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PVA TRI-STATE CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter, incorporated in 1976, is a chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. PVA Tri-State serves the needs of its Members – U.S. military veterans with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) – and helps them enjoy the highest possible quality of life.

PVA Tri-State, Members, Associate Members, Family Members, Volunteers, and allied organizations work to provide leadership and advocacy in:

- Improving health care and SCI/D research and education
- Protecting veterans rights and benefits
- Improving awareness of disability rights
- Offering sports and health-promotion activities
- Increasing accessibility and removing architectural barriers in Oregon, Southwest Washington, and Idaho.

A 501(c)(3) charity, PVA Tri-State relies on grants and donations from members of the public.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

2022 the Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter made the name change from Oregon Paralyzed Veterans to Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter, the name change best describes our jurisdiction of Oregon, Idaho, and SW Washington. The name change has made a big difference letting the members and potential members know who their Chapter is and is slowly improving our members' interest. Unfortunately, the Tri-State Chapter's facility here in Salem, Oregon, has become a high crime area. Also the Chapter has out grown the

space we currently have for doing business properly. A couple years ago, the Board appointed a committee to start looking for a property better suited for the Chapter. Sometime around May of 2023, we purchased a property approximately 14 miles away, in Silverton, Oregon that checked all the boxes we were looking for. It has lots of parking, and plenty of indoor space for future growth for years to come. We are scheduled to make the move into the new location by April, 2024.



From left to right: Don Hedlind, Larry Gardner, Joe Heidrick, Bill Gray, Mike Rosenbalm, and Dennis Harbour

COMMUNICATION

PVA Tri-State's Paralog magazine is sent out to all our members and others involved directly with the Chapter. This is a bi-monthly magazine that includes all our upcoming events, update reports from our Board of Directors, articles from members and sponsors, etc. We do have a full time Graphic Designer/Office Assitant whose main focus is designing and the production of our Paralog, advertiesments, brochures and all other flyers. We use



electronic billboards to bring awareness to events and fundraisers; as well as our website, and social media for updates and information; along with mailing out flyers to our members; making lots of phone calls and whatever we can to get through to our members and everyone concerned. We also attend many different fairs and festivals for the Chapter to inform the public of our purpose and mission to improve the outlook for our Veterans.

PEER MENTORING

PVA Tri-State Chapter has made continued progress developing a Peer Mentor Program. The primary purpose is to help veterans with Spinal Cord Injury and/or Disease (SCI/D) and their families: adjust to the onset of new impairments and disabilities; better understand the rehabilitation process; develop new social skills and relationships to transition to community living. Peer Mentors serve as role models by sharing experiences and practical suggestions regarding living with SCI/D, listening to the concerns of the individual and responding

in such a way as to facilitate the rehabilitation process and enhance the quality of life.

Peer mentoring has proven to be a key factor in adjusting to life with SCI/D. Based on the philosophy that the person who can be most effective in providing support is the one who has shared similar experiences, and peer mentoring offers the veteran insight and practical suggestions in dealing with a variety of issues that arise after SCI/D.

SPORTS

The PVA Tri-State Chapter's Sports programs are always a challenge with our members. In 2023, PVA Tri-State Chapter was the host chapter for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. This year, we had 13 athletes from the Chapter competing in a variety of sporting events. Our athletes brought home 26 medals from gold, silver to bronze. We are looking to add to our team for 2024.

One of the most popular and most attended programs we have is our Air Rifle team, that meets once a month, at the Albany Rifle and Pistol club. The club is very veteran friendly and allows the Chapter to use the shooting range at no charge. We are able to schedule a shooting competition once a month on a Friday that works for the majority of our members. The Chapter also provides all you can eat snacks and drinks for the events.

Deep Sea fishing trips are held every year out of Depoe Bay Oregon with Dock side Charters has always been very successful for our members, we offer three bottom fish trips a year and also have added a salmon trip at the end of the season, most of the trips include crabs for those who want them but who doesn't like crabs.

The Chapter continues to build on our sports programs and bring back what the covid took away, and as long as we keep working toward those goals we will succeed.



