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A MEMBER CHAPTER OF THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA
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On the Cover : top left clockwise;

Members enjoyed many recreational opportunities throughout the summer months.

NEPVA Member Delegation met with Senator Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire on Capital Hill.

Our Members participated in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games this past year.

Brad Carlson and Mark Murphy at the PVA National Convention.

The PVA New England Chapter is proud to present this Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2026. The presentation of this report allows our members, donors, sponsors and others to review the Chapter's programs and progress. The programs operated by the Chapter provide services to our members, veterans, and folks with disabilities.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Brad Carlson, Chapter President and National Director

Hello Everyone,



Another year has come and gone, and once again, our New England Chapter has plenty to be proud of. When I think about what makes this organization special, I always come back to our members. We are veterans helping veterans, and everything we do should reflect that commitment.

One of the biggest developments for our Chapter has been the purchase of our new office in Sudbury. After many years in West Roxbury, we made the decision to invest in a property that we can call our own. This was a major undertaking, and I believe it represents a very positive step for our Chapter. Owning our office gives us a permanent home and allows us to make decisions with the long-term interests of our members in mind. I want to thank everyone who helped make the transition possible.

Beyond the move, we have continued to stay busy with the work that matters most. Our Chapter remains active in PVA's national leadership and advocacy efforts. As your National Director, I have the privilege of representing New England at national meetings and working alongside leaders from Chapters throughout the country. This year, Mark Murphy and I attended the PVA Annual Convention in Las Vegas, where we participated in discussions about national priorities, organizational policies, healthcare, and the future of PVA. We also participated in the Advocacy and Legislation Seminar in Washington, D.C., alongside Chapter Treasurer Ericka Haddad and my wife Kathy. These meetings are important because decisions made at the national level directly impact our members. Whether the discussion involves VA healthcare, benefits, accessibility, or opportunities for veterans with disabilities, we need to make sure our voices are heard.

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I am also proud of our continued commitment to sports and recreation. In December, our Chapter hosted a national boccia and air rifle competition weekend at the Brockton VA in collaboration with PVA National, bringing veterans together for a weekend of friendly competition and camaraderie. We also continued our support of the Winter Sports Clinic, where I had the privilege of presenting a check on behalf of our Chapter to the VA Boston Healthcare System in support of this important event. In June, I was pleased to represent New England PVA as both a participant and competitor at the National Veterans Golden Age Games in Tampa. Of course, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games remained another highlight of our sports programming. These events bring people together in ways that are difficult to describe until you've experienced them firsthand. The competition is

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

A Year of Progress, Partnership, and Investment in Our Future

By Mark Murphy, Executive Director

More information about the Chapter's programs and activities can be found at the Chapter's Website: pvanewengland.org

Dear Friends,



As I reflect on another year of service to our members, I am struck by how much our New England Chapter continues to accomplish through the dedication of our Board of Directors, volunteers, supporters, and the veterans themselves. This has been a year of meaningful progress, both in the programs we deliver and in the long-term future of our organization.

Perhaps our most significant institutional milestone has been the purchase of our new Chapter office in Sudbury, Massachusetts, and our relocation from West Roxbury. For years, our Chapter operated from leased office space. The decision to purchase a permanent home represents an important investment in our financial stability, organizational independence, and future. It is a tangible demonstration of our commitment to ensuring that the New England PVA remains strong and positioned to serve future generations of veterans.

At the same time, our work throughout the region has continued. Through Project 72,000 Square Miles, we have strengthened our efforts to connect with veterans across all 6 New England states, particularly those who may face barriers to accessing services or participating in Chapter activities. These visits remind us that our mission cannot be confined to an office or a single community. We must continue meeting veterans where they are.

Our Chapter also maintained a strong presence nationally. Alongside Chapter President and National Director Brad Carlson and his wife, Kathy, whose dedication as a Chapter volunteer is truly invaluable, I participated in the PVA Annual Convention in Las Vegas. We were also joined by Chapter Treasurer Ericka Haddad for the Advocacy and Legislation Seminar in Washington, D.C. These opportunities allow us to advocate directly for the needs of our members, collaborate with fellow chapters from across the country, and ensure that the voices of New England veterans are heard and represented in important national conversations.

