2018-19 Report to the Community
Presidents Report

Since 1946 Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) has been Congressionally chartered to serve the needs of our service men and women who have suffered from spinal cord injury/disease, MS or ALS. I am very honored to have been elected to serve as President to the Wisconsin Chapter (PVA-WI). Our board and staff are committed to executing the mission all the while ensuring sound financial stewardship. I'm very proud that the PVA-WI holds the distinction of being the only veteran's organization, 501(c)(3), in our state with a 4-star Charity Navigator rating. Additionally, we now have the Platinum seal from Guide Star, a Great Non-Profit seal, as well as being a credited charity by the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

The board of directors and I share the same vision and goals in creating a legacy. We believe in our mission so strongly that each of the board members has a personal fund raising goal and augments that goal with personal donations if not met. Some of our board members have volunteered over 1000 service hours.

To ensure this legacy continues, we have now invested in professionally managed endowments that will provide continued support for our veterans now and in the future. They support everything from Research and Education to Adaptive Sports. They benefit our members, their families, the dedicated Veterans Administration staff, and the supporting community.

The future is bright for PVA-WI. We are busy working on new ways to reach out to our members by using social media like Facebook and Twitter, as well as our very own website. We continue to work on growing our endowments and establishing corporate relationships. We are always looking for new ways to encourage our members to get re-involved in activities outside of their home and discover the many programs and sporting events that we offer. Additionally, we are also working to improve the information that is available to our many caregivers and plan on providing resources and training seminars for them as well.

We will support our members and their communities as well as continue to advocate for higher quality of health care benefits and services for all veterans. We will make every attempt to educate our communities in the physical and legal barriers that our members deal with every day and promote accessibility for ALL.

Sincerely,
Dale Nelson
Our Mission

Paralyzed Veterans of America – Wisconsin Chapter (PVA-WI) works to improve the quality of life for Veterans, in Wisconsin, living with spinal cord injury or disease, including those with MS and ALS.

Our work is carried out through a number of programs that focus on research and education, quality healthcare, access to benefits, advocacy and legislation, membership and outreach, and adaptive sports and recreation.

Our Vision

To provide programs that encourage participation, community and connectedness, and promote accessibility for all while honoring the sacrifices of those who have served and their loved ones.
Our Year in Review

The Paralyzed Veterans of America – Wisconsin Chapter is a multifaceted organization. We work hard to develop programs and activities that have a meaningful impact on the lives of our members and on the communities in which they live. Each of these program areas is critical to helping us fulfill our mission. Here is a summary of what 2018-19 was about.

Advocacy & Legislation

This program is the very core of why the Wisconsin Chapter exists. It is often the behind the scenes program that works to ensure our Veterans and others with disabilities are able to live their lives free of barriers.

Our annual trip to Washington focused on the issues of Equal Access to Transportation, Educational Opportunities, Job Training and Accessible Housing. We used the information gathered to inform and educate all ten (10) of our Senators and Representatives to ensure they are aware of this important legislation and requested their votes.

Locally, we are here to support every member through challenges they experience. Whether it’s van accessible parking at the post office or automatic doors to areas in a medical facility, we are here to be your voice. Let us know how we can help.

There is always work to be done and the more voices we have the more powerful and affective we can be. Consider being part of this committee.

Healthcare & Benefits

This program is designed to assist members in applying for and obtaining benefits. Mr. Eric Gonzales is our National Service Officer. Linda Roberts supports Eric and fields most of the calls and questions when you contact the benefits office.

Our Chapter Hospital Liaison program allows us to have a presence at the Spinal Cord Injury Unit (SCI) to ensure that any issues our members have, with care, can be addressed. We encourage you to seek out your liaison, Ken Matthews, to learn more about our programs and share your perspectives.
Adaptive Sports & Recreation

It has been a busy year for our Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program. Once again we have supported a Wheel Chair Lacrosse team and a fishing tournament in Port Washington. Our reimbursement program sent 10 Veterans to the 39th Annual National Veterans Wheel Chair Games where the Gold Medals were plenty! Members also traveled to the Winter Sports Clinic participating in some great ski training and other adaptive winter adventures.

