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CANDIDACY FOR DEPUTY REGION DIRECTOR, REGION 2

I am declaring my intention to run for the office of Region II Deputy Director of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America.

My involvement with AVVA began in 1995 when our local VVA began working to bring 'The Moving Wall' to our area, which in-turn presented me with an opportunity to be part of a heart-felt emotional and inspiring event. One year later, I found out that I could be more than a Chapter volunteer by joining AVVA.

On June 20, 1968, my first love was killed in action in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam. I couldn't have been more grateful for the opportunity to honor his memory and sacrifice. Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America have evolved into the premier organization working to secure the legacy and entitlements for Vietnam Veterans and their families through their progressively expanding programs. Although much has been done, we need to do more to perpetuate AVVA so that we also are not a "last man standing" organization. We can accomplish this by establishing a strategic sense of where we need to go, how to get there, create deeper and purposeful partnerships with other like-minded organizations to help advance our mission and find ways to increase membership and recruitment programs for our future generation(s). AVVA can be that everlasting and relevant organization. Promoting who we are, what we do, and by creating an image and recognition within the Veteran and civilian community.

Since being elected in 2013 as the Director of Region II I have learned much about the national organization, the duties and responsibilities of the position and the importance of a dedicated, inspired and forward thinking Board of Directors. As I step down from the office of Regional Director, if elected as the deputy I shall utilize my experience to mentor the newly elected Region II Director and volunteer to serve on national committees.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AVVA Positions Held:

- Region II Director (2013-2019)

- Current PA AVVA State Council Vice President (2018-2020)
- PA AVVA State Council President (2010 -2013)
- Pennsylvania AVVA State Council Vice President (2008-2010)
- AVVA — Chapter 948 Representative (24 years)
- National Chair, Strategic Planning Committee
- National Chair Bylaws Committee
- Advisor to VVA's national Constitution Committee and Equal Opportunities Committee (EO)
- Advisor VVA Work Group 2 Committee
- AVVA Incorporation Committee Member