



Seeking Re-Election of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America National Region II Director Bobbie Morris



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I am Proud and Honored to be associated with a military family background. My father served in the United States Army (Big Red 1), my brother, a Vietnam Veteran, served with the Fourth Infantry Division, United States Army, in Vietnam and my husband, Philip, served in the United States Air Force (553rd Recon.) during the Vietnam Conflict. The tradition continues with my nieces and nephews who continue to serve.

I was married, now widowed, to my wonderful husband Philip for 47 years. Together, we have a daughter Dara Rae who is a remarkable special needs adult. (God Given).

As a lifetime member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans (2001-2021) I believe in our mission; to work side by side with our Veterans and their Families.

As Region II Director, my goal is to continue to focus on the needs of our members by working closely with State and Chapter Officers and to represent Region II on the National Board.

For the past 20 years, I have worked closely with members to promote events and functions that have significantly benefitted veterans and the organization. My focus is to implement growth in membership, introduce short and long-term goals that will ensure that AVVA remains a perpetual and relevant organization and to enhance our legacy.

Throughout the pandemic, we have faced many challenges! Although difficult, together, we have persevered and maintained a "can-do" attitude in support of our Veterans and families. We will regain a sense of normalcy soon and I look forward to continuing with our in-person meetings. I miss you all! Thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to serve as your Regional Director.

Bobbie Morris

Received awards includes: The National Presidents Commendation medal (2017). 1st place V.I.S.T.A volunteer (2015) Pennsylvania Angel award (2009/2012/2014). AVVA Chapter member of the year (2001). A special Angel award by Cathie Keister (2010) Agent Orange Balloon Release.

Past and Present Experience AVVA:

- Member of chapter 862 AVVA (2001-present)
- Founder and Representative for Chapter 862 AVVA (2001-2004)
- President of Chapter 862 AVVA (2010-2020)
- Chapter incorporation coordinator; Charter completed and received (2010)
- Chair, Tent of Memorabilia and Honor Tent for the Moving Wall (2002, 2008 and 2014); Chair, A/O Annual Balloon Release (2009-2018); Chair, PA State Fund-Raising Committee (2009-2015); Chair/organizer of the Secondary PTSD Symposium (2012)
- PA AVVA State Association Treasurer (2011-2014)
- PA AVVA State Association President (2014-present)
- Pennsylvania Veterans Assistance Fund (Secretary from 2011-present)
- Chair, PA Widows Project, distributed information packets to family survivors (2009-2012)
- Organizer of PA State Association Agent Orange Town Hall meeting (2013)
- Organizer/coordinator of Chapter 862 greatly successful Agent Orange Town Hall meeting (2011)
- Organized and assisted with Gold Star Mother Banquets (2002-2019)
- Organized and participated in training for presidents and representatives on the procedure of chapter elections.
- Chair, Chapter Agent Orange Balloon Release (2009 – present)

AVVA National:

- Attended conventions and conferences (2009-2019)
- Member: National Membership Committee (2013-2019); National Agent Orange Committee (2009-2015) National V.I.S.T.A. Committee (2015-2019)
- Featured speaker at National Conventions & A/O Town Halls.
- Featured in Faces of Agent Orange, "The Morris Story" on YouTube, local news, and Pittsburgh Tribune.
- Assisted in forming new policies and to amend previous policies.
- Chair, National Incorporation Committee (2015-present), Co-Chair, National Survivor Benefits (2019-present), Member By-Law Committee (2019-present)
- Region II Deputy Director from (2013-2019)
- Region II Director from (2019-2021)
- Participated in constructing online class training materials.