Region Three Director Report

July 10, 2023

As I look back on the last two years, I realized that I had accomplished more than I thought. The first two years were not productive due to covid and the chapter, states and National were not able to attend the meeting as in the past. But I hope that I have was effective in Region Three.

- 1. Sent cards to those that were sick and to those that had loved ones that passed.
- 2. Sent information to all states about issues that would help the veterans and their families.
- 3. Ordered the Heart and Soul Award for both years and made sure that the states knew when to send in the nominations for it.
- 4. Reaching out to veterans and their families about the effects of Agent Orange and/or Toxic Chemicals that the veterans were sprayed with and what the effect would be on their children and families for the next seven generations.
- 5. Chair for the Incarcerated Associates.
- 6. Traveled to Summersville, South Carolina to speak with a newly widowed spouse and informed her what she would be entitled to as a widow of a 100% P/T veteran in the state of South Carolina.
- 7. Attended the opening of the newest VVA chapter in the state of South Carolina.
- 8. Reminded all states of the elections and what the cut-off dates were and to file their 990n ecards with the IRS and to email it to Charlie Corbin.
- 9. Forwarded all election results to Nancy Montgomery and Suzie Meeks.
- 10. Worked with Region Seven Director Terri Rangel about membership issues.
- 11. Worked with National in getting items for the National Leadership Conference.
- 12.Obtained donated items to place in the bags for the National Conference.

- 13.I attended the online class for Heartbreak to Hope and informed chapters and the State Council about the beneficial effects it would have on those that have lost loved ones.
- 14. I contacted my Congressmen and Senators about bills coming before them that would benefit the veterans and their families.
- 15.Took a trip to Kentucky to acknowledge AVVA Chapter 454 and their incorporation. Presented the paperwork to them along with an AVVA flag. I spoke to them about the Heartbreak to Hope class, and that we would be introducing a new pin for the dual members at the National Convention.

I know that the new Region Three Director will do important things and I look forward to helping her in anyway I can. And I want to thank everyone for this opportunity and all the support that I received during the last four years.

Hope Summers Region Three Director