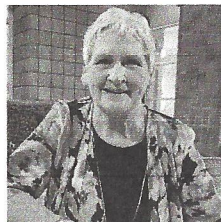


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I, Barbara Coan, am announcing my intent to run for the position of AVVA Region 6 Director.

While I am not a veteran, my family has a long history of service to America. My Father served in the U.S. Navy in WWII he was stationed at Pearl Harbor, my brother served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Major he was a Physician's Assistant, my husband served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a MSGT, currently we have three grandchildren serving in the United States Military Service. One in the U.S. Army and one in the U.S. Air Force, while the other grandson did serve in the U.S. Air Force received an honorable discharge, another grandson did serve in U.S. Army in Iraq and after leaving the service returned to Afghanistan as a private contractor.

I began with VVA in 1993 and became a life member in 1996. I have been a lifetime member of AVVA since its conception. I was an AVVA Chapter Representative and held the office of AVVA California State Liaison for several terms. My husband Larry and I served on many VVA National Conventions and was on the committee to organize the VVA California State Convention held in San Diego and Anaheim, CA. I served on various committees at chapter level. We moved to Missouri in 2010 and currently I am the Missouri State Representative elected in June 2024. I work for VVA Heart of America Chapter 317 Kansas City, MO as the office manager of Veterans Services in the Marshfield Office. I started a Secondary PTSD support group in Mariposa, California after learning much needed service for those living with someone with PTSD. I have completed the course for Secondary PTSD Support and plan to restart when there is an interest. I was elected as Region 6 Deputy Director at the AVVA National Convention November 2021 and was sworn in as Region 6 Director at the April 2022 board meeting as the current Region 6 Director resigned due to health reasons. I was elected as the Region 6 Director at the Orlando Florida Convention in 2023. I currently serve as AVVA National Co-Chair to the Procedure and Policy Manual Committee as well as the Midwest Co-Chair to AVVA National Secondary PTSD Committee.

I look forward to serving AVVA as the Region 6 Director and support AVVA in any manner possible. I am devoted to God, family and country. I am a dedicated person who finishes what I state and work well with others. AVVA has always been at the center of my heart, and I would love the opportunity to serve this organization to the best of my abilities.

In Service to America,

Barbara A Coan

Candidate for AVVA Region 6 Director – Barbara A. Coan

Personal Information:

- Married to Veteran Larry D. Coan U.S. Air Force 1966-1986 Retired, served in Vietnam.
- Blended family, 5 daughters, 1 son, 24 grandchildren, and 35 great-grandchildren.

Higher Education:

- Western Career College, Sacramento, CA – Certified Medical Assistant
- Everest University, North Orlando, FL – Bachelor of Science – Business Management graduated Summa Cum Laude

Work History:

- Fabricator Semiconductor Operator 1972-1987, National Semiconductor, Fairchild Semiconductor, NEC Semiconductor
- Medical Assistant – Internal Medicine 1988-1990
- 2018 to Present – VVA Chapter 317 Heart of America Office Manager Marshfield VSO Office

Volunteer History:

- Women Changing Directions – 1983 CA State Senate Health and Welfare Committee, testified for Senate AB 1733 Abused Women a New Start.
- Fair Oaks, CA VFW Secretary 1985-1987
- Mariposa CA St. Joseph's Catholic Church Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Catechist and Lay Minister to the sick 1992-1998
- Seymour American Legion Secretary 2011-2014
- Seymour United Methodist Church President UMW 2015-2018, Secretary 2012-2014, Pastoral Relations Chair 2015-2017 Currently Vice President

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America History:

- AVVA member since 1993 (then VVA) - Present AVVA Missouri Representative
- AVVA Life Member since 1999 – CA State Liaison
- AVVA Chapter #368 Liaison 1996-2000
- AVVA CA State Liaison 1998-2002
- AVVA PTSD Facilitator Mariposa, CA 2000- currently Marshfield, MO
- AVVA Conventions 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2021 as a delegate
- AVVA Leadership 2000, 2002, 2022, 2024, and 2024
- AVVA Workshops include PTSD, Paper-Safe, Reporter Credential, CA State Convention Co-Chair and was the host for VVA National Convention in Anaheim, CA

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Awards:

- Certificate Life Member VVA 1997
- Chaplain of Four Chaplains – Legion of Honor Award 2001
- Certificate of Appreciation – California State Associate Liaison 1999

Vietnam Veterans of America Award: - Certificate of Appreciation – VVA California State Council 2002-2024