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Our adaptive sports and recreational programs continued to provide opportunities for competition, fellowship, and personal growth. Whether through the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, winter sports activities, or other recreational opportunities, these programs remain among the most visible and meaningful expressions of our mission.

Financial stewardship has also remained a priority. We have been fortunate to benefit from the generosity of donors, including individuals who remembered our Chapter through planned gifts. Their confidence in our mission strengthens our ability to plan responsibly and sustain meaningful programs well into the future.

None of these accomplishments happen without the people who make this Chapter what it is. I am especially grateful to Brad Carlson and our Board of Directors for their leadership, to our volunteers for their generosity of time and talent, and to our members for the trust they place in us.

As we progress in this current fiscal year, our priorities remain clear: strengthening member engagement, expanding outreach, advocating for accessible healthcare and veterans' benefits, and ensuring that the New England PVA continues to grow as a financially sound and mission-driven organization. Thank you for being part of this critical work.

Sincerely,

Mark Murphy
Executive Director

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Building Connections Across New England

Membership remains at the heart of New England PVA's mission. Serving veterans across 6 states presents unique challenges, particularly when members live far from major medical facilities or experience transportation and accessibility barriers.

Throughout the year, the Chapter continued prioritizing direct engagement, outreach, and opportunities for members to participate in meaningful programs and activities. A central component of this work has been Project 72,000 Square Miles, an initiative designed to strengthen connections with veterans throughout our service area. By visiting VA facilities, engaging with healthcare professionals, and meeting directly with veterans, the Chapter has worked to ensure that members remain informed about available resources, advocacy services, and recreational opportunities.

Our network of hospital liaisons and volunteers also plays an essential role in maintaining relationships with members and identifying concerns that may require additional attention.

Membership engagement extends beyond formal programming. Chapter gatherings, recreational events, peer connections, and direct communication help reduce isolation and reinforce the sense of community that has defined PVA for generations.

Looking ahead, the New England PVA remains committed to strengthening member participation, supporting newly eligible veterans, and ensuring that every member has opportunities to engage with the Chapter, regardless of geography or physical ability.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening Our Financial Foundation

The generosity of our donors and supporters continued to play an essential role in sustaining the New England PVA's programs and services. One particularly meaningful development was the Chapter's receipt of several planned gifts. These contributions reflect the lasting relationships our organization has built with individuals and families who believe deeply in supporting veterans with spinal cord injuries and diseases. Planned giving provides an important foundation for long-term sustainability. Such gifts allow the Chapter to look beyond immediate operating needs and make thoughtful investments in programs, outreach, and organizational stability.



Our fundraising efforts also continued through community events, donor engagement, and our Annual Golf Tournament, which brings together supporters, volunteers, and community partners in support of our mission. An important development in our long-term financial planning was the purchase of our new office in Sudbury. By investing in a permanent Chapter property, the New England PVA has taken a significant step toward strengthening its institutional foundation.



We remain committed to responsible financial stewardship, including careful budgeting, independent financial oversight, and thoughtful management of the resources entrusted to us.

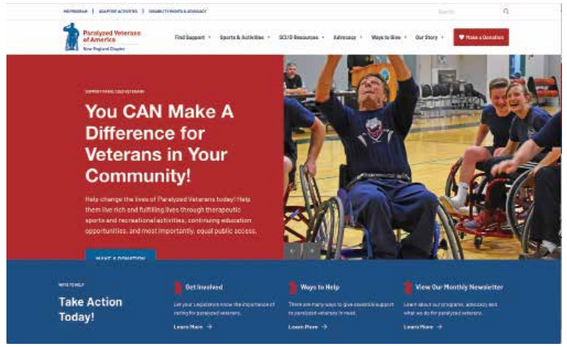


We extend our sincere appreciation to every individual, family, business, and community partner whose generosity makes our work possible. Their support is an investment in the independence, dignity, and quality of life of the veterans we serve.

