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Fr: John Birch Region VIII Director

Re: Region VIII Report

Since returning from New Orleans I am in the whirlwind of busy. I am in the process of building points of contacts within each State in Region VIII. There is also a need for a Regional Deputy Director. So far I have no volunteers! I have been in touch with Montana AVVA and I do have a point of contact with a dynamic member from Chapter 1087, Willa Burgess who is a long time member of AVVA.

I have been in contact with Region VIII-VVA Director (Mr. F. Ivarra) inquiring if he knew of anyone in AVVA that would be interested in being the POC for Washington state. He found that no one wanted the responsibilities. For now I will move to the other states of this region. My plan is to talk to all the State council presidents from Region VIII on the phone or at the Board of Directors meeting in October and recruit!

I have not had a chance to visit other States of Region VIII since the election due to finishing up with family issues in Oregon.

On 08/17/17 I visited the Oregon State Penitentiary Incarcerated Veterans Club as a volunteer. I presented them with a condensed Agent Orange program. It was well received and a request was presented to me to come back and put on a program with more depth. Even with the problems that occurred with equipment it was successful. This is a future event I plan putting together for the Incarcerated Veterans. One of the problems with working in or around prisons is rules and the restrictions that come with prison settings. This was a big step.

This is a view of what I have done in Region VIII since the recent election and if you have a need to contact please do. End of Report.