Air Gun



Deep Sea Fishing



Archery



Trap Shooting



MEMBERSHIP



Membership for PVA Tri-State is constantly evolving. Currently, our organization is comprised of a total of 266 members, 132 SC (service connected) and 134 NSC (non-service-connected). We started 2023 with 280 members of which 148 are service-connected and 146 are non-service-connected. Our members contribute their time, effort and resources to the success and operation of our Chapter.

We are sad to announce the deaths of the following members. We are grateful for their "service and sacrifice" to our nation. Many also contributed to the success and viability of our Chapter.

| Name | Date of Death | Name | Date of Death |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Randle K Reddett | 10/06/2022 | Matthew G Lexow | 04/05/2023 |
| Tom E Weare | 10/09/2022 | Gerald E Geer | 04/06/2023 |
| Michael O Johnson | 12/04/2022 | Daniel Brophy | 05/03/2023 |
| David Mage | 12/11/2023 | Carolyn G Hamstreet Shores | 05/22/2023 |
| John A Caldwell | 12/18/2022 | John J Jabson | 07/10/2023 |
| Brian W Price | 01/16/2023 | Timothy L Hagberg | 07/17/2023 |
| David N Suprenant | 02/24/2023 | Darrel N Ackerman | 08/07/2023 |
| Dennis K Westling | 02/25/2023 | Angle Enriquez | 08/25/2023 |
| Rick L Westling | 03/21/2023 | | |

Membership in PVA Tri-State has many benefits, so make sure we have your updated membership information and be sure to vote in our annual elections. Our Chapter uses an Ambassador Program throughout our area of operations to contact, organize, and meet-up with our members. We have Ambassadors in Southern Oregon, Central Oregon, and Idaho to serve our members and address their concerns; they also organize events for you to participate in.

We operate on volunteer time, which has its rewards and benefits. Over this last year we have had 2,817 Volunteer Hours. 2,182 hours by our Associate Members. 635 hours by our non-members. We extend an invite to come to our events and enjoy some "good-ole fashioned camaraderie" and if you would like, work the booth with us. We are always in need of able bodied volunteers to help with set up and tearing down at events. When you volunteer with us, you get to meet the public and fellow vets in the area. We encourage our members to participate in our many events and "be a part of something special and rewarding. Our Ambassadors and Volunteers also help and organize community events like fairs and festivals. Keep an eye on the calendar section of the Paralog and our website for all events. We are always grateful for our volunteers.

(Please remember to update us with any changes in your address, phone # or email.)





GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



Government Relations kicked off the year with a trip to Washington DC to talk with our Representatives in both Houses of Congress. We attended a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee meeting by PVA President Charles Brown, who gave a passionate speech, advocating for the needs of PVA members. Afterwards, the meetings “on the hill” were cordial, with each member and their staff, being made aware of “PVA Priorities” for the year. The next trip will be in June 2024. If there is anything you would like us to address at these meetings, send our office an email or give us a call.

In 2022, Congress passed the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins (PACT) Act. This vital ground-breaking and VA healthcare changing legislation was advocated for by the PVA. The goal of this legislation is to address certain health conditions that could be directly linked to a veteran’s service. As of this writing, the VA has screened over 3 million veterans with about 30% of them being eligible for benefits under the legislation. Congress is requiring the VA to screen over 6 million veterans by 2026 and report back to them on the findings. Our PVA National Service Officers are busy at work trying to handle the claims that are coming in as part of this new legislation. We thank them for their dedication to this task.

In Oregon, we were able to use our voice along with other Veteran Service Organizations to pass the Veteran Cremains bill into law. This legislation allows county VSO’s to inquire and then coordinate with mortuaries to see if veteran cremains are stored there. We owe it to all “who have served”, that their service be honored with a memorial service and interment in a Veterans Cemetery on behalf of a grateful nation. A new Oregon Veterans Home will be built on the VA campus in Roseburg. This will be the third state Veterans home in Oregon. Idaho and Washington both have four, so expect us to be advocating for a fourth one in the future.



FUNDRAISING



PVA Tri-State continues to set goals to help our members in every way possible. We do this with fundraising events, such as our Gold Cup Golf Tournament. It’s held every July at McNary Golf Club, in Keizer, Oregon.

Another large fundraiser, is our Show and Shine Car Show. It was held in South Salem at Home Depot. We had

the largest turnout ever! We had to put a sign up saying "Closed: Lot is full!" and turn cars away. We have planned for a new and larger location for our next car show. We are looking forward to it.

