



New England Chapter

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

(Fiscal Year June 2020 - July 2021)



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Letter from the President

Dear Chapter Members, Supporters and Friends,

I would like to start this year's report by pointing out the great strides made in the past few years which were detailed in my annual report letter last year. Because of the hard work and results we were able to deliver the Chapter received the John M. Price Award for the "Most Improved" Chapter.

To quickly recap two of the significant challenges the Chapter had to overcome were a \$250,000 and to reverse the Chapter's 73%/27% expense to program ratio. We were able to overcome the deficit a year ahead of schedule in reverse or expense to program racial 180°.

Knowing there's always room for continued improvement, I still continue to explore ways the Chapter can become more effective and efficient in its mission organizationally, financially and through the programs we offer.

Although largely dictated by the changing landscape and restrictions of COVID, the Chapter was still able to effectively support the needs of its members throughout New England. As you review this Annual Report and see the many successes and extraordinary work the Chapter has accomplished, keep in mind, the Chapter isn't affiliated with any Federal, State, or Veterans Affairs agency for funding. The Chapter relies sole on the generous support of donors and volunteers to provide our programs and services completely free of charge.

I'd like to Thank the members of the Board, our Volunteers, Staff and our Caregivers for their continued support of the Chapter, and each of us, so that we can continue serving the Chapter members and the disabled community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael G. Negrete". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael G. Negrete
President and Paralyzed Veteran



LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

Leadership and Staff

BOARD OFFICERS

President	Michael Negrete
Vice President	Mike Guilbault
Treasurer	Peter Moore
Secretary	Mike Moran

BOARD DIRECTORS

Brad Carlson	Mark Sanders
Dan Shaul	Wayne Ross

NATIONAL DIRECTOR TO PVA

Michael Negrete

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Bass Trail Liaison	Jim Wallack
Community Outreach	Mile Guilbault
Cord Word Editor	Michael Negrete
Membership Officer	Mike Guilbault
Peer Mentor Rep.	Mike Guilbault
Sports Director	Mike Guilbault
Asst. Sports Director	Mike Moran
Volunteer Coordinator	Jerry Cole

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Finance Committee	Peter Moore
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OFFICE STAFF

Executive Director	Mark Murphy
Gov't Relations Director	Kristen McCone Gordon
Admin Assist/Bookkeeper	Jerry Cole
Office Volunteer	Denise Pease

CHAPTER OFFICE AND MEETINGS

Chapter Office and Meetings

CHAPTER OFFICE

The Chapter office is located at 1208 VFW Parkway, Suite 301 West Roxbury, MA 02132 and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This location's proximity to VISN 1's SCI Hub at the West Roxbury, MA VAMC continues to provide the Chapter, its Members and local VAMCs with convenient access to one another.

This office location also continues to provide significant cost savings for the Chapter in reduced lease and operating expenses, as well as unrealized expenses and time saved by reducing commutes back-and-forth to local VAMCs. The Chapter is staffed by two full-time and one part-time employee, an Executive Director, Government Relations Director and a Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The regular monthly Board of Directors meetings are all held the first Wednesday of the month in the Chapter's office conference room with a combination of in-person and virtual attendees. Chapter members are always welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly Board meetings. Providing virtual attendance methods and opportunities has increased regularly monthly attendance of our Members.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership meeting was held virtually in May due to COVID restrictions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Executive Director's Report

Steve Robinson, Executive Director

I am truly honored and thrilled to serve as the Executive Director at the New England Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. I have many years of experience in adaptive recreation, community outreach and disability advocacy. I accepted this role in October of 2021 and immediately began "rolling up my sleeves" alongside a team of passionate staff and volunteers.

