



## Bio for Candidate for AVVA Region 5 Deputy Director

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I feel that I have been and would continue to be an asset to the organization. I feel I have been helpful in moving the organization toward its goals

My oldest brother made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam, making me a Gold Star Sister. Here are some of the reasons I feel I am qualified to hold this position:

- I was an Associate in the VVA prior to the AVVA being formed. I am a life member of the AVVA.
- I am serving as the Affiliated Chapter AVVA Representative and served since 1999.
- I have served in leadership positions in the State of Michigan as the State Representative since 1999 and led the State through the incorporation process. (1999 – 2010)
- Served as a member of the National Finance Committee
- Served as a special advisor on the National Incarceration Committee
- Served as National Fund Raiser Chair and in 2010 helped raise over \$7,000 at the National Table at Convention.
- Was faithfully attending National Board Meetings and Conventions over the past years at little or no cost to the AVVA
- During my years of service with the VVA and the AVVA, I have consistently been successful in raising funds for the VVA Michigan State Council and the AVVA Michigan State Association.
- Served for 8 years as the Region Director for Region 5
- I have served as President of the Auxiliary of the DAV for the 9 years
- I am serving as the VFW Auxiliary President for Post #8465 and served since 2015
- I received the AVVA Member of the Year Award in 2017 at the National Convention in New Orleans.

Some of my goals for Region 5 are to continue to develop stronger lines of communication with all State Representatives/Presidents within the Region with VVA and AVVA; to be available to give assistance as needed to the Region 5 Director and all of our AVVA and VVA members and veterans, to continue to work for our Veterans and our families, and to represent the interests of Region 5's membership at the National level.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the National Board in the past and to represent Region 5, and I am looking forward to continuing to represent my Region and to working closely with Region 5 Director and AVVA Members.

Respectfully submitted

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