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PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Oct 2018

Since returning from the April Board meeting, I:

- Visited the national office once.
- Laid a wreath at the In Memory Plaque and The Wall in DC during the Memorial Day event
- Updated the renewal letter sent to members
- Mailed numerous applications & brochures to members across the US
- Participated in five (5) GoTo Meeting sessions.
- Wrote two (2) articles for the VVA Veteran magazine.
- Wrote two (2) report for the VVA Board.
- Wrote six (6) VVA Committee Adviser reports.
- Wrote one (1) report to the AVVA Board and membership
- Wrote one (1) after-action reports on travels.
- Conversed through scores of emails and telephone calls.
- Shipped four (4) orders of Paper Safes.
- Conversed on three (3) occasions with Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund CEO, Jim Knotts, and JC Cummings (architect) through emails and conference calls concerning the *In Memory Plaque's* completion and rededication.
- Created the agenda for the Oct Board meeting.
- Worked on converting AVVA to a 501(c)(3) with Jake Barsottini and the IRS agent. Which took a significant amount of time in additional paperwork and two conference calls with the IRS.
- Conference call with VA Homeless Department concerning a partnership with them
- With the input of numerous Board members, composed a comprehensive Conference Report (uploaded to AVVA website)
- In September, I oversaw the management of a pilot program on Spousal & Survivor Seminar on VA Benefits. My AVVA chapter co-sponsored the event with VVA Chapter 203. I will be presenting my findings and the completed paperwork to the Board in October for endorsement as a nationwide program.

APPOINTMENTS / COMMITMENTS:

- Currently serving on the National Foundation for Veterans & Families Board of Directors
- Currently serving as a non-voting advisor to the VVA Convention & Conference Planning Committee, Homeless Veterans Committee, EOC, & Government Affairs Committee
- Currently serving on the VVA National Board of Directors as a non-voting member representing AVVA.

TRAVELS:


- In May, I accompanied VVA Membership Affairs Chair to Washington DC for the Memorial Day holiday to work in the Membership and Information Tent. Sharon Hodge (AVVA life member) laid the wreath at Arlington Cemetery; I laid the wreaths at The Wall and at the In Memory Plaque.
- In July, I attended the Leadership & Education Conference in Palm Spring, CA.



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- In August, I had the privilege of accompanying the National VVA Membership Chair to Columbus, GA to speak to AVVA members in a newly organized VVA chapter at no cost to AVVA.
- In August, I attend the Welcome Home Salute and Parade to Veterans in Pigeon Forge, TN.


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