

AVVA Government Affairs

End of Year Report

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The AVVA Government Affairs team would like to thank the committee, Board of Directors and members for a very successful year as we effectively and efficiently presented the legislative and policy goals of the organization.

Our grassroots advocacy lead to the enactment of AVVA top legislative policy, the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015 when the 114th Congress passed H.R. 6416, the Jeff Miller/Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care/Benefits Improvement Act of 2016, which incorporated legislative language of S. 901 and H.R. 1769, the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015. The legislation officially became law P.L. 114-315 on December 16, 2016.

In addition, the committee accomplished

- Conducted advocacy 101 classes for AVVA members
- Updated AVVA GA website
- Met with member of Congress in support of AVVA legislative policies
- Posted legislative updates on the AVVA GA website
- Conducted member Call-In Days supporting AVVA legislative policies
- Worked with committee on AVVA legislative policies
- Submitted letters to Members of Congress in support of AVVA legislative policies
- Produced AVVA legislative brochure for the 115th Congress
- Produced survey for AVVA 2017 National Convention.

The Government Affairs Committee is honored for given the opportunity to advocate on behalf of this great organization.

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