

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America

2005 Annual Report

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Did MPVA make a difference in your life?

Was it...

When we presented a check to the PVA Spinal Cord Research Foundation and Education and Training Foundation?

During our first "MPVA Golf Scramble" or the gala "Salute to Veterans" dinner?

When we spoke to the Michigan House of Representatives, supporting legislation that increased opportunities for business-owner veterans with disabilities to gain state contracts?

Did you join us at Memorial Day parades in Dearborn and Milford?

Did you attend our Open House during PVA Awareness week?

Maybe you got wet with the rest of us when storms drenched our membership picnic in Ann Arbor (we had fun anyway!).

Maybe you were touched by our partnership with Michigan's Secretary of State, distributing PumpGuide information www.thepumpguide.com to every disabled driver in the state.

If you attended an event at Ford Field or Comerica Park, we were there ahead of you, consulting with the owners and architects to ensure ADA compliance.

Did our service officers help you weave your way through the VA system in Detroit, Ann Arbor, or now in Battle Creek while you were filing for veteran benefits?

We hope we touched your life during fiscal year 2005 as we advanced the mission and vision of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America.

MPVA: making a difference since 1961.

Kevin Elya, President

Our FY '05 Motto: More Than One Way to Stand Tall!

Legislation

MPVA was instrumental in saving the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund after the legislature authorized its misuse. A coalition of Veterans Service Organizations worked together to urge the state to change and repair the damage — and it did!

With MVPA support, the state enacted P.A. 91 that increases the annual amount of business the State seeks to place with firms owned by disabled veterans.

MPVA joined in class action lawsuits against two cities that failed to follow ADA standards on curb cuts and other public access.

Sports & Recreation

The revitalized sports program partners with wheelchair recreation activities statewide. MPVA members brought home trophies from the Michigan Wheelchair Games, Ohio Wheelchair Games, and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Advocacy

MPVA met with the University of Michigan Board of Regents with recommendations that will bring Michigan Stadium to compliance with ADA standards. We supported the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 by joining the statewide HAVA team. We visited local polling places, inspecting for voter accessibility. MPVA speaks up as a valued member of the Northwest Airlines Customer Advisory Board on Disabilities during quarterly meetings. MPVA members spoke to youth statewide and created greater recognition of disability issues during Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Week in April.



Funding SCI/D research and education is a top priority.

Service Office

1,300 veterans and/or their dependents turned to us for free services regarding various VA claims and benefits during FY05.

The result?

Over \$4,000,000 in new or enhanced benefits paid to Michigan vets and their families!



Fun, fellowship and family at our August member picnic.

Communication

Every other month we reach 4,000 readers with "Rollin' Times". Updated news and info appears on our website. Over 36,000 drivers used www.thepumpguide.com for info on accessible gas stations in Michigan.

Liaison

In addition our role in VA hospital SCI/D support groups, MPVA's expertise leads to service on numerous committees. Convening bodies that currently reach out for the MPVA perspective include the Univ. of Michigan Spinal Cord Model Care System, the state's My Job Coalition (focus on employment), the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, and the United Way-sponsored "Project Ramp".

Fundraising

MPVA invites public support in many ways. In addition to state grants and corporate sponsorships, we conduct a "Fourth of July" campaign for direct support from individuals in Michigan.

Our "Salute to Veterans" event is anticipated to produce significant revenue as it becomes the state's premier Veterans Day celebration.

Membership

The MPVA community includes 274 service-connected members and 286 non-service connected members. There are also 193 associate members.

In order to reach more veterans, especially those with SCI/D, we added service hours at the Battle Creek VA Hospital to our schedule.

We continue to serve at the John Dingell V.A. (Detroit) and Ann Arbor VA sites.



Taking MPVA issues to the top.



Youth outreach for fitness and fun.



Our "Salute to Veterans" event attracted statewide attendees including Governor Jennifer Granholm who spoke to our 300+ guests.

We invite you to join us for Veterans Day, 2006 as a sponsor, a table host, or a volunteer!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
REVENUES		
PVA contributions	\$199,136	\$195,565
State grant	165,700	165,700
Fund raising	86,724	31,455
Contributions	65,785	85,494
Interest income	7,319	5,485
Membership dues	300	665
Other	<u>7,711</u>	<u>1,797</u>
Total Revenues	<u>532,675</u>	<u>486,161</u>
EXPENSES		
<i>Program services:</i>		
Membership benefits and services	304,812	270,981
Advocacy and government relations	84,811	106,247
Communications and public relations	<u>43,656</u>	<u>73,366</u>
	<u>433,279</u>	<u>450,594</u>
<i>Support services:</i>		
General and administrative	38,235	35,641
Fund-raising	<u>55,953</u>	<u>7,275</u>
	<u>94,188</u>	<u>42,916</u>
Total Expenses	<u>527,467</u>	<u>493,510</u>
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES		
(EXPENSES OVER REVENUES) FROM		
OPERATIONS BEFORE UNREALIZED GAIN		
ON INVESTMENTS	5,208	(7,349)
UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	<u>8,507</u>	<u>8,535</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	13,715	1,186
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>601,334</u>	<u>600,148</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$615,049</u>	<u>\$601,334</u>

MPVA Officers FY 05

- President.....*Kevin G. Elya*
- Vice President.....*David Peck*
- Secretary.....*Clark B. Shuler*
- Treasurer.....*Kenneth C. Huber*
- Director.....*Michael Hogue*
- Director.....*John Dusa*
- Director.....*Theresa Kamphorst*
- Director.....*Randy Miller*
- Director.....*Scot Severn*
- Director.....*Dale Weaver*
- Director.....*Ernie Whaley*

MPVA Staff

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| Maurice L. Jordan | <i>Executive Director</i> |
| Michael Harris | <i>Deputy Executive Director</i> |
| R. Sue Dodea | <i>Development</i> |
| Elizabeth Mayeda | <i>Finance Officer</i> |
| Bonnie Williams | <i>Service Officer</i> |
| Jan Black | <i>Administrative Assistant</i> |
| Don Swale | <i>Office Maintenance</i> |

The mission of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) is to enhance the lives of veterans with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) as well as all citizens with disabilities, by advocating for civil rights, assuring quality health care, supporting continued research and education, and encouraging independence and healthy living through various health, sports, and recreational programs.

MPVA shall continue striving to remain at the forefront of both veterans’ benefit services and disability rights, while working toward a better quality of life for all American citizens.

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