

Region 3 Report Sept 2018

I attended the VVA Leadership Conference during the last week of July which held in Palm Springs, CA. The conference had several sessions regarding the aging Veteran.

Joanne Blum and I were in charge of selecting several options for luncheon gifts to the board member so they could vote for their favorite item. During the AVVA Luncheon awards were presented and I am proud to say that Region 3 AVVA members received quite a few of the awards. The Cathy Keister Spirit of Excellence Award was awarded to Sandra Carl of North Carolina. This is second highest honor conferred by AVVA. The VISTA Awards were as follows: Region: Region 3. State: Tennessee. Chapter: Chapter 1004 – Lebanon, Tennessee. Individual awarded plaques: Second Place: Linda Myers, Tennessee – Chapter 1004 and Third Place: Linda Yates, Tennessee – Chapter 1004.

Because AVVA members and their involvement in helping Veterans, is one of the many reasons which makes me so proud of everyone in Region 3. I have urged the state reps and presidents to keep track of and report their volunteer hours for this year. .

Plans (for the most part) have been finalized for the 2019 George C. Duggins' Region 3 Conference to be held during the month of March in Durham, North Carolina. The conference will be hosted by the VVA North Carolina State Council. There will be a separate breakout session for members of AVVA. Deborah Musolino, NC State Representative, has been busy making plans for the AVVA session.

Please continue to keep the people of North Carolina and part of South Carolina in your prayers. Hurricane Florence with the rain and floods hit North Carolina as well as areas of South Carolina extremely hard and we need to remember everyone in the affected areas.

I have been trying to keep in contact with my state reps and presidents through phone calls and emails. When items of importance to Veterans are received, I try to forward to everyone so as to keep them informed.

I've been speaking with Dave Simmons (VVA West Virginia State Council President) about the possibility of attending their State council meeting in the spring of 2019.