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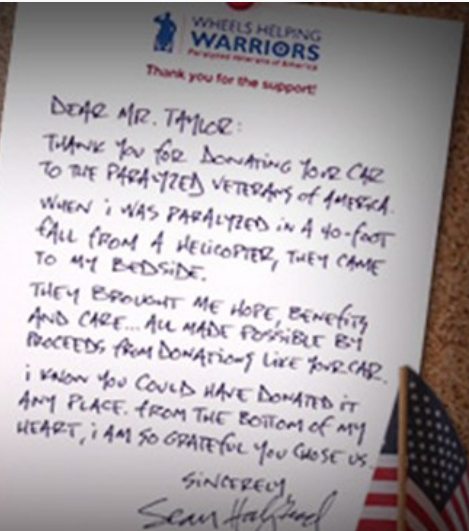
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President's Message—2017 Final

By Stanley Brown

Fiscal Year 2017 Closing Numbers and Accomplishments

On this last day of October, 2017, we have just received our final audit numbers and tax filings. I'm extremely pleased to report that this last fiscal year we had a program expense ratio of 90.4%. That number represents the dollars we spent on programs for members divided by the total dollars we spent to include general administrative costs as well as fundraising costs. Out of every dollar we spent, a little over \$.90 actually went to programs for members. That's the best percentage we've had in several years. Our audit also reveals our expenses exceeding revenue last fiscal year, meaning we spent more than we actually raised. However, our net assets actually increased because of our investment portfolio that mirrored the stock market increases. Last fiscal year we spent more on members than any other time in the history of the chapter, with a total member expenditure of \$341,825. Highlights of those expenditures were generator grants (\$65,650), home accessibility grants (\$80,001), vehicle grants to include hand controls (\$101,972), and sports and recreation funding for members (\$48,043). Our annual report will be out soon and that will detail other programs for the year.

PVA Standards of Conduct and Code of Ethics Now Apply to All Members

At the recent PVA Fall Board Of Directors meeting, October, 2017, Gateway's resolution 17-O-2(S) passed. The resolution extended the PVA Standards of Conduct and Code of Ethics to all members of PVA. Previously only chapter officers and board members, as well as a chapter national director, and PVA employees were covered. All PVA members, to include chapter members, or board members and officers, are expected to meet the **Code of Ethics** set below:

- Honest and trustworthy in all our relationships;
- Reliable in carrying out assignments and responsibilities;
- Truthful and accurate in what we say and write;
- Cooperative and constructive in all work undertaken;
- Fair and considerate in our treatment of fellow directors, officers, employees, and all other people;
- Law abiding in all our activities;
- Committed to accomplishing all tasks in a superior way;
- Economical in utilizing PVA resources; and,
- Dedicated in service to PVA and to improvement of the quality of life of all people.

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Guide Dog vs Service Dog

By Rodney Harris, Senior Benefits Advocate

As I work in the hospital I see veterans with dogs that are brought into the hospital that are not identified as either Guide or Service dogs. The attached guidance for these types of animals can be found on the VA prosthetics website: www.prosthetics.va.gov/ServiceAndGuideDogs.asp

Guide Dogs

What are guide dogs?

Guide dogs are trained to lead the blind or vision impaired. The dog acts as a pilot to direct its owner in a straight line unless directed to turn, while avoiding obstacles in all directions.

How do I get a guide dog?

Blind Veterans are assessed and trained for orientation and mobility. If a guide dog is preferred, information on how to contact guide dog schools is provided. Partnership with the guide dog is provided through non-VA affiliated guide dog schools.

What benefits does VA provide?

Blind Veterans with working dogs are provided veterinary care and equipment through VA Prosthetics and Sensory Aids. VA does not pay for boarding, grooming, food, or any other routine expense associated with owning a dog.

Service Dogs

What are service dogs?

A service dog is trained to do specific tasks for a person that he or she cannot do because of a disability. Service dogs can pick things up, guide a person with vision problems, or help someone who falls or loses balance easily. For example, a service dog can help a blind person walk down the street or get dangerous things out of the way when someone is having a seizure. ***Protecting someone, giving emotional support, or being a companion do not qualify a dog to be a service animal.*** To be a service dog, a dog must go through training. Usually the dog is trained to:

- Do things that are different from natural dog behavior
- Do things that the handler (dog owner) cannot do because of a disability
- Learn to work with the new handler in ways that help manage the owner's disability

Because the handler depends on the service dog's help, service dogs are allowed to go to most public places the handler goes. This is the case even if it is somewhere pet dogs usually cannot go, like restaurants or on airplanes. But there are a few exceptions. For example, service dogs can be asked to leave if they are not behaving well.

