**Position: AVVA Region 7 Director** 

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#### **Summary**



Exceptional interpersonal skills providing support for AVVA members and our US Veterans. A highly organized senior communications specialist with 31 years of experience. Provide expertise in crises communications, public relations and media outreach, print content development, Veteran Liaison and special interest groups.

### **Highlights**

- AVVA Region 7 Director 2017present (2 terms)
- AVVA Texas Treasurer 2018-present (2 terms)
- AVVA Texas Secretary, 2016-2018
- AVVA Chapter 574 President, 2016present (elected for 3<sup>rd</sup> term)
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee-2012
- Serve on several Board of Directors within the community
- Spokesperson, Writer and Editor (English/Spanish)

- Supervisor/Director for Events
- Strategic/Management Planner
- Veteran Liaison
- Media Relations for Print and Electronic Media
- Social Network Skills
- Research/Formulation of Plans & Policies
- Graphic Designer
- Skilled in Multi-Tasking/MS Office
- Dedicated Team Player
- Exceptional Communication Skills
- Focused/Deadline-driven

## Experience

Over 31 years of experience working as a Public Affairs Specialist for the US Army. I currently serve as the Chief of Community Relations.

I develop and implement communication strategies and information programs to disseminate command messages through joint, local and international channels (internal and external) accurately and in a timely manner. Manage crisis communications through media research, articles and editorials that support the Military, the Commanding General and his staff, and the Fort Bliss installation.

Train and supervise new public affairs subordinate staff on office and policy procedures. Mentor others to pursue self-development to meet organizational and personal goals to accomplish the Army mission. Report to higher headquarters on all community relation events. Assists customers, community agencies and staff with queries and issues to quickly react to all actions to epitomize a competent US Army.

My experience as a Public Affairs Specialist complements with the diversity of the projects involved in the community to better serve as the AVVA Region 7 Director. Coming from a bilingual heritage and being fluent in Spanish, places me in an advantage that has groomed me to be very comfortable with people of diverse levels of understanding. Soldiers, Veterans and family members are in my heart and I'm here to serve the public. It is an honor to be your AVVA Region 7 Director.

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### **Awards/Volunteer Work**

- 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013-Time Off Award
- 2019 to Present—FBI Citizen Academy Alumni Association Board of Directors-Life Member
- 2016, "National Associate Member of the Year" for Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America
- 2016, Texas State Secretary Associate Vietnam Veteran of America"
- 2014 "Texas Associate Member of the Year" for the Associates Vietnam Veterans of America
- 2014, 2012-2001-Cash Award, PAO, Ft Bliss, TX
- 2012-Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee
- 2011-to Present—Chapter Rep for the Associates of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 574
- 2010-2012, 2014-2016--YWCA Board Member, Chairing various committees
- 2010-to present-Sun Bowl Association Board of Advisors
- 2010-Hispanic Heritage Board Member
- 2010-Wise Latinas International
- 2009-Leadership Texas Class '09
- 2009-El Paso Opera Board Member
- 2015, 2008, 2000, 1994--Special Act Award, Public Affairs Office, Fort Bliss, TX
- 2007, 2004, 2000, 1998 Promotion, Public Affairs Office, Fort Bliss, TX
- 2007- Achievement Award for Civilian Service, Ft Bliss TX
- 2006-The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, October
- 2005-Gold Health Fitness Award, Army Management Staff College, Ft Belvoir, VA
- 2003-Leadership El Paso-Class 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Education

Master of Arts (24 hours) Communication-Public Relations University: University of Texas at El Paso Coursework in Communications focus on Media and National Security	2018
Bachelor of Arts, Communication-Public Relations University of Texas at El Paso—El Paso, TX Coursework in Public Relations / Organizational Communications	2005
Technical School: Defense Information School	
Joint Public Affairs Supervisory Course	2007
Public Affairs Officer, Fort Meade, Maryland, United States	1997
Technical School: Army Institute for Professional Development	
Manager Development/Human Resource	2006
Fort Eustis, Virginia, United States	2000
Supervisor Development Course	2005
Fort Eustis, Virginia, United States	
Technical School: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	
Leadership Education and Development	2005
Fort Bliss, Texas, United States	
College/University: Army Management Staff College	
Sustaining Base Leadership Management	2005
Fort Belvoir, Virginia, United States	
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