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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Since my last report, I, along with other members of the board, coordinated AVVA activities for the Leadership and Education Conference in Palm Springs. This included providing coverage for the AVVA office and securing a speaker for the AVVA Luncheon.

At the conference, I had the honor of working with AVVA VP, Elayne Mackey and our VVA PTSD advisors, Dr. Tom Berger and Dr. Tom Hall, to co-present AVVA's PTSD '2' Seminar. I also was able to attend the following seminars:

- Introduction to Basic Parliamentary Procedure
- Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary
- Veteran's Suicide Risk & Prevention
- Hope for Homeless Veterans: Finding Their Way to Help and Home

All these seminars were very informative. I left each one with a wealth of newfound knowledge.

While in Palm Springs, I also participated in the quarterly meeting of the AVVA National Board, and attended our annual membership meeting. The annual meeting provided a great opportunity for the membership to share their concerns and ask questions.

Since the conference, I have been preparing for the October BOD meeting. I've collected and packaged P & P changes and motions to present before the board, and collected board and committee reports for publication on the AVVA website and will produce meeting packets for the national board.

As part of AVVA's Secondary PTSD project, I facilitate a monthly secondary PTSD support group in my hometown of Sonora, California. The group serves families of veterans from all eras and families of first responders, as well as anyone else who lives with the effects of a loved one's PTSD. This is our third year. We are blessed to receive moral and financial support from VVA Chapter 391 and the local community.

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