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APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

National Director: Jim Russell
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Al Kovach

In 1981, a small group of veterans with spinal cord injuries formed a new Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America located at the VA Hospital in San Diego. It was no easy task but, for 26 years, we hope you will agree that Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association has succeeded beyond expectations, providing a wide range of programs and services for its membership.

As I look back at 2007, I see a successful year of significant accomplishments. We have increased public awareness of issues that affect our membership such as the need for a seamless transition from active duty servicemember to retired veteran and the lack of effective recall strategies used by companies that provide medical equipment for the disabled population. We have formed stronger partnerships with other leaders in the disabled community, including Torrey Pines Kiwanis, Challenged Athletes Foundation, and the San Diego Adaptive Sports Foundation. These partnerships increase opportunities for our veterans to access, participate in, and contribute to their communities, demonstrating their abilities beyond their disabilities. Continuing to work collaboratively with San Diego's VA hospital, via our Hospital Liaison and Transportation programs, we assist in the delivery of quality healthcare that our members deserve while concurrently supporting National PVA's research endeavors with funds raised locally. We plan to continue working with San Diego's community leadership and focus on the need for affordable accessible housing, both transitional and long term, and address problematic issues pertaining to traumatic brain injuries amongst veterans with spinal cord injuries.

Transforming the lives of paralyzed veterans is a challenging vision. It requires strong leadership of our Board of Directors, and the hard work of our dedicated employees and volunteers. It is a challenging task. But a task we are determined to see through in 2008.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Kelly Price Noble

To the Cal-Diego PVA staff and membership, thank you for another great year. We have embarked upon new programs, increased funding, membership and ways to communicate with other community based organizations. Cal-Diego PVA's office is located in the Spinal Cord Injury Center at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Because we are located in the hospital, this gives us not only a unique perspective on how the hospital staff works with its patients and their families, but also allows us to see members from many different states even countries.

One of Cal-Diego PVA's goals is to increase exposure in and around San Diego. Our members are tenacious when it comes to telling people about us; however, I am always looking for more ways to get us out into the community. Involvement in activities range from art to trapshooting, showing the able-bodied community these disabled veterans are not so disabled! Highlights of the year include collaboration with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Wounded Warriors Program, Hometown to Heroes, Veterans Village, Boy & Girl Scouts, and Francis Parker Middle School.

As we embark on another quarter century, on behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff here at Cal-Diego PVA, we look forward to serving our veterans and others with spinal cord injuries or diseases with dedication and pride.



Sherman Gillums, Jr.

HOSPITAL LIAISON

Our top priority is to ensure quality healthcare for all SCI/D patients who receive their medical care at the VA San Diego Medical Center. Whether the patient is a paralyzed veteran living in San Diego or under primary care through one of the spoke facilities located in San Diego's catchment areas, Cal-Diego PVA's Hospital Liaison Committee works closely with the Paralyzed Veterans America's Veterans Benefits Department, hospital executive staff, and the SCI Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation Team to meet its quality care objectives.

Chaired by Cal-Diego PVA Vice President Sherman Gillums, Jr., the Hospital Liaison Committee includes Chapter Executive Director Kelly Price Noble and Chapter volunteer Art King. The committee meets monthly with the SCI Chief and San Diego VAMC Hospital Director to discuss patient issues and review policies as they pertain to SCI care. In addition to ongoing concerns regarding seamless transition to the VA system for active duty patients, we continue our commitment to making traumatic brain injury, the signature injury of today's conflicts in the Middle East, better understood and more successfully treated. Through annual site visits, patient contact both bedside and in the office, and monthly staffing surveys, we work tirelessly to keep abreast of the issues as they unfold and proactively generate solutions. The Chapter also works with SCI Recreation Therapy by providing funds for inpatient and outpatient programs as well as volunteer hours. In the past year donations totaled \$390,572.81 and volunteers contributed 21,569 total hours to our members.

For 18 years, Cal-Diego PVA and the San Diego VA's SCI Center have worked together to ensure benchmarking quality care for our members. This relationship is embodied in our ongoing support of SCI staff through continued education funding, workplace advocacy, and most recently a newly established Chapter award recognizing excellence in SCI nursing.