COMMUNICATIONS

Keeping Our Members Informed and Connected

Effective communication remains essential to fulfilling the Chapter's mission across New England. Throughout the year, the New England PVA continued using the *Cord Word* newsletter, our website, electronic communications, and direct member outreach to share important information about Chapter activities, national advocacy priorities, veterans' benefits, healthcare resources, and opportunities for participation.



The *CordWord* remains a central part of our communications program. Its articles highlight the experiences of our members, report on Chapter programs, and provide updates from our leadership and PVA National. During 2026, the Chapter transitioned the newsletter to a quarterly publication schedule, allowing us to focus on producing comprehensive editions that reflect the breadth of our activities. Our communications efforts also supported major Chapter initiatives, including *Project 72,000 Square Miles*, adaptive sports programs, fundraising activities, and participation in national meetings. As part of our relocation to Sudbury, we also began updating the Chapter's address and contact information across our publications and communications channels.

Looking ahead, we will continue exploring ways to strengthen our digital outreach, improve the accessibility of information, and ensure that members throughout all 6 New England states remain connected to the organization that represents them.

President's Letter

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important, but the friendships and sense of accomplishment are just as valuable.

Our outreach efforts, including Project 72,000 Square Miles, have helped us reach veterans throughout New England. With 6 states to cover, that is no small responsibility. We must keep working to ensure that members know their Chapter is here for them, regardless of where they live.

Finally, I want to recognize the generosity of our donors and supporters, including those who have remembered our Chapter through planned gifts. Their support helps ensure that we can continue providing these important services for years to come. I would also like to thank our Board of Directors, volunteers, and Executive Director Mark Murphy for their continued hard work. We have accomplished a great deal, but there is always more to do. I look forward to another productive year serving our members and strengthening our Chapter. Thank you all for your continued support.

Brad Carlson
Chapter President and National Director

CHAPTER ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATIVE WORK

Ensuring Veterans' Voices Are Heard

Advocacy remains one of the New England PVA's most important responsibilities. Throughout the year, our Chapter continued working to protect and advance the healthcare, benefits, accessibility, and civil rights of veterans living with spinal cord injuries and diseases. A major highlight was our participation in PVA's Advocacy and Legislation Seminar in Washington, D.C. Chapter President and National Director Brad Carlson, Executive Director Mark Murphy, Treasurer Ericka Haddad, and Kathy Carlson represented the New England PVA during this important national gathering. Our delegation participated in legislative discussions and engagement with congressional offices representing New England, focusing on issues affecting veterans with significant disabilities. Among the priorities were protecting specialized VA healthcare, strengthening long-term services and supports, ensuring access to earned benefits, supporting caregivers, and advancing accessibility and disability rights.



The Chapter also maintained an active presence in PVA's national leadership through participation in the 80th Annual PVA Convention in Las Vegas. These meetings provided opportunities to contribute to organizational discussions, collaborate with other chapters, and remain informed about developments affecting veterans nationwide.

Closer to home, our advocacy continued through relationships with VA facilities, hospital liaisons, and regional stakeholders. Through Project 72,000 Square Miles, we also worked to strengthen direct engagement with veterans and healthcare professionals throughout the six-state region.





Our advocacy is guided by a simple principle: veterans who have sacrificed in service to our country deserve access to high-quality healthcare, earned benefits, and the opportunity to live with independence and dignity. The New England PVA will continue ensuring that their experiences and concerns are represented at every level of government.

SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Promoting Competition, Friendship, and Independence

Adaptive sports and recreation continued to be a cornerstone of New England PVA's mission throughout FY2026, providing veterans with opportunities to remain physically active, develop new skills, build friendships, and experience the connections that are so important to our community.

One of the year's highlights was our Chapter's collaboration with PVA National to host a weekend of national boccia and air rifle competitions at the Brockton VA in December. This event brought adaptive sports opportunities directly to New England, providing veterans with a welcoming environment in which to compete, connect with fellow athletes, and experience the benefits of recreational participation. Hosting national-level competitions also demonstrated our Chapter's continued commitment to expanding access to adaptive sports throughout the region.

