



North Central Chapter

Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter

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October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021

Annual Report



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A Member Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America
Chartered by the Congress of the United States



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Mission Statement

Paralyzed Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members—veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

PVA will use that expertise to be the leading advocate for:

- Quality health care for our members,
- Research and education addressing spinal cord injury and dysfunction,
- Benefits available as a result of our members' military service,
- Civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of our members.

To enable PVA to continue to honor this commitment, we must recruit and retain members who have the experience, energy, dedication, and passion necessary to manage the organization and ensure adequate resources to sustain the programs essential for PVA to achieve its mission.

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OFFICERS

- ♦ **President**
Casey Davidson
- ♦ **Vice President**
Chuck Doom
- ♦ **Secretary**
Greg Brandner
- ♦ **Treasurer**
Gene Murphy

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Duane Biesboer
Rodney Melcher
Harlan Schmidt

National Director
Mike Olson



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APPOINTMENTS

Service/Liaison:	Chuck Doom
Legislation Director:	Gene Murphy
	Terry Paulsen
Volunteer Coordinator:	Charles Doom
Membership Officer:	Duane Biesboer
Newsletter Editor:	Barbara Priesz
Sports Director:	Mike Olson

Sioux Falls VAVS Deputy Representative

Lisa Cummings

VAVS Representative

Sheri Rozeboom-Kloes

Black Hills Service/Liaison

Rodney Melcher

National Director: Michael Olson

Executive Director: Lisa Cummings

Government Relations Director: Terry Paulsen

Administrative Assistant: Barbara Priesz

PVA National Service Officer

Brad Friez

VA Dakota Regional Office

2501 W. 22nd St.

Sioux Falls, SD 57117

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Kristina Allen, Secretary II



Chapter Programs

The PVA North Central Chapter follows PVA National's Guidelines requiring member services in eight mandated programs: Administration, Service, Communications, Membership, Liaison, Fundraising, Advocacy and Sports & Recreation.

Administration

The Chapter Administration Program oversees the day to day activities and the overall management of the Chapter's operations. The Chapter has a full-time Executive Director and Government Relations Director and a part-time Administrative Assistant. The Chapter office is located at 209 N. Garfield Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 and the regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Service

Our National Service Officer (NSO) Brad Friez is located at the Dakota Regional Service Office, 2501 W. 22nd St., in Sioux Falls, SD. The NSO's duties are to ensure that our members are receiving the quality health care and benefits they are entitled to. Fiscal year 10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021 his office served 475 clients (Veterans and family members) and had 2,597 contacts for 444 issues which resulted in awards of \$ 1,829,869.00 in benefits for Veterans and/or family members. We continue to assist with many Nebraska and NW Iowa Veterans along with our Veteran clients in North Dakota and South Dakota. The ALS Clinic at the Sioux Falls, SD VA takes place two times per month and we are an integral part of the team who meets with those Veterans and their caregivers. However, we are not presently a part of the SCI Clinic that also meets two times per month and the VA expects those SCI Veterans who do want to meet with us during that SCI visit to venture over to our office across the street from the VA Hospital. We have mentioned our deep level of concern about our lack of involvement to the SCI Team and their new provider. This is a work in progress.

Communications

The PVA North Central Chapter produces and distributes a bi-monthly newsletter to keep Chapter members informed of developments related the Chapter and National level. The newsletter provides information about recent and future activities as well as news releases and other pertinent information. In addition, the Chapter provides other direct mailings and emails on time sensitive information to all our members. The Chapter's website is at www.ncpva.org and is maintained on a regular basis with links, news, newsletters, calendar of events, membership forms, scholarship forms and much more. You can also find us on Facebook which you can connect from the homepage of our website.

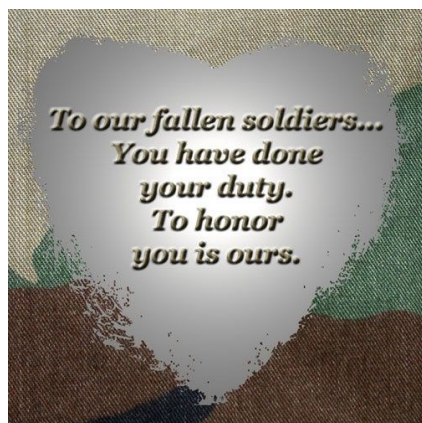




Membership

Regular general membership meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Chapter Office. The Chapter Board of Directors meet every other month or as needed to formulate the policies and act on the general business of the organization.