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How do I get a service dog?

Each Veteran's case is reviewed and evaluated by a prescribing clinician for the following:

- Ability and means, including family or caregiver, to care for the dog currently and in the future
- Goals that are to be accomplished through the use of the dog
- Goals that are to be accomplished through other assistive technology or therapy

The Veteran will be informed of an approval or disapproval of their service dog request. Veterans approved for service dogs are referred to Assistance Dogs International-accredited agencies. There is no charge for the dog or the associated training.

What benefits does VA provide?

Veterans with working service dogs are provided veterinary care and equipment through VA Prosthetics and Sensory Aids. VA does not pay for boarding, grooming, food, or any other routine expense associated with owning a dog.

If you have further questions please contact myself or Jeremy for answers to your questions.

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General Information



Welcome to Our New Members

Kenneth Danridge • William Hendley • Lawrence Holland

James Lucas • David Westbrook

Missing in Action

Have you seen or know the whereabouts of these members? They are in danger of being dropped from the PVA roster. Please call us, write to us, or e-mail us if you know where they are! Our contact info is inside the front cover.

Jeffrey Ford • Troy Bucklew • Eddie Dillard • Randy McGahan

Frederick Claxton • Harry Knoblauch • Joe Reese • Edward Williams

Receive Gazette via Email

We are offering the option to receive our Chapter's newsletter by email. Members taking advantage of electronic delivery will help to reduce the cost of printing and postage. In turn, this will allow the Chapter to put more funds toward our members and member programs. If you have not done so already, please contact Administrative Assistant Amber Lee at amber@gatewaypva.org, or Executive Director Chris Blanchard at chris@gatewaypva.org, if you would like start receiving your newsletter electronically.

Gateway Holiday Party

Please join us at the Gateway Chapter office on Tuesday, December 12 at 11:30 am for our Holiday/Open House Party. Food, snacks and drinks will be provided.

A big thank you to RT Matt Luitjohan and RT Charley Wright for another amazing year at Trout Lodge YMCA this past September!



On October 17, we hosted our Annual Membership Picnic at Des Peres Park. The weather was beautiful, and the company was great! Thank you to all that were able to attend.

Our annual "Shoot for the Gold" Trapshoot was again a success and everyone had a blast! Thank you to United Access, Gateway Gun Club and the 3/23 4th Marine Division for their support!



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Standard of Conduct: Directors, officers, employees, and others acting for or on behalf of PVA, to include PVA chapter officers, directors and employees, shall conduct themselves in accordance with the following guidelines:

General: PVA directors, officers, employees and others acting for or on behalf of PVA shall not take any action (or fail to take any action, where it is their duty to act) which results in:

- a. The use of position for private gain;
- b. The inappropriate preferential treatment of any person;
- c. The loss of the ability to act impartially and independently with respect to the duties imposed by the individual's relationship to PVA; and
- d. An adverse impact on the confidence of the public in the integrity of PVA.

Further, directors, officers, employees and others acting for or on behalf of PVA will avoid action (or inaction where action is required) which creates the appearance of the circumstances listed above.

In memory of...

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Mark VandeRiet	Fairview Heights, IL	08/09/17
David Murray	Barnhart, MO	08/10/17
Anthony Collins	St. Louis, MO	08/21/17
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ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM

Arizona Air Rifle/Archery & Boccia Tournament*
Sept. 6-8, 2017
Phoenix, AZ

West Virginia Air Rifle & Boccia Tournament*
Oct. 27-28, 2017
Martinsburg, WV

KY-IN Air Rifle & Boccia Tournament*
Nov 16-18, 2017
Lexington, KY

Cal-Diego Air Rifle Tournament
Jan. 22-23, 2018
San Diego, CA

Mid-Atlantic Air Rifle Tournament
March 7-8, 2018
Richmond, VA

Wisconsin Air Rifle Tournament
March 23-25, 2018
Milwaukee, WI

Buckeye Air Rifle Tournament
April 21-22, 2018
Geneva, OH

**indicates combined events*

PARALYZED VETERANS NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Tournament & Pistol Tournament
Aug. 4-6, 2017
Pistol & Rifle Tournament - Aug. 4
Green Bay, WI

North Central Shooting Sports Tournament
Sept. 8-10, 2017
Pistol Tournament - Sept. 8
Sioux Falls, SD

Keystone Shooting Sports Tournament
Sept. 22-24, 2017
Pistol Tournament - Sept. 22
Clairton, PA