Community Outreach at Francis Parker Middle School



Reflections VIII



Pararally Race car



Rolling & Bowling for Dollar\$\$



Ride, Strive, and Roll

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication is an integral part of our job here at Cal-Diego PVA. Not only is it part of daily operations, it has become a way of business for us. One of the projects we committed to create was aligning ourselves with various community organizations who work with disabled groups. Interagency collaboration has given us many opportunities to available programs and healthcare providers in and around San Diego. We have become regulars at the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce functions and have met with the San Diego Disability Coalition. This group is the Accessible & Affordable Housing for All (AAHA) Coalition. It is a group of San Diego citizens who are concerned that the City of San Diego including San Diego City Council, the Mayor, City Manager, and other City officials has failed to address the magnitude, impact and scale of the housing crisis for persons with disabilities and seniors. This is only the beginning. As we close this fiscal year and enter our 27th, our vision is to increase levels of communication with many other organizations, opening doors for our veterans.

FUNDRAISING

This has been a great year for fundraising. From January to December, Cal-Diego PVA holds events to help support its eight mandated programs. We have been fortunate enough to be on the receiving end of some very charitable people and organizations. Our fundraising efforts reach a broad range of disciplines. Cal-Diego PVA 2007 Schedule

January	Rolling & Bowling for Dollar\$\$
February	In Patient Super Bowl Party
March	Advocacy/Legislation
April	Ride Strive & Roll
April	Trapshoot
April	Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Week
May	Reflections, Art Show
June	Fishing Trip
September	Rolling & Bowling for Dollar\$\$
October	Operation Desert Fun
October	Cal-Diego PVA Trapshoot
November	Veterans Day Parade
December	Decorate SCI Center
December	Holiday Party
December	In-Patient Party

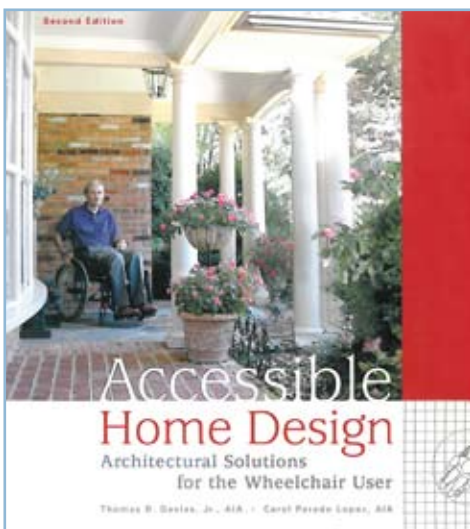
A new program Pararally Racing, has been on track, which currently has two cars and an instructor.



D.C. Delegation, 2007



From left: Sherman Gillums, Jr., Senator Feinstien, Wayne Landon, Kelly Price Noble, and Al Kovach



ADVOCACY & LEGISLATION

Cal-Diego PVA's Government relations program is committed to serve as educator, assistant and liaison to protect the rights and benefits of our members as well as those of all citizens with disabilities. In 2007, Cal-Diego PVA continued to be proactive in federal, state, and local legislation. Cal-Diego PVA is represented on U.S. Congressman Bob Filner's Veterans Affairs Advisory Board, the San Diego Chief of Police Advisory Board for the Disabled Community and the steering committee for the newly formed San Diego Disability Action Coalition. Cal-Diego PVA also assisted in enforcement of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title 24 of the California state code. Legal assistance and guidance was provided throughout the year by Paul Danielsen Attorney at Law.

Throughout 2007, Cal-Diego PVA monitored State and National legislation to keep members informed, addressing issues that it deemed appropriate on which to take action. Cal-Diego PVA personally presented veteran issues to our national representatives on Capitol Hill and State, County and City representatives at their local offices.

ARCHITECTURE

Cal-Diego PVA provided design resources to members and the general public who requested suggestions for accessible buildings, homes, or places of business. The Chapter serves as an architectural liaison between PVA and local businesses and municipalities.

Cal-Diego PVA worked to uphold civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of our members. These issues involved the enforcement of Titles I, II, III and IV of the ADA and Title 24 of the California state code.



