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Iowa Chapter

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VAVS Deputy: Gretchen Baldwin

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Executive Director: -----

Office Manager/Chapter Recorder: Gretchen Baldwin

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LIAISON

The Chapter continues to work with the Veterans Administration's Central Iowa Health Care System (CIHCS) in Des Moines, the VA Medical Center in Iowa City, and the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) in Marshalltown. Iowa PVA Board Members and staff regularly attend SCI/D, VAVS (CDCE), Volunteer Advisory Committee, and Advisory Consumer Advocate Committee (ACAC) meetings at the Iowa Veterans Home and the hospitals. Representation by the Iowa Chapter ensures that our Chapter is aware of any needs at the hospitals or at the Iowa Veterans Home and allows us to present our concerns to the appropriate authorities. National Service Officer (NSO), James O'Brien, Scott Miller, Keith Harvey, Lonnn Cunningham, Oscar Ballard, Gretchen Baldwin, and Executive Director (vacant) represent the Iowa Chapter at these facilities. Our New Member committee, consisting of James O'Brien, Scott Miller, Oscar Ballard, and Dennis Keefe, reaches out and provides peer mentoring support to newly injured/diagnosed Veterans with spinal cord injuries or disease. Iowa PVA members with spinal cord injuries, diagnosis of MS, and diagnosis of ALS are all represented on this committee. Committee members are assigned to contact new members based on similar circumstances. This provides an added level of support and understanding of the new member's challenges.

ADVOCACY

In 2018, a legislative initiative was passed to include the Iowa Chapter of PVA on the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs. The commission is comprised of representatives from select Veterans groups in Iowa, to propose and advocate either for or against any and all legislation that is presented to the Iowa State Legislature. Governor Kim Reynolds appointed Scott Miller as the representative to the Commission for the Iowa Chapter of PVA. Although the Iowa Chapter does not have an official Government Relations Director, Scott Miller, and Advocacy Director James O'Brien have been representing the Iowa Chapter at monthly meetings of the Association of Government Relations Directors via zoom, telephone, or in person when possible. Mr. Miller and Mr. O'Brien have relayed pertinent information regarding National legislation affecting Veterans, disabled citizens, and Paralyzed Veterans of America to our Chapter Board of Directors. James O'Brien, Scott Miller, David Graham, Gerald Santos and former Executive Director were in attendance for the 2025 Advocacy/Legislation Seminar held in June in Washington, D.C. In addition to attendance, they reviewed PVA's initiatives and presented these points to Senators and Representatives at the National level.

RESEARCH, EDUCATION, MEDICAL

Paralyzed Veterans of America - Iowa Chapter contributed \$4,000 to National PVA Research, and Education, in 2025. The Iowa Chapter offers funding for the clinicians at both the Des Moines and Iowa City VAMC's to attend educational conferences to enable them to provide the best care possible to our SCI/D Veterans. We continue our involvement with the SCI Clinics in the two VAMC's in Iowa. Quarterly meetings are held at the Des Moines VAMC and Iowa City VAMC. We strive to give general assistance to various patient programs involving the two hospitals, the Iowa Veterans Home and the Des Moines Vets Center.

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VOLUNTEER & SERVICE

National Service Officer (NSO) Gus Gonzales (recently retired) and NSO Secretary Judy Keeling continue to work tirelessly to provide benefit assistance and advocate for their Veteran clients. They have continued to show excellent productivity and success in the numbers of Veterans served and the amount of financial benefits paid out. The NSO and/or Judy Keeling regularly attend our IPVA Board of Directors meetings and SCI/D meetings with both the Iowa City and Des Moines VA Medical Centers. Articles and information are provided by the NSO office for our bi-monthly newsletters, which provide vital information to our members regarding benefits available through the Veterans Administration. IPVA had 45 active volunteers in FY25, logging 6,328 hours of volunteer time.

FUNDRAISING

Iowa PVA does not use telemarketing. We are currently involved in iGive, YourCause, One Gift Iowa, Network for Good, United Way, and Benevity. Iowa PVA's accreditation by the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance continues to instill confidence to those generous businesses and individuals who choose to support our cause. ITC (employees, executives, and company match), All Hands on Deck, BJL Fundraising, Al's Bri (Alan Smith), Collins Aerospace (RTX Corporation), Coe College Clay Club (Patrick Cory), and our generous individual donors provided their support throughout FY2024-2025. All Hands on Deck is a group of volunteers who not only raises and donates a large amount of money to the Midwest PVA Fishing Event, but they assist in organizing and staffing this one week fishing adventure. Britton's Cafe is also a large donor of money and resource to this endeavor. This event would not be possible without this large team of supporters! Please watch the newsletter/website for more information regarding upcoming fundraising events. Iowa PVA pursues a multitude of grant opportunities throughout the year. Another great supporter is a local high end thrift store, Stuff, Etc. In December of 2024, we received a check from donations collected during shopping days where shoppers have an option to make a donation to us. We intend on participating in these shopping days by setting up a table and handing out information about who we are and what we do. Also, in 2026 we will continue to focus on getting the word out on our mission and services provided to our Veterans with spinal cord injury and disease through increased social media presence and website updates.