Arizona Shooting Sports Tournament
Nov. 3-5, 2017
Pistol Tournament - Nov. 3
Phoenix, AZ

Mid-Atlantic Shooting Sports Tournament
Nov. 10-12, 2017
Charles City, VA

Florida Gulf Coast Shooting Sports Tournament
March 1-3, 2018
Odessa, FL

Nevada Shooting Sports Tournament
March 16-18, 2018
Pistol Tournament - March 16
Las Vegas, NV

Cal-Diego Shooting Sports Tournament & Cal-Diego Air Rifle/Pistol
March 23-25, 2018
Pistol & Rifle Tournament - March 23
Redlands, CA

Vaughan Shooting Sports Tournament
April 20-22, 2018
Edwardsville, IL

Minnesota Shooting Sports Tournament
May 18-20, 2018
Minneapolis, MN

Lone Star Shooting Sports Tournament
June 22-24, 2018
Waxahachie, TX

Iowa Shooting Sports Tournament & Pistol Tournament
June 15-17, 2018
Pistol Event - June 15, 2018
Cedar Rapids, IA

PARALYZED VETERANS BASS TOUR

Mid-America Bass Tournament
Sept. 22-24, 2017
Eufaula, OK

Lone Star Bass Tournament
Sept. 29—Oct. 1, 2017
Garland, TX

Southeastern Bass Tournament
Oct. 13-15, 2017
Evans, GA

Vaughan Bass Tournament
Oct. 27-29, 2017
Mt. Vernon, IL

Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament
April 6-8, 2018
Kissimmee, FL

KY-IN Bass Tournament
May 4-6, 2018
Kuttawa, KY

National Bass Tournament
June 1-3, 2018
Marbury, MD

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament
June 8-10, 2018
Richmond, VA

ANNUAL PARALYZED VETERANS/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament
Sept. 15-17, 2017
Virginia Beach, VA

Mid-South Billiards Tournament
Oct. 13-14, 2017
Memphis, TN

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament
March 23-25, 2018
Midlothian, VA

Mid-America Billiards Tournament
April 20-22, 2018
Oklahoma City, OK

Mountain States Billiards Tournament
May 4-5, 2018
Fountain, CO

Buckeye Billiards Tournament**
June 22-23, 2018
Wickliffe, OH

***non-sanctioned events*

ANNUAL PARALYZED VETERANS/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Great Plains Bowling Tournament
July 6-9, 2017
Council Bluffs, IA

Mountain States Bowling Tournament
Aug. 24-27, 2017
Colorado Springs, CO

Mid-Atlantic Bowling Tournament
Sept. 22-24, 2017
Glen Allen, VA

Nevada Bowling Tournament
Nov. 30-December 3, 2017
Las Vegas, NV

Florida Gulf Coast Bowling Tournament
Feb. 23-25, 2018
Tampa, FL

Vaughan Bowling Tournament
May 3-6, 2018
Romeoville, IL

Mid-America Bowling Tournament
TBD
Shawnee, OK

BOCCIA

Nevada Boccia Tournament
Jan. 26-27, 2018
Las Vegas, NV

Cal-Diego Boccia Tournament
Feb. 22-23, 2018
San Diego, CA

PARALYZED VETERANS RACING

Pensacola Cycling
Sept. 16-17, 2017
Pensacola, FL

Air Force Marathon
Sept. 16, 2017
Dayton, OH

Pocahontas State Park Off-Road Ride
Sept. 30, 2017
Richmond, VA

Army Ten-Miler
Oct. 8, 2017
Washington, DC

Blue and Gray
Oct. 21-22, 2017
Gettysburg, PA

38TH NWVG
July 30-Aug. 4, 2018
Orlando, FL

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November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 ^{10 pts} Meat Shoot Legion Post 162 1pm—6pm	6	7	8	9	10 US Marine Corps Birthday OFFICE CLOSED	11 ^{10 pts} Veterans Day Parade
12	13	14 BOD Mtg. @ GPVA 11:30 am 15 pts. Non-BOD Mbr.	15	16 Member/Patient Luncheon @ Noon 5 pts	17 SCI Scuba - Atlanta	18
19 	20	21	22	23  OFFICE CLOSED	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 ^{10 pts} Meat Shoot Legion Post 162 1pm—6pm	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9
10	11	12 GPVA Holiday Party/ Open House	13 US National Guard Birthday	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 ^{5/15 pts} Member/Patient Luncheon @ Noon Quarterly Mbr Mtg. after Luncheon	22	23
24	25  Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30
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