We also held our annual raffle for a CF Moto CForce 800XC ATV. The lucky ticket was purchased at the Douglas County Fair. We unveiled our next ATV raffle at

our annual Gold Cup Golf Tournament, which is a CF Moto CForce 800 XC. We were not able to raffle off a vehicle this year.

However, on September 10, at the Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament, we unveiled a 66 Chevy pickup truck. It will be raffled at the Oregon State Fair, September 2, 2024. Both vehicles will be displayed at many events throughout the year. They are a great way of promoting our Chapter and raising funds for our members.

Our Chapter relies heavily on grants and donations to fulfill the mission of the Chapter, promoting the various programs that enrich the lives of our membership. These donations are a big part of what's keeping us going. We keep moving forward to enrich our veterans' lives.



CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

Paralyzed Veterans of America Tri-State Chapter currently has a very secure and trustworthy office staff. Our Executive Director and office employees work hard to follow the bylaws of operation for the Chapter. They go above and beyond to make sure the management is doing everything possible to keep the system correct, always on

top of required reports, meetings, and working with our Board of Directors. They help keep everyone going in the right direction. We greatly appreciate our hardworking office staff.

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Statements of Support, Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance September 30, 2022 and 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Support and Revenues | | |
| Support | | |
| Contributions | \$ 94,258 | \$ 425,683 |
| Donated Equipment & Services | 8,800 | 6,700 |
| Grants | 155,890 | 168,407 |
| Fundraising | 9,787 | 12,530 |
| Total Support | 268,815 | 613,320 |
| Revenues | | |
| Events and Other Income | 70,771 | 90,460 |
| Investment Income | 41,754 | (67,235) |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 3,694 | 4,839 |
| Total Revenues | 116,219 | 28,064 |
| Total Support & Revenues | 385,034 | 641,384 |
| Expenses | | |
| Program Services | | |
| Communications | 122,448 | 137,519 |
| Government Relations | 3,566 | 4,148 |
| Hospital/Services | 5,700 | 6,004 |
| Membership & Benefits | 141,474 | 106,399 |
| Sports | 25,419 | 33,795 |
| Total Program Services | 298,607 | 287,865 |
| Support Services | | |
| General & Administrative | 60,816 | 53,529 |
| Fundraising | 59,662 | 51,193 |
| Total Support Services | 120,478 | 104,722 |
| Total Expenses | 419,085 | 392,587 |
| Changes In Net Assets | | |
| | (34,051) | 248,797 |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | \$1,360,987 | 1,112,190 |
| Net Assets, Ending of Year | 1,326,936 | \$1,360,987 |

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Report of Assets and Liabilities September 30, 2022 and 2023

| | Assets | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$ 92,642 | \$ 796,785 |
| Investments | 99,039 | 360,966 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 2,038 | 1,411 |
| Inventory | 30,946 | 22,391 |
| Total Current Assets | 244,855 | 1,191,365 |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Land | 284,788 | 41,069 |
| Land Improvements | 26,109 | 26,109 |
| Building & Building Improvements | 1,053,228 | 362,774 |
| Office Equipment | 50,465 | 50,465 |
| Sporting Equipment | 19,479 | 15,279 |
| Furniture | 3,289 | 3,289 |
| Vehicles | 20,863 | 20,863 |
| | 1,458,221 | 519,848 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | (373,281) | (355,552) |
| Total Fixed Assets | 1,347,408 | 164,296 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Deferred Income Tax Benefits | | 9,676 |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,347,408 | \$ 1,365,337 |
| Liabilities & Net Assets | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Account Payable | \$ 3,048 | \$ 4,350 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 7,555 | - |
| Total Current Liabilities | 10,603 | 4,350 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Net assets without donor restrictions | 1,318,131 | 1,350,353 |
| Net assets with donor restrictions | 8,805 | 10,634 |
| Total Net Assets | 1,326,936 | 1,360,987 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | \$1,347,408 | \$1,365,337 |



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SHOW & SHINE



Car Show



**Date: June 8, 2024 • Show Time: 9am - 2pm at Powerland Heritage Park
3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem • www.tristatepva.org**