A Look Back

When the pandemic began in March of 2020, the team decided to shut down the office and temporarily move to a virtual operation. In the ensuing months, efforts were mobilized to shift our support and services to helping our members affected by the pandemic. One of the highlight programs that emerged from this time was a Covid -19 Member Relief Grant. Our grant application reads: "To support our

members during these difficult times, the Chapter President and Board of Directors created the Member COVID-19 Relief Grant. Individual member grants will be provided up to \$500. This grant initiative demonstrates the Chapter's strong solidarity by immediately and directly providing aid to its members in need. This grant can be applied and used by Chapter members who have been negatively affected by the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic needing financial assistance with food insecurity, housing, health care, and other basic living expenses." Over the course of the 20/21 fiscal year, we gave out a total of \$12, 590 in covid relief grants to members in need. While the pandemic is still affecting our community, we remain committed to providing relief and resources where we can.

Rolling Forward

As we emerge on the other side of the pandemic, we are continually assessing our strengths and opportunities. It is vital that we honor our storied history while ensuring we respond to our rapidly changing world. We are paying attention to trends emerging in the virtual reality and gaming space and how we can create new opportunities for our members. In addition, we recognize the importance of in-person connection, community gathering and socializing. We are deeply committed to finding ways to gather and recreate safely. As we begin to create more in person programs, we will continue to make every effort to provide the safest possible environment for our members. A snapshot of some our focus areas includes:

1. Working with community partners to refresh and elevate our sports and recreation offerings

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2. Opening our virtual gaming studio at the chapter office including our accessible gaming laptop checkout program.
3. Offering some new outdoor recreation experiences.
4. Exploration of new community partnerships that enhance our overall mission.

I am very optimistic about the future and know that New England PVA is poised to grow and create a far-reaching impact on our members and throughout the region and beyond.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership

The Chapter membership decreased from 814 to 772 this past year primarily due to deaths, some of which were attributed to COVID-19. The Chapter's membership throughout the 6 New England states consisting of 394 service-connected and 378 non-service-connected Veterans. The Chapter maintains a robust membership program and continually works to add new members through various outreaches and accepting members transferring in from other Chapters or members at large.

MEMBERSHIP BY STATE:

1. Massachusetts – 249
2. Maine – 126
3. New Hampshire – 107
4. Connecticut – 88
5. Rhode Island – 25
6. Vermont – 22



PVA NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

PVA National Service Officers

PVA NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

The Chapter has an extremely close working relationship with its area Service Officers and stays in regular communication with them regarding member and facility needs. This past year our area Service Officers total contacts were **7,064** of which **83%** were members/eligible. Our Services Officers were instrumental in assisting these veterans receiving **\$5,757,993** in benefits for Massachusetts & Rhode Island and **\$3,888,562** in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

We are fortunate to such dedicated and knowledgeable professionals available to advocate and assist paralyzed veterans and others in the New England area. Their offices and contact information are:

Boston, MA Office:

Joseph Badzmierowski, Director of Field Services and Ann Marie Wallace, Senior Secretary

Boston address: Paralyzed Veterans of America, Boston VA Regional Office, Government Center, JFK Federal Building - Room 1575 C, Boston, MA 02203. The phone numbers are: (617) 303-1395 or 1-800-795-3607.

West Roxbury and Brockton VAMCs, MA:

Peter Demarkis, National Service Officer II. Covering Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

West Roxbury address: Paralyzed Veterans of America, VA Medical Center, 1400 VFW Parkway, Rm AG 60, West Roxbury, MA 02132. The phone number is: (857) 203-6091.

Brockton address: PVA National Service Office, VA Medical Center, Building 3, Room 207, 940 Belmont St., Brockton, MA 02301. The phone number is (774) 826-2219.

Togus VAMC, ME:

Mike Snapes, National Service Officer. Covering Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Maine address: PVA National Service Office, Togus, VARO, 1 VA Center, Bldg. 248, Room 112, Augusta, ME 04330. The phone numbers for the Maine office are: (207) 621-7394 or 1-866-795-1911.

