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In submitting my letter of intent to run for the AVVA Region 7 position for the 2023-2025 term, I'm attaching my resume for your review. My enthusiasm, dependability and resourcefulness combined with my education and experience will provide for an excellent opportunity to join in the ongoing success of the AVVA.

- AVVA Lifetime Member since 2009 (14 years)
- AVVA Region 7 Director and on my third (2-year) term since 2017.
- Served as Treasurer for the National Foundation of Veterans and Families
- AVVA Texas Secretary 2014-2016, AVVA Texas Treasurer 2016-to present (7 years).
- AVVA President Chapter 574 AVVA National Awards Committee (2019-2021)
- AVVA National Membership Chair (2021-2023)
- AVVA 574 Chapter Rep from 2013-2018
- AVVA Member of the Year 2015
- Nominated Two AVVA 574 members won National Fellowship awards and two AVVA 574 members won AVVA Texas Member of the Year.
- Boards: YWCA; Sun Bowl; Amigo Airsho; El Paso "Welcome Home" Vietnam Veterans Committee and have lead Military committees within these organizations.
- Familiar with board policies and procedures and Veteran Affairs.
- Lifetime Member of the FBI Citizens Academy

EDUCATION:

- UTEP- BA in Communications-PR; MA--Communication studies with a focus on National Security
- Army Management Staff College--Leadership Management
- Defense Information School--Public Affairs Officer
- Army Institute for Professional Development--Supervisor Development
- Civilian Personnel Advisory Center--Leadership Education and Development

My 32 years of experience as a Public Affairs Specialist with the US Army, complements the diversity of the projects to assist our Veterans (past, present and future) and the community. Heavily involved with numerous Veteran organizations. I interacted with military officials, congressional delegates, and foreign military attachés at all levels. I'm well versed in military protocol. Additionally, my communication skills have trained me to convey required messages to accomplish the organization's mission. Being raised in a bilingual environment (Spanish/English), has groomed me to be comfortable with people of diverse levels of understanding.

My education along with my continued studies (26-hours) towards a Master's degree both in Communications and National Security, will balance the multitude of assets within the AVVA. I am confident my qualifications will fit your needs.

I have been involved with AVVA since 2005, before I became a life member in July 2009. I knew then, I wanted to dedicate my time helping Veterans and their families by volunteering my hours to make them and their organizations a success. It is an honor to be considered for AVVA Region 7, Director. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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