Another major highlight was our participation in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Minneapolis, MN. Our Chapter supported veterans traveling to this nationally recognized event, where participants had the opportunity to compete in a variety of adaptive sports while building lasting friendships with fellow veterans from across the country. The Games remain one of the most meaningful events on our annual calendar, celebrating athletic achievement, perseverance, and the spirit of competition.

Winter sports also remained an important component of our recreational programming. In January, Chapter members participated in adaptive winter sports activities at Mount Sunapee, New Hampshire, in partnership with the New England Healing Sports Association (NEHSA) and the VA Boston Healthcare System. These experiences provided opportunities for veterans to enjoy outdoor recreation, challenge themselves,

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OUR MEMBERS ENJOYED A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN 2026







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and develop confidence in a supportive and accessible environment.

Throughout the year, the Chapter also continued supporting recreational opportunities involving golf and other adaptive activities, recognizing that participation in sports can take many forms depending on individual interests and abilities. Our sports and recreation programs are about much more than competition. They promote physical and emotional well-being, reduce social isolation, and create meaningful opportunities for veterans to reconnect with activities they enjoy. Whether participating in a national competition or trying an adaptive sport for the first time, our members demonstrate that disability does not diminish the desire for achievement, recreation, or community.

We are grateful to PVA National, our VA partners, volunteers, and the many individuals who help make these programs possible. Looking ahead, the New England PVA remains committed to strengthening and expanding accessible sports and recreational opportunities for veterans throughout all 6 New England states.

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2026 and 2025

	2026	2025
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 320,580	$ 142,611
Investments	1,072,990	1,290,666
Inventory	-	6,329
Other current assets	14,592	3,321
Total current assets	1,408,162	1,442,927
Property and equipment		
Furniture and equipment	348,432	23,237
Less: accumulated depreciation	(20,755)	(20,402)
Net property and equipment	327,677	2,835
Other assets		
Operating right of use asset	6,340	31,698
Total other assets	6,340	31,698
Total assets	1,742,179	1,477,460
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	9,940	10,822
Deferred Revenue	13,167	13,167
Accrued liabilities	-	13,462
Operating lease liability, current	6,466	25,727
Total current liabilities	29,573	63,178
Long-term liabilities		
Operating lease liability, net of current	-	6,466
Total Liabilities	29,573	69,644
Net assets		
Net assets without donor restrictions	1,712,606	1,407,816
Total net assets	1,712,606	1,407,816
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 1,742,179	$ 1,477,460

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026 and 2025

	2026			2025
	Net assets without donor restrictions	Net assets with donor restrictions	Total	Total
Revenue and other support				
Contributions	$ 387,655	$ -	$ 387,655	$ 50,346
PVA chapter grant	157,000	-	157,000	150,831
Other grants	3,368	-	3,368	50,000
Fundraising Net	(1,098)	-	(1,098)	8,147
Investment income:				-
Interest and dividends	46,948	-	46,948	47,444
Unrealized / realized gains (losses)	147,688	-	147,688	84,799
Sporting activities	-	-	-	-
In-kind	-	-	-	5,000
Miscellaneous income	2,653	-	2,653	21,982
Total public support	744,214	-	744,214	418,549
Expense				
Program services				
Advocacy, liaison, and service	104,344	-	104,344	93,968
Membership	39,117	-	39,117	40,968
Communication	88,222	-	88,222	72,435
Sports and recreation	89,108	-	89,108	79,297
Total program services	320,790	-	320,790	286,668
Supporting services				
Management and general	87,990	-	87,990	80,627
Fundraising	30,644	-	30,644	30,090
Total supporting services	118,634	-	118,634	110,717
Total expenses	439,424	-	439,424	397,385
Change in net assets	304,790	-	304,790	21,164
Net assets, beginning of period	1,407,816	-	1,407,816	1,391,364
Net assets, end of period	$ 1,712,606	$ -	$ 1,712,606	$ 1,407,816