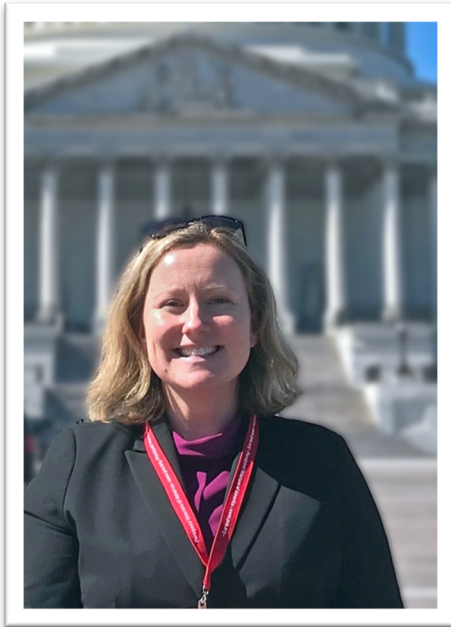
Service office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Service Officers visit the Brockton/West Roxbury VAMC's on a regular basis and visit the other New England VAMC's periodically. It is through these visits and referrals from the Chapter that our members receive assistance in applying for benefits to which they are entitled.

Syracuse VAMC, NY:

Charles Tocci, Area Manager

Syracuse address: PVA National Service Office, Syracuse VAMC, 8000 Irving Ave. Room C419, Syracuse, NY 13210. The phone numbers for the office are: (315) 425-4400 ext. 53317.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND ADVOCACY



Government Relations and Advocacy

Kristen McCone Gordon, Government Relations Director

It's been an honor and a privilege to continue to serve the New England Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America as the Government Relations Director. In this role, I establish and execute a legislative and advocacy agenda for New England PVA. Our Chapter's work in government relations is guided by a strong commitment to advocate for the men and women who have served and sacrificed so much for this nation.

2021 was a strong year for our Chapter's Government Relations program. We conducted over 24 briefings to Congressional offices, advanced issues affecting our members' lives at the state level, and rose to the top of the ranks across the country in our membership engagement numbers. In recognition of our accomplishments, the Chapter received PVA's 2020 Richard Fuller Government Relations Award, demonstrating outstanding achievements in government

relations. This was the Chapter's first time receiving the award.

As we begin to approach a new year, we will continue to focus on nurturing strong relationships with our congressional delegation, ensuring all elected officials understand the issues impacting our members lives, and advocating for the larger disability and veteran communities along the way. Our Chapter has shown tremendous progress and success in our advocacy efforts, and I look forward to all we will continue to accomplish together.

FEDERAL EFFORTS

Our federal efforts kicked off in March 2021, during the Pushing Access Forward 2021: PVA Annual Advocacy Legislative Seminar. Though the seminar and corresponding congressional meetings were held virtually this year due to the pandemic, it was a successful week spent learning of the issues affecting members across the country and of PVA's compelling legislative solutions to address them. I had the pleasure of being joined by Chapter President Michael Negrete and NEPVA members Debra Freed and Brent Cote, who are valuable members of our growing advocacy team.

Over the course of three days, our NEPVA Delegation briefed the staff of Congressman Auchincloss (D,MA), Senator King (I,ME), Congressman Golden (D,ME), Congresswoman DeLauro (D,CT), Congressman Langevin (D,RI), Senator Leahy (D,VT), Congresswoman Pingree (D,ME), Congressman Courtney (D,CT), and Congressman Lynch (D,MA).

Upon returning to New England, I continued these conversations with the district and D.C. staff of the following offices: Congressman Pappas (D,NH), Congressman Keating (D,MA), Senator Reed (D,RI), Senator

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Markey (D,MA), Congresswoman Clark (D,MA), Congresswoman Trahan (D,MA), Congresswoman DeLauro (D,CT), Congressman Courtney (D,CT), Congresswoman Kuster (D,NH), Congressman Cicilline (D,RI), Congresswoman Pressley (D,MA), Congresswoman Hayes (D,CT), and Congressman Himes (D,CT).

