



AVVA VETERAN BENEFITS PROGRAM

April 2016

The following tasks were completed since my last report in October 2015:

Policy and Procedures/forms

- Revised AVVA Policy and Procedures Manual *Section 8: sub-Section II. H. 6 and 7* to make coincide with the AVVA Veterans Service Officer Policies and Procedures (AVVA VSO P&P).
- Revised the AVVA Veterans Service Officer application to ensure that it coincides with the AVVA P&P and the AVVA VSO P&P.

AVVA Veterans Service Officer Listing

- Researched the listing of AVVA Veterans Service Officers, made corrections and updated the website.

AVVA Veterans Service Officer applications

- Accredited a VVA employee who will be monitoring eBenefits for VVA and AVVA to ensure no dates are missed for appeals, etc.
- Received one application that was denied.

VA Veterans Service Officer Program Audit

- During the month of February, we were notified that we were chosen for an audit by the Department of Veterans Affairs for AVVA accreditation. A letter of information, qualifications, and training aspects of the AVVA VSO program were submitted within the allotted time; no response has been received back as of this writing.

Support for Agent Orange and PTSD Town Hall meetings

- I have attended and provided information at Town Hall meetings in North Carolina as a guest speaker and as an AVVA VSO for Veterans assistance. This is at no cost to AVVA.
- Have been asked to support Veterans information events in the local area and have done so.
- I attended the most recent Agent Orange Town Hall in at Kinston, NC at no cost to AVVA.
- I plan to attend the PTSD Town Hall in Asheville, NC at no cost to AVVA.

Additional Information

- I implore you to recruit more AVVA Veterans Service Officers from your states and chapters considering the new changes to the Policies and Procedures. (The new change is for an applicant to join AVVA as a 3-year member for \$50.00 and after this time period, they may be eligible for a life membership at no cost.)
- The application is available on the website.

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