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

	Program Services					Supporting Services		
Description	Advocacy Liaison Service	Membership	Communication	Sports and Recreation	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Salaries and wages	$ 43,845	$ 13,491	$ 13,491	$ 13,491	$ 84,317	$ 14,053	$ 14,053	$ 112,423
Employee benefits	14,476	4,454	4,454	4,454	27,838	4,640	4,640	37,117
Payroll taxes	3,721	1,145	1,145	1,145	7,156	1,193	1,193	9,541
Total salaries and related expenses	62,042	19,090	19,090	19,090	119,311	19,885	19,885	159,081
Program expenses	5,054	5,776	-	61,372	72,202	-	-	72,202
Advertising	-	2,249	53,973	-	56,222	-	-	56,222
Travel	11,371	-	1,672	3,345	16,388	17,057	-	33,445
Occupancy	7,809	2,603	2,603	2,603	15,618	7,810	2,603	26,031
Professional fees	7,560	2,520	2,520	2,520	15,120	2,520	2,519	20,159
Conferences and meetings	-	6,229	-	-	6,229	13,864	-	20,093
Charitable contributions	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Office expenses	-	-	-	-	-	8,218	-	8,218
Printing and postage	-	472	-	-	472	3,842	2,427	6,741
Information technology	-	-	2,608	-	2,608	3,913	-	6,521
Supplies	-	-	5,578	-	5,578	-	-	5,578
Investment fees	-	-	-	-	-	5,532	-	5,532
Insurance	508	178	178	178	1,042	165	165	1,372
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	5,184	3,045	8,229
Total functional expenses	$ 104,344	$ 39,117	$ 88,222	$ 89,108	$ 320,790	$ 87,990	$ 30,644	$ 439,424

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Program Services					Supporting Services		
Description	Advocacy Liaison Service	Membership	Communication	Sports and Recreation	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Salaries and wages	$ 45,290	$ 15,096	$ 15,096	$ 15,096	$ 90,578	$ 15,096	$ 15,096	$ 120,770
Employee benefits	11,524	3,841	3,841	3,841	23,047	3,841	3,841	30,729
Payroll taxes	3,213	1,072	1,072	1,072	6,429	1,072	1,072	8,573
Total salaries and related expenses	60,027	20,009	20,009	20,009	120,054	20,009	20,009	160,072
Program expenses	4,303	4,674	-	50,108	59,085	-	-	59,085
Advertising	-	1,747	38,810	-	40,557	-	-	40,557
Occupancy	11,301	3,766	3,766	3,766	22,599	11,299	3,766	37,664
Travel	9,249	-	1,286	2,717	13,252	14,292	-	27,544
Conferences and meetings	-	8,009	-	-	8,009	17,959	-	25,968
Professional fees	7,398	2,466	2,466	2,466	14,796	2,466	2,466	19,728
Information technology	-	-	2,746	-	2,746	4,157	-	6,903
Investment fees	-	-	-	-	-	4,712	-	4,712
Supplies	-	-	3,121	-	3,121	-	-	3,121
Office expenses	-	-	-	-	-	2,302	-	2,302
Insurance	690	231	231	231	1,383	231	231	1,845
Printing and postage	-	66	-	-	66	606	382	1,054
Charitable contributions	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Dues and fees	-	-	-	-	-	608	-	608
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	555	-	555
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	528	-	528
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	5,615	3,236	8,851
Total functional expenses	$ 93,968	$ 40,968	$ 72,435	$ 79,297	$ 286,668	$ 85,339	$ 30,090	$ 402,097

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026 and 2025

	2026	2025
Cash flows from operating activites		
Change in net assets	$ 304,790	$ 16,452
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets:		
to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	353	554
Unrealized gains / losses on investments	(147,688)	(84,799)
Non-cash change - lease accounting	(369)	166
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(11,271)	(1,020)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	6,329	(6,329)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(882)	6,853
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	(13,462)	4,250
Increase (decrease) in payroll taxes payable	-	(10,434)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	-	612
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	137,800	(73,695)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Increase (decrease) from sale (purchase) of investments	365,364	(2,396)
Cash used to purchase fixed assets	(325,195)	(913)
Net cash provided by (used in) Investing activities	40,169	(3,309)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	177,969	(77,004)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	142,611	219,615
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	$ 320,580	$ 142,611

The Chapter paid $0 for interest for the year ended June 30, 2026 and 2025.

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