



PRESIDENT'S REPORT- APRIL 2018

Since returning from the October Board meeting, I:

- Visited the national office on two separate occasions
- Laid a wreath at the In Memory Plaque and The Wall in DC during the Veteran's Day event
- Created and mailed nineteen (19) thank-you letters to people who sent donations to AVVA in lieu of flowers of a passing member.
- Updated the renewal letter sent to members
- Mailed numerous applications & brochures to members across the US
- Ordered condolence cards
- Produced the April Consent Calendar
- Traveled to Silver Spring for the Leadership Planning meeting.
- Comprised information to start-up a chapter for the state of Iowa
- Attended the VVA January Board meeting in Silver Spring, MD
- Sat with the Finance Committee while completing the 2019 proposed budget
- Overseen the Service Officer's Program since January 2017.
- Participated in one (1) GoTo Meeting sessions.
- Wrote three (3) articles for the VVA Veteran magazine.
- Wrote two (2) report for the VVA Board.
- Wrote eight (8) VVA Committee Adviser reports.
- Wrote two (2) after-action reports on travels.
- Conversed through scores of emails and telephone calls.
- Shipped six (6) orders of Paper Safes.
- Conversed on three occasions with Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund CEO, Jim Knotts, and JC Cummings (architect) through emails concerning the In Memory Plaque
- Created the agenda for the April Board meeting.
- Worked on converting AVVA to a 501(c)(3)

APPOINTMENTS:

- Currently serving on the National Foundation for Veterans & Families as a non-voting advisor
- Currently serving as a non-voting advisor to the VVA Convention Planning Committee, Veteran Benefits Committee, Homeless Veterans Committee, & Government Affairs Committee

TRAVELS:

- In November, I accompanied VVA Membership Affairs Chair to Washington DC for the Veterans 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.



Together Always

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- In January, I attended the VVA Board meeting; I sat with the Finance Committee during the 2018 budget process. I also attended four (4) VVA Committees as an advisor.
- In March, I traveled to Silver Spring to participate in the upcoming Leadership Conference seminar selection. However, the meeting was canceled due to the weather after my arrival.

Sharon Hobbs, President