

# **AVVA GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **Long/Short Term Committee Goals**

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Sharon Hodge, Chair

The Legislative Committee is committed to providing timely information on issues that are specific to veterans and their families requiring support and advocacy.

The Committee long term goals for the next two year term is to support the organizations top three legislative and policy goals; the Toxic Exposure Research Act 2017, P.L. 114 ; Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017 and Gulf War Veterans. We will achieve this goal by educating our members in a proactive grassroots advocacy campaign which will provide them with the necessary tools to contact their elected officials via phone or e-mail and meeting with their elected official in Washington, DC and most importantly in their District office.

Secondary, the committee would like to work with the membership committee, to establish an online electronic advocacy data base comprised of AVVA members only similar to CapWIZ. This will be a vital call to action tool as we move forward in the Congress supporting the top three legislative and policy priorities This database will have an opt out feature as well.

Lastly, the committee would like to provide a platform on the hill in late 2018, whereas AVVA can meet to discuss their Legislative and policy priorities with members of Congress and staffers.

Our short term goals will be to keep our GA website up-to-date and to continue working with VVA on their legislative and policy initiatives.

Sharon Hodge

AVVA Government Affairs Chair

