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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT- April 2017

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Since returning home from the AVVA Board meeting in October, I have kept busy with AVVA business:

- Worked the Membership and Information Tent during the Veteran's Day holiday in DC
- Attended the VVA January Board meeting in Silver Spring, MD
- Sat with the Finance Committee while completing the 2018 proposed budget
- Overseen the Service Officer's Program since January 2017. (see Veteran Benefits report)
- Reviewed the Elections Committee's revision of Oath of Office.
- Scheduled six (6) GoTo Meeting sessions.
- Participated in four (4) GoTo Meeting sessions.
- Wrote three (3) articles for the VVA Veteran magazine.
- Wrote two (2) report for the VVA Board.
- Wrote one (1) after-action report.
- Wrote two (2) article for the UPDATES e-newsletter.
- Wrote eight (8) VVA Committee Adviser reports.
- Conversed through scores of emails and telephone calls.
- Shipped five (5) orders of Paper Safes.
- Comprised four (4) monthly AVVA Membership Report & send to Membership Co-chair.
- Made recommendations to the Finance Committee in writing the Paper Safe Shipping policy.
- Made recommendations to the Membership Committee on revisions to the Transfer policy.
- Met with the Executive Director of Military & Veterans Caregiver Network (MVCN) over the phone and finalize our partnership.
- Wrote and distributed to the Board the introduction and information letter of MVCN to be forwarded to our membership.
- Met twice with Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund CEO, Jim Knotts, through conference calling concerning the In Memory Plaque.
- Began preparations for the 2017 National Convention
- Secured a speaker for the upcoming AVVA Luncheon in New Orleans.
- Created flyer announcing the Luncheon Speaker
- Created the agenda for the April Board meeting.
- Assigned to the Future of VVA- Panel A- as an advisor.
- Wrote the President's Transition Report

I have traveled twice since the October Board meeting:

- In November, I accompanied VVA Membership Affairs Chair to Washington DC for the Veterans Day holiday to work in the Membership and Information Tent. Sharon Hodge (AVVA life member) laid the wreath at Arlington Cemetery; Cecilia Essenmacher (Membership Co-Chair) and Shirley Post (AVVA life member) laid the wreaths at The Wall and at the In Memory Plaque.
- In January, I attended the VVA Board meeting; I sat with the Finance Committee during the 2018 budget process. I also attended four (4) VVA Committees as an advisor.

*Sharon Hobbs, President*