

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- October 2016

Since returning home from the National Leadership and Educational Conference, I have kept busy with AVVA business:

- Sent thank you letters to every individual, chapter and state-level groups that donated to Project Friendship. (40 letters)
- Wrote a comprehensive Conference report for the membership.
- Reviewed and revised the Membership Application brochure with Bernie Rekowski.
- Reviewed and made recommendations to the Elections Committee's revision of Section 5 of the P & P.
- Reviewed the Incorporation Power Point posted on the AVVA website with the Incorporation Chair.
- Ordered the Commendation Medal Plaque.
- Delivered the Member of the Year and Commendation plaques to the national office.
- Scheduled five (5) GoTo Meeting sessions.
- Participated in five (5) GoTo Meeting sessions.
- Spoke with Military Best about adding a 4" Life Member patch to our products line on his website.
- Wrote two (2) articles for the VVA Veteran magazine.
- Wrote one (1) report for the AVVA Board.
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- Wrote two (2) after-action reports.
- Wrote one (1) article for the UPDATES e-newsletter.
- Conversated through scores of emails and telephone calls.
- Shipped five (5) orders of Paper Safes.
- Comprised and distributed three (3) monthly AVVA Membership Report.
- Reviewed and made recommendations for an addition to the current Incorporation policy.
- Submitted a grant to the National Foundation for Veterans & Families (NFVF) to print Paper Safes.
- Helped comprise a fundraising letter for NFVF.
- Reviewed and made recommendations to the Awards Committee concerning state-level nominees & a check-off list for Committee members.
- Worked with the Membership Committee in updating the Membership Desk Reference Guide for the National Membership Department.
- 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.
- Reviewed the Financial segment of the Strategic Plan with the Finance Chair.
- Reviewed & recommended changes to the membership application brochure.
- Ordered membership application brochures.
- Completed two PTSD '2' facilitator online educational sessions.
- Wrote two letters of support
- Met with the Executive Director of Military & Veterans Caregiver Network over the phone.

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I have traveled two (2) times since returning from the National Leadership & Education Conference:

- In August, I made a trip to Washington DC to meet with the National Park Service (NPS), JC Cummings (architect), and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) on the repair of the In Memory Plaque. A full after-action report was submitted to the Board and Taskforce afterwards.
- In September, I accompanied VVA Membership Affairs Chair to Kokomo, IN for the 34th Annual Howard County Vietnam Veterans Reunion. The VP, Membership Committee Co-Chair, and the Region 2 Deputy were there too. We walked away with fifteen (15) new members.



Sharon Hobbs, President