PVANCC serves North Dakota, South Dakota and Southwest, MN (along with members we have in MT, WY and Western Iowa border). The Membership Program is maintained on a database at the Chapter office. The Chapter Membership Program Director Duane Biesboer and the Executive Director update the membership database as needed and files monthly reports with National PVA. The Membership Program Director also provides an updated membership report at the monthly membership meeting. As of September 30, 2021 the Chapter had a total of 171 members (85 Service Connected and 86 Non Service Connected) and 89 Associate Members. ***Regular Membership is free. If you know of someone who is member eligible please have them call our office. We need to increase our membership numbers!*** Dues for Associate Members (individuals/businesses who do not qualify for regular membership) can join the Chapter for \$30/year or a Life Membership for \$200.00. Associate Members have the same rights and privileges as our regular membership, except Associate Members do not have voting rights.



Rest In Peace to our fallen Veterans who have passed away this past fiscal year:

Eugene Coyle William Northrup Dennis Moldrem Timothy Thompson
Allen Olson Marlin Kirkeby Francis Gage

Wellness Center Reimbursement: The Chapter reimburses members up to \$25 a month for membership fees to a wellness center of their choice or to a member who is currently enrolled at a wellness center. To receive reimbursement: 1) Member must attend a minimum of two to three times per week and show proof of attendance. 2) Member must bring in a monthly receipt (proof of payment) for the \$25 monthly membership fee reimbursement.

Leisure Time Activities Reimbursement: A member in good standing will be reimbursed for Leisure Time Activities up to \$12.50 per ticket and not to exceed \$25 for each event attended for up to 24 tickets per fiscal year OR a one-time per Chapter fiscal year reimbursement for an event not to exceed \$300 (e.g. season tickets). Receipts for events must be submitted to the Chapter within 10 business days after the event. The maximum amount any member can receive in leisure time activities is \$300.00 per the Chapters Fiscal Year. *For an activity to be eligible for reimbursement it must be outside the Members home (e.g. ball games, concerts, movies, dinner and etc.).





Fundraising

The PVA North Central Chapter is a IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. We receive no federal funding or federal grant support. Corporate sponsors, foundation grants, families and individuals who contribute to the PVA North Central Chapter make our mission possible. The Chapter's fundraising efforts are conducted in accordance with state solicitation guidelines that we represent.

The Chapter continues to maintain the Seals we earned from Charity Navigator, GuideStar, Better Business Bureau. These seals are very important to us and to our donors know they are donating to a reputable organization.

The Chapter has various fundraising programs to raise funds in support of the programs and services we provide to our members, veterans and other individuals with disabilities. Our current fundraising activities include two Mailing Campaigns, Grant and Letter Writing, Combined Federal Campaign, Thrivent Choice Dollars, Amazon Smile, IGive, Network for Good, Action Donation Services (unwanted vehicles, and property) Raffles, Vendor Booths, Poker Run, Trapshoot, Chapter Contribution Program; Bulletin Booster Program along with receiving generous donations from Chapter supporters. All fundraising activities have prior approval from National PVA.

The North Central Chapter accepts donations, endowments, bequests and other planned giving donations. Please consider the PVA North Central Chapter when planning your Wills, Estates and Charitable Remainder Trusts so that we will be able to sustain for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone that has continued to support our veterans and our Chapter. We could not provide our services without your support!





Government Relations/Advocacy-Terry Paulsen

The PVA North Central Chapter's Government Relations/Advocacy program is committed to defending the civil rights of people with disabilities, offering solutions for the removal of architectural barriers and working with all levels of government to protect veteran's benefits, ensure quality health care and safeguard the rights of all citizens with disabilities.

North Central Chapter works closely with our National PVA Staff, PVA members, and Congressional Delegation from throughout the Region on issues affecting veterans and the disabled community. The North Central Chapter GRD participated in the remote 2021 Advocacy/Legislation Seminar held in March. The GRD routinely meets with State and Congressional leaders of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota to seek their support on: VA Comprehensive Caregiver Program; Improving Access to Air Travel; Protecting Access to VA Specialized Services; Automobile Allowance and Adaptive Equipment; Specially Adapted Housing; Benefits for Surviving Spouses of ALS Veterans; Increase Compliance with the ADA.