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SPORTS

This year's sports schedule was a busy one as usual. In June, we hosted the Annual Pistol & Trapshoot in Cedar Rapids and the Midwest PVA Fishing Event at Veterans On The Lake Resort in Ely, MN. In July, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games were held in Minneapolis, MN. We sponsored two Pool Tournament Events at the Iowa Veterans Home in November 2024 and May 2025. The Iowa Chapter continues to sponsor Bingo on the second Thursday of every month at the Community Living Center (CLC) at the Des Moines VA. This is an activity which is enjoyable for not only the residents but also for our volunteers.

We are in the process of planning our 2026 National PVA Trapshoot Circuit Event, scheduled for June 26-28, 2026. The Iowa and Minnesota Chapters have again teamed up to sponsor the annual Midwest PVA Fishing Event scheduled for August 9 - 15, 2026. The next National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Detroit, MI, July 9-14, 2026. We are sponsoring two Pool Tournament Events at the Iowa Veterans Home in May and November in 2026. On November 23rd, 2025 we held a pheasant hunt and December 13th, 2025, we held a deer hunt. In 2026 we look forward to enjoying a new partnership with the Iowa National Heritage Foundation to provide additional experiences for our membership.

CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS & ACTIVITIES

The Iowa Chapter is entering its 38th year of service. The Iowa Chapter sponsors caregiver support group/membership meetings on a monthly basis in Urbandale. The Board of Directors also provides gift cards to caregivers who may be struggling with difficult times and the day to day issues that makes things rough. The BOD contacts members annually to see if they need any assistance or pertinent information. The New Member Committee was also established to personally welcome new members to the Chapter and offer our support.

Our Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet was held on October 12, 2025. The Awards given out this year:

Jon R. Schneider Chapter President's Award - Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Alfred H. Blumhourst Volunteer Appreciation Award - Carrie England, Melanee Sickels, and Joe Padilla

Donald H. Gerdom Executive Director's Service Award - Dr. Nisha D. Patel

Keith M Griggs Chapter Service Award - Judy Keeling

In September 2025, we sent a Member to the Women's Veterans Empowerment Retreat (WVER) in Minneapolis, MN.

The newsletter and Annual Report underwent some changes - we went from Publisher to Canva. We also redesigned our webpage. Find us at www.iowapva.org. Also, our office email address has changed to info@iowapva.org.

Some Photos
Throughout the Year

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**PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA - IOWA CHAPTER
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
September 30, 2025 and 2024**

ASSETS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 137,295	\$ 154,392
Accounts receivable	21,716	14,924
Investments	313,894	288,673
Prepaid expense	4,716	4,228
Total current assets	<u>477,621</u>	<u>462,217</u>
 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Fixed assets less accumulated depreciation of \$185,219 in 2025 and \$173,092 in 2024	263,408	275,535
 CUSTODIAL FUNDS	<u>10,862</u>	<u>14,965</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 751,891</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 752,717</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,508	\$ 3,165
Deferred revenue	12,167	-
Total current liabilities	<u>16,675</u>	<u>3,165</u>
 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Custodial funds	<u>10,862</u>	<u>14,965</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>27,537</u>	<u>18,130</u>
 NET ASSETS		
Net assets without donor restrictions	639,210	654,441
Net assets with donor restrictions	85,144	80,146
Total net assets	<u>724,354</u>	<u>734,587</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 751,891</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 752,717</u></u>

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

	Net assets without donor restrictions	Net assets with donor restrictions	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND SUPPORT			
Support:			
PVA grant	\$ 152,491	\$ -	\$ 152,491
Contributions	38,156	41,905	80,061
Special events (contributions)	22,525	40,043	62,568
	<u>213,172</u>	<u>81,948</u>	<u>295,120</u>
Revenues and gains:			
Publication income	600	-	600
Investment income	6,834	-	6,834
Realized gain (loss) on investments	(142)	-	(142)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	21,867	-	21,867
	<u>29,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,159</u>
 Total revenues, gains, and support	 <u>242,331</u>	 <u>81,948</u>	 <u>324,279</u>
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	76,950	(76,950)	-
EXPENSES			
Program services:			
Membership and benefits	126,484	-	126,484
Public affairs	166,627	-	166,627
Research	4,000	-	4,000
Total program services	<u>297,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,111</u>
Support services:			
General and administrative	31,797	-	31,797
Fund raising	5,604	-	5,604
Total support services	<u>37,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,401</u>
Total expenses	<u>334,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>334,512</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(15,231)	4,998	(10,233)
Net assets, beginning	<u>654,441</u>	<u>80,146</u>	<u>734,587</u>
Net assets, ending	<u>\$ 639,210</u>	<u>\$ 85,144</u>	<u>\$ 724,354</u>