Throughout this year, we have seen strong indicators of success in our federal advocacy efforts. There has been a steady stream of New England Congressional Members signing on as cosponsors to our legislation. Our Chapter is also frequently contacted by congressional offices, wondering how our members would be affected by various policies and legislation. Increasingly, we are being invited by Members of Congress to participate in roundtable discussions and other events in the community. We will continue to ensure that the New England Congressional delegation both understands and are responsive to the needs and concerns of our members.

STATE LEVEL EFFORTS

The New England Chapter remains committed to building partnerships with advocates throughout New England in order to best advocate for our members' needs at the state level. Below are examples of our state advocacy in 2021.

Crisis Standards of Care

We began the year by continuing to closely monitor how each state was planning for hospitals to be overwhelmed during the pandemic, and what affect those plans could potentially have on our members and the disabled community at large. Given the magnitude of the COVID-19 response, states across the country began producing a "Crisis Standards of Care" document which outlines guidance to hospitals on how to triage and modify the traditional level of care during this emergency. Early drafts of these documents were alarming and would have had devastating consequences to our members. As written, many of the original guidelines would heavily discriminate against those with disabilities, as they may have shorter projected lifespans than able-body persons, depending on their particular disability.

In response, NEPVA quickly established strong partnerships with disability advocates throughout New England and worked in collaboration with them to advocate on behalf of both our members and the larger disability community. Most recently, and along with our partners in the disability advocacy community in Connecticut, we urged the Lamont Administration to take immediate action to ensure that the rights of people with disabilities are protected from discrimination amidst the continuing COVID-19 public health crisis. The Coalition called on the Department of Public Health to end its refusal to issue uniform guidance to all Connecticut hospitals in the event of any necessary rationing of life-sustaining treatments.

Workplace Accessibility

In Massachusetts, we joined forces with our partners in the disability advocacy community to support AN ACT REMOVING BARRIERS TO WORK THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS, AND SENIORS (The Accessible MA Act).

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND ADVOCACY

In 1968, Massachusetts led the nation's efforts to make communities accessible for all by creating the MA Architectural Access Board (MAAB). The Board balances the interests of property owners and accessibility needs by establishing and enforcing building codes during permitting. However, the MAAB was not given purview over workplaces, so current code does not require workspace accessibility even in new or extensively renovated buildings.

The ACCESSIBLE MA Act would finally allow the MAAB to meet the promise of the ADA and enforce accessibility in new or renovated workplaces. It will also guide developers and architects on innovative ways to provide access.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BY PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

The New England Chapter's Government Relations program was recognized for its exceptional advocacy and legislative efforts during PVA's 75th Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas, NV out of all 33 Chapters with the Richard Fuller "Outstanding Achievement in Government Relations" award.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Community Outreach Program

The Chapter has provided local elementary schools with our “What’s It Like” program for 35 straight years. Unfortunately, this came to a postponement this past year with COVID restrictions preventing our members and volunteers from visiting any schools.

SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Sports and Recreation Programs

Mike Guilbault, VP & Sports Director

Throughout its history, the Chapter has stood by the belief that active participation in wheelchair sports and recreation pays tremendous dividends in terms of physical fitness, building self-esteem, chair mobility and competitiveness. The informal peer mentoring that occurs during these activities is invaluable to recently injured individuals, and aids in their efforts to re-enter their communities after the rehabilitation process. Through the Chapter's Wheelchair Sports & Recreation Program, we have been able to provide this valuable need to our members.

Many of the Chapter's past and present Officers, Board Members, and Members have participated in some form of wheelchair sports or recreational activities in the Chapter's Wheelchair Sports & Recreation Program and have first-hand knowledge of the many benefits that participation in wheelchair sports provides.