The Chapter GRD recently stepped down as the president of the South Dakota Veterans Council after serving in that position for 8 years. The GRD continues to be a voting member on the council along with the Chapter Executive Director. The SD Veterans Council consists of the PVA, DAV, VFW, MOPH, VVA and the American Legion. The council works to ensure that Veterans issues/concerns are addressed in a timely manner and conducts roundtable discussions with State legislators, Department of Veterans Affairs and other VSO's to review and propose new legislation each year.

The North Central Chapter continues to monitor and provide assistance to the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs regarding veteran's issues and or concerns in South Dakota. The State Veterans Cemetery held its grand opening in May of 2021. The North Central Chapter was asked to provide the keynote address during the ribbon cutting. The North Central Chapter proposed and supported legislation regarding property tax exemptions for 100% disabled veterans, veterans paid tuition at post-secondary schools, and appropriations to continue the veterans bonus program. All the legislation proposed passed during the last session of the State Legislature. The North Central Chapter also proposed and passed through the legislature to allow the South Dakota Veterans Council to act as the main voice for veterans' issues/concerns for the Governor of South Dakota. The North Central Chapter meets often with the South Dakota Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Governor to discuss veterans' concerns.

The Chapter GRD attends the following meeting each month, SD Veterans Council, VA Stakeholders meeting with the State VA Health Care System, Military Veterans affairs Chamber of Commerce, and the Military Family Support Coalition.

Advocacy

The chapter advocacy program continues to focus on defending the civil rights of people with disabilities and offering solutions for the removal of architectural barriers. The chapter is a network member of the Rocky Mountain ADA Center.

The chapter office is very active in providing technical assistance both locally and throughout the region. The Chapter GRD conducts site surveys for organizations that require ADA compliance prior to closing on mortgage loans. The chapter routinely provides guidance and assistance on issues ranging from Fair Housing Litigation, accessible parking, para transit and facility compliance. The chapter continues to work with state and local contractors, design professionals and National PVA architects in reviewing plans for new construction to ensure they meet federal ADA accessibility guidelines and local building codes.

The Chapter GRD serves and attends several board/committee meetings to include, Public Transportation Advisory Board, ADA Review Board, and the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities.





Sports & Recreation

The Chapter Sports and Recreation program is designed to improve the quality of life for our members and other persons with disabilities.

**DUE TO COVID-19
ALL CHAPTER AND NATIONAL PVA EVENTS
WERE CANCELLED
IN 2020**



2021 Events

We were fortunate to host a few outdoor activities this while taking precautions! So many great events were missed last year and this year it was so great seeing everyone again!

The following events were held:

May 2021: Walleye Fishing Event

August 2021: Poker Run

Sept. 2021: Trapshoot/Doug Brown Pheasant Hunt

Oct. 2021: Pheasant Hunt: Top Gun Ranch

Nov. 2021: Platte Pheasant Hunt





Volunteer Program

The North Central Chapter's Volunteer Program has many dedicated volunteers who donate long hours to both the Chapter as well as VA Hospitals. Volunteers donated 2,227 hours to the Chapter this fiscal year.

Volunteer Certificates & Pins were presented to our volunteers throughout the year for their accumulated hours. The Chapter also shows our appreciation by recognizing two volunteers each month with a gift certificate. The volunteer coordinator oversees the volunteer activities and submits all data to National PVA on a monthly basis.

Chapter Research & Education Program

The Chapter maintains an in-house resource library consisting of books, videos, and other relevant materials that increases knowledge and understanding of spinal cord dysfunction. The library is available for Chapter members, their families, health care providers as well as anyone interested in SCI. The Chapter offers an Educational Scholarship Program for qualified individuals obtaining a post-secondary education from accredited colleges and universities. In 2020-2021 the Chapter received two scholarship applications and awarded \$1,000.00 to each recipient. The Chapter also provided funding to the National PVA's Research Foundation in the amount of \$3,000.00 with a three year commitment totaling \$9,000.00.

Community Relations

The PVA North Central Chapter works diligently with numerous organizations both locally and throughout the Region that the Chapter serves, providing services to veterans and individuals with disabilities. Among others, funding for programs were provided to the following VA's: Sioux Falls; Ft. Meade; Hot Springs; Fargo, ND; Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home in Hot Springs and the Minnesota State Veterans Home in Luverne, MN. We also donate to many other worthy organizations/causes throughout the year.

SCI Clinic

The Chapter continues to work with the VA Medical Center staff at Sioux Falls, SD; Black Hills and Fargo, ND to enhance services to our members. A Team of VA staff have been developed and trained for each of these clinic's to provide our members with "one stop" service to better address their Spinal Cord Injury related needs. These teams consist of a Physician, a Nurse, Social Worker and several therapists that will allow our members to build an ongoing relationship and receive a one stop point of contact.





INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc., North Central Chapter
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc., North Central Chapter, a South Dakota nonprofit corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentations of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc., North Central Chapter, as of September 30, 2021, and the changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

The financial statements of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc., as of September 30, 2020, were audited by other auditors whose report dated December 29, 2020, expressed an unmodified opinion.

Lamfers & Maas, LLP

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

January 14, 2022

**Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.,
North Central Chapter
Statements of Financial Position
September 30, 2021 and 2020**

ASSETS	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,157	\$ 30,341
Accounts receivable	4,000	682
Prepaid expenses	6,548	4,052
Inventory	4,938	4,682
Marketable securities	897,660	835,587
Total current assets	<u>941,303</u>	<u>875,344</u>
Land	42,600	42,600
Building & Improvements	329,142	329,142
Equipment	74,549	74,549
	<u>446,291</u>	<u>446,291</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation		
Building & Improvements	(204,012)	(195,296)
Equipment	(74,490)	(74,490)
	<u>(278,502)</u>	<u>(269,786)</u>
Net book value	<u>167,789</u>	<u>176,505</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,109,092</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,051,849</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,835	\$ 7,435
Accrued compensated absences	18,559	19,060
Unearned revenue	-	740
PPP Loan	-	28,012
Total Current Liabilities	<u>22,394</u>	<u>55,247</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net assets without donor restrictions	1,082,807	986,501
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>3,891</u>	<u>10,101</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,086,698</u>	<u>996,602</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,109,092</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,051,849</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.,
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Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the Years Ended September 30, 2021 and 2020**

	Without donor Restrictions	With donor Restrictions	Totals 2021	Totals 2020
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
National PVA Grant	\$ 147,967	\$ -	\$ 147,967	\$ 142,290
Investment return, net	111,552	-	111,552	67,852
Other	65,258	-	65,258	2,539
Contributions	49,932	19,391	69,323	46,700
Total Support and Revenue	374,709	19,391	394,100	259,381
EXPENSES				
Program Services				
Public affairs	139,003	-	139,003	91,193
Membership and benefits	83,327	25,601	108,928	99,887
Research and education	4,000	-	4,000	2,750
Supporting Activities				
General and administrative	36,150	-	36,150	47,958
Fundraising	15,923	-	15,923	8,993
Total Expenses	278,403	25,601	304,004	250,781
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	96,306	(6,210)	90,096	8,600
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	986,501	10,101	996,602	988,002
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,082,807</u>	<u>\$ 3,891</u>	<u>\$ 1,086,698</u>	<u>\$ 996,602</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Public Affairs					
	Government		Service to			
	Relations	Sports	Newsletter	Veterans	Membership	Grants
Compensation	\$ 44,672	\$ 32,988	\$ 6,054	\$ 19,309	\$ 20,610	\$ -
Professional and Consulting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupancy	-	2,358	-	-	16,679	-
Office supplies	-	-	150	-	9,460	-
Postage	-	-	1,260	-	900	-
Printing, publication, and promotion	100	3,700	-	3,220	3,500	-
Dues and subscriptions	440	25	-	750	395	-
Conferences, meeting, and travel	2,100	48,000	-	1,900	13,700	-
Awards and grants		4,620	-	6,991	4,050	4,000
Subtotal	47,312	91,691	7,464	32,170	69,294	4,000
Depreciation						-
Grand total	<u>\$ 47,312</u>	<u>\$ 91,691</u>	<u>\$ 7,464</u>	<u>\$ 32,170</u>	<u>\$ 69,294</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>

Research	Supporting Activities		Total Program	2020 Total
Services	General and	Fundraising	and Supporting	Program
	Administrative		Activities	and
				Supporting
				Activities
\$ 123,633	\$ 14,545	\$ 7,273	\$ 145,451	\$ 156,501
-	11,500	-	11,500	11,300
19,037	1,125	-	20,162	17,816
9,610	8,820	-	18,430	10,944
2,160	100	-	2,260	2,155
10,520	60	8,000	18,580	13,129
1,610	-	650	2,260	2,373
65,700	-	-	65,700	14,155
19,661	-	-	19,661	13,691
251,931	36,150	15,923	304,004	242,064
-			-	8,717
<u>\$ 251,931</u>	<u>\$ 36,150</u>	<u>\$ 15,923</u>	<u>\$ 304,004</u>	<u>\$ 250,781</u>



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