

## AVVA Veterans Incarcerated Committee

I will be co-chairing this committee with John Birch, Region 9 Director. Together John and I bring 25 plus years of corrections knowledge to this committee. I have recruited three members to the committee which will be voted on at the October board meeting. I feel they will be a great asset to the committee and will announce their names after their approval. Some of the areas I would like to work on are policies and procedures for the committee, creating an incarcerated veterans guide for each state. I would like to work on getting permission for a VVA or AVVA service officer to visit local prisons and answer questions. I would like to work with different Departments of Correction and explain and show the benefits of veteran honor dorms and having the incarcerated veterans do more at contributing to society. I would like to see all prisons honor incarcerated veterans and veteran staff on Veterans Day. I would also like to see the Department of Correction allow more chapters within the prisons. As you can see, we have a lot of work to do and together we can make a difference in the lives of incarcerated veterans and their families.

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