While the Chapter's Wheelchair Sports & Recreation Programs first objective is to provide activities for Veterans with spinal cord injuries or dysfunction, we also open up our non-veteran specific wheelchair sports programs to others with disabilities. In addition to our Chapter and VA events, life members are encouraged to compete in other wheelchair sporting events hosted by others. There is limited funding available to life members of the Chapter to sponsor their participation in sports and recreational events. Life members can request an Individual Allotment, on a first-come-first-served basis, to be funded up to \$500 towards such events, while funds remain available. Requests must be made prior to the event and voted on by the Board of Directors. Approved requests entitle the member to reimbursement after the event pending submission of receipts.

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

One of the most important functions of the Chapter's Sports and Recreation Program is to provide members with the opportunity to participate in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG). Each year, the Chapter sponsors a team (NEPVA Coasters) to compete in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of



SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS



Veterans Affairs and our parent organization - Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). The most important goal of the NVWG is to introduce new injuries and/or Novices to the amazing experience, health benefits, and camaraderie available through participation in wheelchair sports. Though the NVWG is sort of an introduction to wheelchair sports for many of our members who take part each year, it also provides an opportunity for veterans around the country to get together and renew old acquaintances.

The 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games were held in a Hybrid format both in New York, NY and at Home due to covid restrictions. The Chapter

sponsored 5 athletes along with coaches, volunteers, and family members.

NEW ENGLAND WINTER AND SUMMER SPORTS CLINIC FOR DISABLED VETERANS

This event promotes rehabilitation by instructing physically challenged veterans in adaptive Alpine skiing and providing an introduction to other adaptive activities and sports. The Chapter continues to be a sponsor of the New England Winter Sports Clinic since its inception. This event is held at Mount Sunapee, in New Hampshire each year in January. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions these clinics for both canceled.



COMMUNICATIONS



Communications

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The Chapter's *CordWord* newsletter is published twelve times a year as a vehicle to provide relevant and current information about Chapter Programs, activities and issues of importance to our members. Articles and information appearing in the *CordWord* contain reports from Program Directors, Chapter Officers, Volunteers, legislative news (national and local) and other items of interest.

The *CordWord* is distributed to our members, affiliate members, patients on the SCI Units at the Brockton and West Roxbury VAMC, as well as the 3 SCI clinics and 3 primary care clinics in our spoke system. Distribution also extends to volunteers, VAMC officials, PVA National officers and Directors, all Congressional members representing New England, and all Chapters of PVA for a total circulation of

approximately 1200. The Chapter primarily distributes the *Cord Word* via email to its readership, but also distributes it in print to each VAMC and Congressional Legislator, as well as, to those members requesting copies. Current and archived issues are always available in the office and on the Chapter website.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BY PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

The Chapter newsletter was recognized and awarded the Bobb Webb "Excellence in a Newsletter" award out of all 33 PVA Chapters.

This award recognizes the newsletter's excellence in the following areas:

- Quality of content
- Format
- Design an appearance
- Consistency of reporting on Chapter and National activities
- Relevance to PVA members
- Timeliness of copy
- Original and creative reporting



COMMUNICATIONS



CHAPTER WEBSITE

This past year the Chapter made a capital investment into completely redesigning its website and upgrading its underlying hosting infrastructure and services.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BY PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

This award was created by PVA's Board of Directors to recognize excellence in a Chapter website. The importance of a web site in communicating and informing the general public of various news, programs, and as a means of communication and interaction is without measure.

This award recognizes the website's efficiency and effectiveness in several areas.

- Quality of content
- Format
- Ease-of-use
- Design and layout
- Appearance
- Consistency of reporting
- Update of chapter in national activities
- Relevance to PVA members
- Timeliness of posted news and information
- Original and creative content

SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT



Scholarship and Professional Enrichment

The Scholarship and Professional Enrichment Program primarily provides funding higher education in the areas of SCI nursing and care for VA medical staff through scholarships of up to \$500 per year per individual (while funds last). Scholarships are also available for members and children of Chapter members (while funds last).

In 2020-21, the Chapter assisted 10 SCI Staff members from the West Roxbury VAMC SCI/D Inpatient Unit and Brockton VAMC LTC SCIU with college education and professional continuing education scholarships totaling \$5,000.

The Chapter's financial support of these medical professionals ensures those entrusted with the care and support of our members and other SCI/D patients can stay up to date with current and trending healthcare practices within the SCI/D care community.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Financial Position for Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2021.

	2021	2020
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalent	215,230	249,250
Investments	1,008,738	760,683
Contributions Receivable, Current	-	3,900
Other Current Assets	6,886	4,752
Total Current Assets	\$1,231,902	\$1,018,585
Property & Equipment		
Furniture and Equipment	18,088	18,088
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(18,088)	(18,088)
Net Property and Equipment	-	-
Total Assets	\$1,231,902	\$1,018,585
<u>LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS</u>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1,956	4,811
Accrued Liabilities	20,002	15,000
Payroll Taxes Payable	4,550	4,015
Deferred Revenue	-	-
Note Payable – Paycheck Protection Program	27,706	15,600
Total Current Liabilities	\$54,214	\$39,426
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Net Assets w/out Donor Restrictions	1,177,688	979,159
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions		
Total Net Assets	\$1,177,688	\$979,159
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$1,231,902	\$1,018,585

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Statement of Financial Activities

Statement of Activities for Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2021.

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2021	2020
REVENUE & OTHER SUPPORT				
Contributions	94,249	-0-	94,249	323,047
Advertising	375	-0-	375	7,500
PVA Chapter Grant	147,309	-0-	147,309	142,390
Fundraising	9,165	-0-	9,165	-0-
Investment Income:				
Interest and Dividends	622	-0-	622	1,969
Unrealized/Realized Gains (Losses)	263,180	-0-	263,180	(10,353)
Less Investment Expense	(3,326)		(3,326)	(2,101)
Sporting Activities	21,509	-0-	21,509	28,710
Miscellaneous Income	1,200	-0-	1,200	1,594
PPP Loan Forgiveness	15,600		15,600	-0-
Total Support and Revenue	\$549,883		\$549,883	\$492,756
EXPENSE				
Programs and Services				
Advocacy, Liaison, Service	77,892	-0-	77,892	61,930
Membership	59,165	-0-	59,165	28,873
Communications	67,287	-0-	67,287	35,670
Sports and Recreation	69,474	-0-	69,474	71,322
Total Program and Services	\$273,818		\$273,818	\$197,795
Supporting Services				
Management and General	52,836	-0-	52,836	54,813
Fundraising	24,700	-0-	24,700	17,623
Total Support Services	77,536	-0-	77,536	70,335
	-		-	-
Total Expense	\$351,354	-0-	\$351,354	268,130
Change in Net Assets	198,529	-0-	198,529	224,626
Net Assets, Beginning of Period	979,159	-0-	979,159	754,533
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	\$1,177,688	-0-	\$1,177,688	\$979,159

IRS FORM 990

IRS Form 990

Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.	OMB No. 1545-0047 2020 Open to Public Inspection																								
A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/20, and ending 06/30/21																										
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1208 VFW PARKWAY, SUITE 301 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WEST ROXBURY MA 02132	D Employer identification number 04-6112881 E Telephone number 800-660-1181 G Gross receipts \$ 316,129																								
F Name and address of principal officer: MICHAEL G. NEGRETE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions																								
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527																										
J Website: www.newenglandpva.org		H(c) Group exemption number																								
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		L Year of formation: 1957 M State of legal domicile: MA																								
Part I Summary																										
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: See Schedule O																									
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.																									
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	4 9																								
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	5 3																								
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	6 39																								
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	7a 0																								
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