Sports & Recreation Committee Chairman Johnnie Sandoval and opponent Andy from the British Team.



Sherman Gillums, Jr. with PVA member Paul Herman



Bill Palmer Membership/Volunteer Committee Chairman

SPORTS & RECREATION

The Sports and Recreation Program continues to be a favorite of Cal-Diego PVA. The Chapter's sponsorships enabled its members and others in the disabled community to participate in a wide range of activities, including trapshooting, quad rugby, rowing, hand cycling, adaptive snow and water skiing, pool and surfing, just to name a few. Cal-Diego PVA sponsored teams that participated in National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Golden Age Games, Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, Superfrog Triathlon and helped fund Junior Athlete Wheelchair Sports. Reflections VIII, the Chapter's art exhibition drew over a thousand art lovers to this unique show for artists with disabilities. The annual Chapter Holiday parties maintained their popularity and plans are in the works for another PVA Awareness Week this spring.

SERVICE

The San Diego Paralyzed Veterans of America National Service Office (NSO) enjoyed few successes this past year. We had two Service Officers in place this past year, Sherman Gillums, Jr. and Amanda McGrath. During their tenure, 32 new clients, 23 member eligible and three surviving spouses were served. The San Diego Office hit the \$1,353,190.00 mark in combined awards (retroactive and annual) for member/member eligible clients.

MEMBERSHIP

Cal-Diego PVA membership continues to grow. Currently, we have 513 members: 295 service-connected members and 218 non-service-connected members. Sadly, ten of our members passed away this year. They will be missed.

The Annual Membership meeting was held in June. The December membership meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual In-Patient Holiday Party in the SCI Center's dining room complete with food and drink. The Chapter also sponsored an off-site holiday party to thank our members and staff, of both the Chapter and SCI, for everything they have done throughout the year. The Boy and Girl Scouts also came to decorate the SCI Center, bringing cheer to onlookers. Gifts were handed out for each patient who stayed in the unit over the holidays.

Cal-Diego PVA's Board of Directors' meeting is every second Thursday of the month. Please look at the inside cover of the Beachcomber for meeting dates.

LETTER FROM THE AUDITOR

Board of Directors
Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association as of June 30, 2007, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from the Association's 2006 financial statements and, in our report dated August 23, 2006, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association as of June 30, 2007 and the changes in its net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Steven G. Martin, CPA
September 7, 2007

	2006	2007
Revenue and Other Support		
Contributions	30,099	114,263
PVA Grant	188,227	203,397
Program Services	84,798	224,579
Special Events	48,365	51,730
Investment Income	45,736	64,774
Gain (loss) on sale of investments	(16,729)	34,754
Total Revenue and Support	380,496	693,497
Expenses		
Program Services		
Member Benefits	314,682	435,329
Public Affairs	21,116	29,966
Research	5,000	3,013
Total Program Services	340,798	468,308
Support Services		
General and Administrative	73,639	70,646
Total Support Services	73,639	70,646
Total Expenses	414,437	538,954
Changes in Net Assets	(33,941)	154,543
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	47,690	25,091
Net Change in Assets	13,749	179,634
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	963,165	976,914
Net Assets, End of Year	976,914	1,156,548
Statement of Financial Position		
Cash and Equivalents	4,407	150,263
Investments	898,717	946,523
Prepaid Expenses	8,237	7,187
Office Equipment	46,591	46,591
Transportation Equipment	83,000	83,000
Accumulated Depreciation	61,276	74,018
Total Assets	979,676	1,159,546
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts Payable	2,762	2,998
Total Liabilities	2,762	2,998
Net Assets: Unrestricted	917,508	1,027,722
Temporarily Restricted	59,406	128,826
Total Net Assets	976,914	1,156,548
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	979,676	1,159,546

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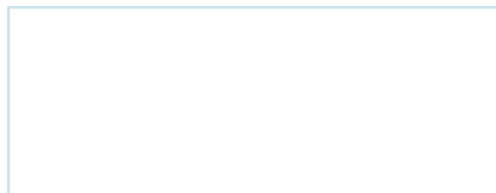
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