

Candidate for National Region 6 Director

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

While I am not a veteran my family has a long history of service to America. My Father served 6 years in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, my brother served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Major after 30 years, my husband served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Master Sergeant after 20 years, our Son served in the U.S. Army and was medically discharged after becoming injured while on duty, and we have four grandchildren in the military two in the U.S. Army and two in the U.S. Air Force of which two are still serving.

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 on various committees at chapter and state levels. I currently work for VVA Heart of America, Chapter 317 Kansas City, Missouri as office manager for our son Mark Coan who is the VSO for the Springfield, Missouri Office. I currently service as PTSD "2" Vice Chair for the Midwest. I also facilitate the PTSD program at the Springfield Vet Center. I am the current Bylaws Chair and was elected Region 6 Deputy Director in August of 2021 and served for approximately 15 months. November of 2022 I was sworn in as the Region 6 Director, when Rick Talford stepped down due to health reasons. Currently I am living in Marshfield, Missouri and attend local VVA meetings in Lebanon and the Missouri State Council meetings in Columbia, Missouri and look forward to the next VVA Region 6 meeting sometime in May in Iowa.

I am looking forward to being elected to the Office of National Region 6 Director and support AVVA in anyway possible. I am devoted to God, my family 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,

Barbara A. Coan

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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, 23 grandchildren, and 30 great grandchildren.

Higher Education:

- Western Career College, Sacramento, CA
 - 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, M.D. 1988-1990
- 2018 – Present Office Manager VVA Heart of America, Chapter 317 Springfield, MO 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 Woman (UMW) – Secretary 2012-2014; UMW President 2015-2018; Pastoral Relations Chair 2015-2017

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) History:

- AVVA member since 1993 (then VVA) – Present AVVA At-Large Missouri
- AVVA life member since 1999 was California State Liaison at AVVA's first convention.
- AVVA Chapter #368 Representative Liaison 1996-2000
- AVVA California State Council Vice President and President 1998-2022
- AVVA PTSD Facilitator Mariposa, California and currently Springfield, Missouri
- AVVA Conventions; 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2021 as a delegate
- AVVA Leadership 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008, and 2022
- AVVA Workshops include, PTSD, Paper-Safe, Reporter Credentials, CA State Convention Co-Chairs and was the host for Anaheim Convention

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) Awards:

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

Vietnam Veterans of America Awards:

- Certificate of Appreciation – VVA State Council 2002 and 2004