

AVVA Region 3 Report

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I attended the 2016 National Leadership and Education Conference in Tucson, Arizona. I want to thank the AVVA members from Region III that took the time out of their busy schedules to attend also.

Late summer and early fall is always a busy time, and opportunities to spread the word about our organization. In September I was invited to come attend a session of Veterans Court. I'm so glad I went. I not only had the opportunity to see first hand what an amazing program this is but gave out Paper Safes, several brochures and AVVA & VVA membership applications. The veterans were from Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghan and Iraq, both men and women. What was so humbling were the veteran mentors that volunteer their time to help these vets get back on the right path to a better life.

I am continuing to encourage our members to contact their Legislators to support the "Toxic Exposure Act".

I'm so very proud of The Region III membership, continually working with membership and the VISTA program to keep Region III number one.

I recently attended one of the "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" tours. Had the opportunity to talk with several attendees from different parts of the country. To my surprise many and I mean many did not know about The Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America organization and what we do.

Preparing now for the National board meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland.