

## AVVA VETERAN BENEFITS JUNE 2016

The following tasks were completed since my last report in Aril 2016

- Received 2 applications for AVVA Service Officer to include one attorney for VVA, both accepted.
- Speaking with prospective AVVA Veterans Service Officers and acquainting them with the procedures to attain accreditation.
- Interfacing with our insurance company to make sure all VSO's are covered with liability insurance.
- Continuously processing veteran's claims and BVA Hearings through Regional Office in Winston-Salem, NC.
- Collaborating with VA Regional Office in Winston-Salem for advanced VSO training.
- Helped plan and participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> Vietnam War Commemorative event at sponsored by VVA/AVVA Chapter 909 and Crosspointe Baptist Church, both from Concord, NC. Gave a "Welcome Home" presentation, representing the AVVA, including our mission and vision statements. Estimated attendance was 500-700 veterans.
- An all-out effort to recruit AVVA Service Officers throughout the organization down to the chapter level is needed. This should be emphasized by leadership going forward.
- Attended the Region 3 Conference as Deputy Region 3 Director where I presented a seminar on AVVA programs and gave handouts to attendees, with the assistance of Sharon Hobbs, National President. At the seminar I briefly went over Veteran Service Officer Program requirements and gave handout
- Attended the Mountain Man March in Gatlinburg, TN. Set up a tent near the start finish line with publications and information for veterans. Talked with many veterans and active duty service members about their benefits and Agent Orange in children and grandchildren. Processed forms that were filled out and sent by mail.
- I attended the NC State Council board and council meetings where state elections were completed.

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