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I joined AVVA in Oklahoma City in 2004 and became a life member soon after. In 2006, I moved to Saginaw, Michigan where I have been active with the Michigan State Association as treasurer since 2014. Additionally, I have served as a chapter representative, AVVA National Bylaws Committee Chair and I am currently serving as National Membership Committee Chair. I also served on the Finance committee and the Strategic plan committee at the National level.

My interest with Veterans and their families' centers on PTSD and secondary PTSD. As a daughter of a WWII and Korean vet, I grew up surrounded by the problems PTSD can cause. Additionally, I have seen the destructive effects of Agent Orange on our veterans and families. I believe the Associates of Vietnam Veterans involvement in these and other issues are of great importance to our members and families and promise to work to improve education about these concerns.

Educational background:

Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Cameron University, Lawton, OK.
Master's degree in Library Science from University of Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

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