

Region 2 Deputy Director Candidate



My name is Lori Calamita-Paton and I am running for the position of AVVA Region 2 Deputy Director.

I am a life member of AVVA since 2016. I have served as AVVA Chapter 77 representative for 6 years and after our incorporation in 2022, I was elected AVVA Chapter 77 president. I am also currently serving my first term as AVVA NYS president. I have attended several conventions and one leadership conference.

Over the past 7 years, I have worked with our chapter to organize fundraisers, work in the VVA food pantry, and provide assistance to veterans and their families, especially at Christmas. I have also worked alongside VVA Chapter 77, assisting with many of their fundraisers.

I am married to Bill Paton, a Vietnam Veteran, who is also very involved with VVA, both in VVA Chapter 77 and at the state and national level.

I have an Associate Degree in Human Services and a certificate in Victim Advocacy. My past volunteer experience includes Niagara Hospice, where I worked in Bereavement. I was also a volunteer board member and treasurer for both Boy Scout Troop 185 and Cub Scout Pack 185.

Whether elected to this position or not, I will continue to work hard to help veterans and their families.