REGION 8 DIRECTOR

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- Appointed Chaplain Chapter 805 Roseburg, OR 2018
- Elected Vice President Chapter 805 Roseburg, OR 2018
- Interim President Chapter 805, Roseburg, OR 2018
- Elected President Chapter 805, Roseburg, OR 2020
- Recipient of AVVA President's Commendation Medal 2020
- Elected Oregon State Representative 2020
- Awarded AVVA President's Commendation Medal 2020
- Elected Region 8 Director 2021-2023 Current

My name is Jennifer Ellis, AVVA Region 8 Director and President of Umpqua Valley AVVA Chapter 805, Inc. located in Roseburg, Oregon. I am once again running for Director of Region 8 which encompasses Alaska, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Wyoming. I have many years of leadership experience in the medical field, Christian Ministry and community service. During my latest term I was successful in installing three new State Representatives, Washington: Steven Jordon, Oregon: Ruth Feliciano and Montana: Willa Burgess. In the next two years my goal is to establish Representatives in Alaska, Idaho and Wyoming as well.

Some of my background and experience includes my marriage to Bruce Ellis, who served as a United States Marine from August 1970 to January 1975. He served with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines as a Force Recon Marine. He survived 14 months of combat in Vietnam. So many of our Vietnam Veterans experienced significant levels of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, as a result these effect them every single day, my husband being one of them. This has given me a unique perspective on the issues attributed to this disability. The effects of PTSD on them, their spouses, their adult children and care takers are overwhelming.