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

	<u>Net assets without donor restrictions</u>	<u>Net assets with donor restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES, GAINS AND SUPPORT			
Support:			
PVA grant	\$ 151,655	\$ -	\$ 151,655
Contributions	87,657	37,401	125,058
Special events (contributions)	20,322	52,566	72,888
	<u>259,634</u>	<u>89,967</u>	<u>349,601</u>
Revenues and gains:			
Publication income	1,200	-	1,200
Investment income	10,679	-	10,679
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	32,331	-	32,331
	<u>44,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,210</u>
 Total revenues, gains, and support	 <u>303,844</u>	 <u>89,967</u>	 <u>393,811</u>
 Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	64,817	(64,817)	-
EXPENSES			
Program services:			
Membership and benefits	87,366	-	87,366
Public affairs	158,169	-	158,169
Research	6,000	-	6,000
Total program services	<u>251,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,535</u>
Support services:			
General and administrative	22,491	-	22,491
Fund raising	3,915	-	3,915
Total support services	<u>26,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,406</u>
 Total expenses	 <u>277,941</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>277,941</u>
 Increase in net assets	 90,720	 25,150	 115,870
 Net assets, beginning	 <u>563,721</u>	 <u>54,996</u>	 <u>618,717</u>
 Net assets, ending	 <u>\$ 654,441</u>	 <u>\$ 80,146</u>	 <u>\$ 734,587</u>

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 STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
 For the Years Ended September 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025			2024		
	Membership and Benefits	Public Affairs	Research	General and Administrative	Fund Raising	Grand Total
Compensation	\$ 72,857	\$ 22,417	\$ -	\$ 11,209	\$ 5,604	\$ 112,087
Professional and consulting	2,695	1,797	-	4,491	-	8,983
Occupancy	4,294	3,435	-	859	-	8,588
Office supplies and expenses	16,884	5,873	-	4,345	-	27,102
Postage	3,415	-	-	379	-	3,794
Printing, publications, and promotions	376	-	-	-	-	376
Dues and subscriptions	560	140	-	-	-	700
Conferences, meetings, and travel	19,339	86,863	-	4,831	-	111,033
Awards and grants	-	41,251	4,000	-	-	45,251
Investment expenses	-	-	-	3,164	-	3,164
Other	-	-	-	1,307	-	1,307
Depreciation	6,064	4,851	-	1,212	-	12,127
Total functional expenses	\$ 126,484	\$ 166,627	\$ 4,000	\$ 31,797	\$ 5,604	\$ 334,512

	2024			2023		
	Membership and Benefits	Public Affairs	Research	General and Administrative	Fund Raising	Grand Total
Compensation	\$ 50,902	\$ 15,662	\$ -	\$ 7,831	\$ 3,915	\$ 78,310
Professional and consulting	2,586	1,724	-	4,310	-	8,620
Occupancy	3,444	2,755	-	689	-	6,888
Office supplies and expenses	10,620	5,783	-	2,609	-	19,012
Postage	3,417	-	-	380	-	3,797
Printing, publications, and promotions	250	-	-	-	-	250
Dues and subscriptions	457	114	-	-	-	571
Conferences, meetings, and travel	9,482	82,074	-	1,985	-	93,541
Awards and grants	-	45,091	6,000	-	-	51,091
Investment expenses	-	-	-	3,399	-	3,399
Interest expense	-	-	-	14	-	14
Other	-	-	-	32	-	32
Depreciation	6,208	4,966	-	1,242	-	12,416
Total functional expenses	\$ 87,366	\$ 158,169	\$ 6,000	\$ 22,491	\$ 3,915	\$ 277,941

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended September 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (10,233)	\$ 115,870
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	12,127	12,416
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(21,867)	(32,331)
Realized (gain) loss on investments	142	-
Reinvested investment earnings	(6,660)	(10,160)
Investment expenses deducted from investment account	3,164	3,399
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(6,792)	8,071
(Increase) in prepaid expenses	(488)	(896)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	1,343	(10,201)
Increase in deferred revenue	12,167	-
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(17,097)</u>	<u>86,168</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(17,097)	86,168
Cash, beginning of year	<u>154,392</u>	<u>68,224</u>
Cash, end of year	<u><u>\$ 137,295</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 154,392</u></u>
Supplemental Disclosure:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ -	\$ 14
Schedule of Noncash Investing and Financing Activities:		
Reinvested investment earnings	\$ 6,660	\$ 10,160
Investment expenses deducted from account	\$ 3,164	\$ 3,399

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The Mission Statement of Paralyzed Veterans of America

The 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 which maximize the independence of our members.

To enable Paralyzed Veterans 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.

Articles of Incorporation

Our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws accurately reflect the mission of Paralyzed Veterans of America - Iowa Chapter and its relationship to the National Organization, Paralyzed Veterans of America. Our Chapter has By-Laws that are in compliance with State and Federal Laws. A copy of these By-Laws, revised in March of 2016 and are also located at our office and on our website.