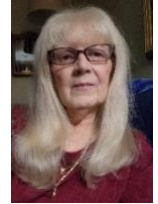


Biography for Candidacy for AVVA National Treasurer

My name is Kaye Gardner, and I am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of National Treasurer. I have served as the National Treasurer since the AVVA National elections in November of 2021.

My involvement with AVVA (then VVA) began in 1987. I joined to help the veterans of VVA Chapter 304 in Frederick, Maryland. I became a life member in 1993 at the VVA Convention in Norfolk, Virginia.



In 1998-1999, I attended the VVA Board meetings and listened carefully and took detailed notes regarding the information as to why the split from VVA was necessary. It was a time of uncertainty for our members but also a time of excitement for the newly created AVVA.

Previously, I served AVVA mostly in the background giving my support to their endeavors. Over the years, I have seen AVVA grow and become a successful organization. At the AVVA Convention in Jacksonville I became a voting member at the chapter level. In 2017 I was elected to the position of Region 3 Director. In 2019 at the elections in Spokane, I was elected as the National Vice President. At the 2021 elections in Greensboro, I was elected as the National Treasurer. I am looking forward to continuing as the National Treasurer and helping AVVA to continue to grow.

When the Maryland State organization was formed and incorporated in 2004, I was a founding officer of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Maryland Association, Inc.. My position was Treasurer and I served in this capacity from 2004 until the Maryland State Association was dissolved in December of 2014. The dissolution came about because of major health issues of two of the officers and the retirement and eventual moving of the President to Florida. After the dissolution of the Maryland Association, I volunteered to serve as the POC for the State of Maryland and I continue to serve in that appointed position.

I worked for the same company for over thirty-eight years, working in both Finance and Human Resources. While in Finance, I worked processing payroll, payment of payroll taxes, ledger accounting, budgets, financial reporting, helping HR create employee policies, and processing payroll for 500+ employees. After working in the Finance department for 30 years, the corporate office decided to move my position to Human Resources. After moving to Human Resources, my main functions were processing payroll, employee benefits and continuing to help create employee policies. After my retirement, I can pursue my interests. Moving forward, I now have the time to dedicate my experience to AVVA. Depending on how the VVA members vote at the convention in New Orleans this August, will determine how AVVA must move forward. AVVA has been and will continue to be in the process of planning to determine how the organization will move forward; and I would like to help and to be a part of the future of this amazing organization.

Kaye Gardner - life member #900020

kayegardner@aol.com / home phone: 301-845-4296 / cell phone: 301-788-8928

Education

- High School Graduate of 1969 – Allegany High School, Cumberland, Maryland
- Frederick Community College – majored in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance.

Volunteer History

- Chapter Representative(current)/ Chapter Liaison(prior)
- 2004 to 2014 - Treasurer - Associates of Vietnam Veterans of American Maryland Association, Inc.
- 2014 to Current – POC for the State of Maryland
- 1999 to 2009 - Treasurer – The Maryland Trust for Vietnam Veterans
- 1997 to 2004 – AVVA Special Advisor to the VVA Women Veterans Committee
- 2001 to Current – AVVA Special Advisor to the VVA POW/MIA Committee
- 2019 to Current – AVVA Special Advisor to the VVA Constitution Committee
- 2007 to 2015 – Chair of the AVVA National Finance Committee
- 2016 to 2019 – Chair of the AVVA National Elections Committee
- 2016 to 2021 – Member of the AVVA National Disciplinary Committee
- 2017 to 2019 – Region 3 Director
- 2019 to 2021 – National Vice President
- 2021 to current – National Treasurer
- AVVA Life Member – since 1993

Honors

- VVA MD State Council – Outstanding Support of Maryland Vietnam Veterans (1994)
- Phi Theta Kappa – honor society for a 2-year college
- Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Recipient (1998)
- AVVA Commendation Medal (2009)
- Honorary Life Member of VVA (2016)

Family

My husband (Adolph) and I have been married for over 50 years. He is my life partner and my best friend. We have been through many family crises together over those years. We have lost both sets of parents and 2 of his brothers and my sister during our life together. We do not have human children, but we do have “fur” children.