

Region 9 Report July 2017

As I start my report, I would like to take a minute to thank the board for their help in my transition to Region 9 Director and their continued help and support especially with the illness of my husband. I would also like to take this time to thank my region members for their understanding while I have been learning this position. This is a position which I take seriously and given the opportunity I hope to continue to grow and represent you well.

During the past year plus I have been learning about the duties of a region director and have had the opportunity to participate in educational classes on "More Than Just a Name Badge" and "Electronic Motions".

I have attended all board meetings and go to meetings. I have represented the AVVA at the VVA Committee meetings for Homeless Veterans, Women Veterans and have attended and fill in when necessary for Veterans in the Justice System.

I was honored this year to present Chapter 1079 in Utah with their Chapter Charter for incorporating. Great job! I also had the opportunity to travel to Chapter 17 in Nevada and to attend the Region 8-9 Pre-Convention Conference in Denver Colorado. I hope to have the opportunity to visit and network with more of you in the future. Because together we can make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families.

What follows are some of the other things I am doing or have participated in during the time I have been in office:

- Working to obtain honor dorms and services for veterans in private prisons in Arizona
- Working to become a veteran's service officer
- Serve on the AVVA Incorporation Committee
- Served on the Ad Hoc Committee for the development of the Cathy Keister Spirit of Excellence Award
- Serve on the Project Friendship 2017 Committee
- Serve on the 2017 AVVA Convention Luncheon Committee
- Serve on the Strategic Plan Committee
- Sent and answered numerous emails
- Represented AVVA at a number of events and meetings in Arizona
- Met with AZ State Senator and Representative on veteran issues
- Reviewed numerous AVVA forms and by-laws for clarity, consistency and ease of use for members

In closing, I think it is important to remember that through our hard works we are making a difference in the lives of all veterans and their families. I look forward to the opportunity to represent you and help you in all your veteran endeavors.

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