

Candidate for National Treasurer



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I am announcing my candidacy for the office of AVVA National Treasurer for the 2025-2027 term.

Prior to retirement, I worked at a State Veterans Hospital. While there, I worked in many capacities. As Assistant Director of Nursing, I managed and trained nursing supervisors, staff nurses, and other medical support personnel. I also worked to resolve related staffing/personnel issues and led teams that created and provided oversight of hospital policies and procedures.

As hospital administrator, I was responsible for medical supplies, and hospital equipment. To ensure that such resources were appropriately managed, I created budgets and established procurement/financial objectives and deadlines. I also ensured that we operated within budgetary constraints and met critical due dates.

After retiring from the State Veterans Hospital, I joined the staff of a major university teaching hospital. While there, I collaborated in restructuring nursing and medical departments in conjunction with major organizational changes. This experience will be invaluable as AVVA works toward becoming VVA's legacy organization.

I started my AVVA career in Connecticut, first as Chapter Rep, then as Region 1 Director. I have since moved to Florida. After a stint as Florida At-Large Rep, I was elected to Region 4 Director. While I am no longer Region 4 Director, I am the National Disciplinary Chair and also serve as a contributing member of AVVA's National Finance Committee.

I have also been involved with other veterans service organizations. These include the National Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans. There, I held the positions of National President and National Fundraising Chair. I am now the Treasurer of the Department of Florida, Ladies Auxiliary. In this role, I attend two meetings a year, write checks, and balance their budget. These duties are nowhere near those of AVVA National Treasurer; however, these, along with my work experience, have given me insight as to working with finance and budgets.

All this being said, I am most willing to learn, and hope to be a part of and work with the Executive Board to bring our organization into the future implementing new plans as the legacy of VVA.

Thank you for your support and for considering my candidacy.

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