

AVVA VETERANS BENEFITS REPORT

FINAL 2015 - 2017

During this term, the Veterans Benefits Chair resigned without notice. Unfortunately, no Orderly Transition Report was received. This report is based from the time I took over as the Interim Director in January 2017.

AVVA has eighteen (18) active Service Officers listed on the OGC website located in ten (10) states.

Since last January, AVVA has certified two (2) new Service Officers and revoked seven (7) accreditations. Currently we have three (3) applicants in the certification process. The website has been updated with a current listing & contact information.

The AVVA BOD has passed the revision of the program application, Representative Agreement and the Quarterly Report forms.

All AVVA Service Officers have been notified that 2017 first and second quarter reports are due. At that time, most responded; the quarterly reports are also the means to discovering those who are no longer active SO's and were therefore revoked. Quarterly reporting is a policy. Two (2) Service Officers asked to be temporarily placed in "inactive status".

The AVVA Board passed the newly written job description of the Veterans Benefits Committee during the Board meeting in April. It has been posted to the AVVA website in Policies and Procedures Section 11.

The Spousal Benefits brochure will be passed along to the next Chair for review before our next printing.

Ongoing project:

The Veterans Benefits and the Public Relations Committee are in the designing phase of creating a Spousal Benefits program. It will be three-fold:

1. Creating a booklet to guide and support local AVVA Chapters on how to plan and successfully hold Spousal Benefit seminars is almost completed.
2. AVVA works closely with Father Phil to send condolence cards to all reported deaths of VVA and AVVA members. We are now developing a small sticker to be inserted into the envelope of the condolence card. This sticker will contain information of where to locate benefits that may be possibly due the spouse and/or family of the deceased veteran.
3. The development of the booklet for individual spouses to be placed in funeral homes and distributed to those doing pre-planning arrangements

This program's progress will be passed along to the next Veterans Benefits Committee Chair.

MEMBER: Barry Cartner. The committee is dismissed.

Sharon Hobbs, Interim Program Director