As always, we offered a robust shooting program. Our air rifle program is gaining traction and we are seeing a consistent number of shooters each month. The summer saw a slate of trap shooting events. In addition to the trap circuit, the Chapter furthered its partnership with Veterans Afield. Shoots included both trap and birds from stands and in the field on a specially designed trailer. We are very proud that both of these programs include Youth Shoots that give young people the opportunity to interact with and learn from disabled veterans.

Membership & Communication

This year many of our communication tools have undergone significant upgrades and our outreach efforts into the community have expanded considerably and become much more effective.

Our newsletter and website continue to reach many people, and we are more active than ever on Facebook and twitter and even have an Instagram account. This has allowed us to reach members in new ways, but has also allowed us to educate the general public about who we are and what we do. Be sure to check it out!

Our outreach has grown to include a lunch program and grab n go bags for all individuals having their annual exam at the Milwaukee SCI center. We have been serving dinner once a month at the Fisher House too, supporting the caregivers of our members. We participated in the Veteran’s Day parade in Milwaukee and more!

Research & Education

This program supports and promotes research related to spinal cord injury and disease as well as educating those who choose to dedicate their careers to individuals faced with these issues.

Your chapter has fulfilled this program by providing funding for National Research and Education Foundations. Locally, we offer individuals employed at the SCI scholarships to continue their education.
Who We Serve

PVA and its 33 individual chapters are Member driven organizations. A qualifying Veteran may join any local chapter. As such, you will see in the map below that our Wisconsin Chapter actually has members across the country.

As a Chapter we have elected to also have an Associate Member program. This provides an opportunity for those who love and care for a Member and/or those who are passionate about our mission, to become involved and informed in a more formal way.

We are grateful for our Members and Associate Members; it is an honor to serve you.

At the close of 2019 we have a Membership of 268 Veterans and an Associate Membership of 221.

To learn more about Membership and the benefits available to members, please contact the office or visit our website!
Where We’re Rolling

As our world evolves and circumstances change it is critical that programs continue to evolve to meet the needs of our members. Below are brief descriptions of what’s in store for 2020. Watch for more information in our newsletter, on our website and Facebook. If you’d like more information or would like us to bring one of these programs to your area, please let us know!

Adaptive Bocce Ball in a Box
- A full kit of equipment and prizes delivered to a community partner to hold games and tournaments

Adaptive picnic tables and gliders
- Specially designed to allow wheel chair bound individuals to be part of the action, installed in parks around the State

Emergency Grab-n-Go Bags & Medical Dog Tags
- During your next annual exam, PVA-WI members will receive an Emergency Grab-n-Go bag at no cost. This bag contains lifesaving essentials needed during an emergency and you will be educated on how to customize the bag to your specific needs. Additionally, we are preparing a “Red” medical alert dog tag to be worn by members identifying their level of injury and any unique medical information like allergies.

Adaptive/Accessible Gaming
- If you want to learn how to play video games but don’t think you can please contact us as we have adaptive technology that will allow you to play many video games. If you want to learn to play chess contact Kevin Klandrud. Once you learn you can play in person on Wednesday and Thursday nights or via on-line using one of the various chess portals.

Air Rifle Program & Bowling
- Enjoy shooting and want to get back to putting shots down range then join us in Milwaukee or Madison once a month. Check out the Milwaukee SCI Rec Therapy calendar and the PVA -WI calendar for opportunities in your area.

#RollWithUs
Revenue Resources

- Fundraising & Contributions 51%
- Investment Income 4%
- Grants 42%
- Event Registrations 2%
- Other 1%

Expenses By Program Area

- Advocacy/Leg & Adaptive Sports 42%
- Management & General 8%
- Research & Education 7%
- Fundraising 11%
- Membership, Benefits & Communication 32%

Total Unrestricted Support and Revenue
Before Net Assets Released for Restrictions $302,472 $336,029

Net Assets Released from Restrictions 0 0

Total Unrestricted Support and Revenue $302,472 $336,029

Total Expenses $261,204 $295,768

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets $41,268 $40,261
Gain (Loss) on Asset Sale 0 (80,618)

Temporarily Restricted Assets
Net Assets Released from Restrictions 0 0

Change in Net Assets $41,268 $40,357

Net Assets
Beginning of Year $808,767 $849,124
End of Year $850,035 $808,767
## Assets

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We couldn’t do it without you....

We appreciate all of the individuals, and organizations that support our mission with their time, talent and treasure. We are honored to be their charity of choice and are grateful for the trust they have in us.

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