090	12,767
Office Supplies & Expense	-	382	-	-	382	2,151	935	3,086	3,468	4,632
Dues & Subscriptions	225	595	-	-	820	1,272	135	1,407	2,227	588
Contracted Services	-	595	-	-	595	360	935	1,295	1,890	9,155
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	349	349	349	478
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 115,539</u>	<u>\$ 182,149</u>	<u>\$ 181,709</u>	<u>\$ 1,547</u>	<u>\$ 480,944</u>	<u>\$ 26,386</u>	<u>\$ 11,625</u>	<u>\$ 38,011</u>	<u>\$ 518,955</u>	<u>\$ 320,697</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2016)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 159,794	\$ 72,997
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by (Used by) Operating Activities:		
Investment Return Gain	(134,285)	(125,406)
Impact on Cash from Changes in:		
Prepaid Expenses	(10,833)	31
Deposits	-	280
Accounts Payable	(9,508)	10,035
Accrued Payroll-Related	<u>(318)</u>	<u>(2,749)</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>(154,944)</u>	<u>(117,809)</u>
Cash Provided by (Used by) Operating Activities	<u>4,850</u>	<u>(44,812)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Proceeds from Sale of Investments	<u>45,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>45,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	49,850	15,188
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>41,757</u>	<u>26,569</u>
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS - AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 91,607</u>	<u>\$ 41,757</u>

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