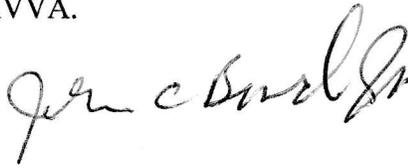


To: Sharon Hobbs National president of AVVA.  
AVVA Board of Directors.

Fr: John Birch Reg. VIII Director AVVA.



Re: Report of Region VIII AVVA

Since Aprils Board meeting I have been almost overwhelmed with how retired life can be. I have been busy with the dynamics of aging parents, child care and volunteering! But I have accomplished some tasks around other tasks.

Returning from Aprils Board, Mr. Tom Owen and I started our campaign to bring awareness, education with the intentions of informing the Veteran, Family and the Public about the importance of the passages of the Bills at hand. With direction from National indicating that this activity of education and awareness is of utmost importance and priority for the passage of these bills. (Mr. Owen is a member of the Toxic Committee VVA.)

Last weekend of April I was invited to the Oregon state council meeting with most of the Roseburg AVVA chapter (805) and I found it to be informative and an active Chapter. I represented Mid-Valley chapter 585.

April of this years I discovered I was a Veteran volunteer at the Oregon State Pen for almost 3 months. I also discovered a communication problem and that has been corrected. I have attended 2 incarcerated Veteran meetings. We are starting a small program within the Veterans club at OSP that will consist of Veterans who are not of the VVA era an opportunity to join the AVVA. There chapter affiliation will be the nearest chapter of where they will parole. As this program develops it will include a wider net of support for the returning Incarcerated Veteran for a hopefully easier transition to the free world. I will report more on this start up program as it proceeds.

On 5/21/2016 Mr. Owen and myself excepting invitation from Idaho State Council to appear and speak at there stated Council Meeting. We made our presentation and I discovered that our Region VIII Director VVA is in opposition of our activity and he stated why.

Between organized activities and care of my Veteran step father, I was called by a Veteran Buddy at the Vets Home around the corner asking if I knew how to put barbeques? Lets add a wheel chair ramp built to that list, and a chapter breakfast or 2, fishing dock clean up, POC for my chapter and caregiver to 3 members of my family. I have no more irons for the fire!

Nothing Else to report at this time.

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