

Candidate for National Deputy Region 6 Director

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I, Barbara Coan, am announcing my candidacy for the position of National Deputy Region Director, Representing Region 6.

While I am not a veteran but my family has a long history of service to America. My Father served 6 years in the U.S. Navy during WWII he was stationed at Pearl Harbor, my brother served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Major he was a Physician's Assistant, my husband served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a MSGT, our son served in the U.S. Army he was medically retired and is currently a Veterans Service Officer, we have three grandchildren currently serving one in the U.S. Army and two in the U.S. Air Force, another grandson served in U.S. Army in Iraq and after serving 4 years returned to Afghanistan as a private contractor for a short-period.

I began with VVA in 1993 and became a life member in 1997. I have been a lifetime member of AVVA since its conception. I was a chapter representative and held the office of California State Vice President as well as California State President. My husband Larry and I served on many National Conventions and was on the committee to organize the VVA Convention held in San Diego and San Bernardino, I served on various committees at chapter level and currently work for VVA Heart of America Chapter 317 Kansas City, MO as the office manager in the Springfield, Missouri Office. I started a PTSD support group in Mariposa, California after learning much needed service for those living with someone with PTSD and I have completed the course for Secondary PTSD Support and plan on starting a group as soon as the COVID restrictions are lifted.

I am looking forward to being elected to the office of National Region 6 Deputy Director and support AVVA in anyway possible. I am devoted to my family, God and country. I am a dedicated person who finishes what I start and work well with others. AVVA has always been at the center of my heart and I am excited about serving this organization to the best of my abilities.

Thank you for considering my candidacy

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Personal Information:

- Married to Veteran Larry D Coan, U.S. Air Force 1966 – 1986 Retired; served in Vietnam
 - Blended Family, 5 daughters, 1 son, 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren

Higher Education:

- Western Career College, Sacramento, California
 - Certified Medical Assistant
- Everest University, North Orlando, Florida
 - Bachelor of Science – Business Management
 - Summa Cum Laude

Work History

- Fabricator Semiconductor Operator 1972-1987; National Semiconductor, Fairchild Semiconductor and NEC Semiconductor.
- Medical Assistant – Internal Medicine Robert J Casanas MD 1988-1990
- 2018 – present Office Manager VVA Heart of America, Chapter 317 Springfield, Missouri Office

Volunteer History

- Women Changing Directions – 1983 California State Senate Health and Welfare Committee Testified in the Senate for AB 1733 Helping Abused Women get a new start
- Fair Oaks, California VFW Secretary 1985-1987
- Mariposa, California St. Joseph's Catholic Church Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Catechist and Lay Minister to the Sick. 1992-1998
- Seymour American Legion – Secretary 2011-2014
- Seymour United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women (UMW) – Secretary 2012-2014; UMW President 2015-2018 Parish Pastoral Relations Committee 2015-2017

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) History:

- AVVA member since 1993 (then VVA) – present (Chapter #368) Disbanded now At-Large
- AVVA Life Member 1999 (when AVVA had to split from VVA)
- AVVA Chapter #368 Representative Liaison 1996-2000 (Chapter disbanded)
- AVVA California State Council Vice President and President 1998-2002
- AVVA PTSD Facilitator Mariposa, California
- AVVA Conventions, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009 as delegate
- AVVA Leadership, 2000, 2002, 2006, and 2008
- AVVA Workshops include PTSD, Paper-Safe, Reporter Credentials, Convention Co-Chairs (two conventions years escape my memory) San Diego and San Bernardino California was the Host of these conventions.

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of American (AVVA) Awards:

- Certificate Life Member VVA 1997
- Chaplain of Four Chaplains – Legion of Honor Award 2001
- Certificate of Appreciation – California State Associate Liaison 1999

Vietnam Veterans of America Awards:

- Certificate of Appreciation – VVA California State Council 2002, 2004