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Helping others has always been a cornerstone of my life. From a young age, I understood the importance of community service and the power of team effort. My name is Michelle Mackey, and I am passionate about the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America to support all veterans and their families through the wonderful programs, projects, and education we offer. Therefore, I am announcing my candidacy for AVVA Regional Director, Region 9.

My parents instilled in me the values of hard work and compassion. Because of these values, I was quickly promoted to Medical Records Supervisor in a Level 1 Trauma Center for the County of Riverside where I supervised more than 30 employees. I exceeded expectations and was continually sought after as the supervisor to work with.

My passion for volunteering started in my early 20s, shortly after my daughter was born with Cystic Fibrosis. As one example, I worked alongside my mom for 17 years, planning the annual Bowl-For-Breath for the CF Foundation. On average, we raised a minimum of \$23,000 through the 1990s and early 2000s, which always exceeded the anticipated amount.

In the early 2000s, I began volunteering for AVVA (I had already been volunteering for VVA). AVVA California is like a family. You meet so many wonderful people and although you may not speak with them often, when you speak with them again, it is like you just spoke with them yesterday. AVVA California has been my home, but I am ready to expand my home to National AVVA.

I am eager to bring my experience and passion to the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to our shared mission. Together, we will make a significant impact on our veterans and their families for years to come

Education:

- Riverside Community College – AA Music
- Cal State University San Bernardino – BS Criminal Justice
- Animal Behavior College – Dog Training

Work History:

- Riverside County Regional Medical Center – Medical Records Supervisor '93 – '07
- Compressor Component Parts Inc. – Office Manager '07 – 2011

Volunteer History:

- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation ~ 17 Years
- The Moving Wall at Riverside National Cemetery ~ 1998
- Celebrate America at Riverside National Cemetery ~ 2002
- The Moving Wall at Auto Club Speedway Fontana ~ 2010
- Grand Picnic West L.A. VA ~ 2011
- Homeless Veteran Advocate West L.A. VA ~ 2010 - 2012
- Wreaths Across America Volunteer ~ 2014 - Current
- Flags For Every Hero Volunteer ~ 2014 – Current
- March Veteran's Village Volunteer ~ 2020
- Convention of States- State Grass Roots Coordinator ~ 2021 – 2022
- Secondary PTSD Chair AVVA California ~ Current
- National AVVA Website Committee ~ Current
- AVVA California Webmaster ~ 2022 – Current
- AVVA National Public Relations and Media Committee ~ 2021 – 2023
- AVVA Chapter 47 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Event ~ 2023
- AVVA California Newsletter (creator) ~ 2024 – Current
- AVVA California Website & Media Chair ~ 2023 – Current
- AVVA California Membership Chair ~ 2023 – 2024
- AVVA California Product Sales ~ 2022 – Current
- AVVA California Election Chair ~ 2024 – 2024
- AVVA California Chapter 47 Representative ~ 4/2024 – Current
- AVVA California State President ~ 6/2024 – Current
- AVVA California State Council Agent Orange Co-Chair ~ 10/2024 - Current
- VFW Post 10267 Volunteer 2023 ~ Current
- The American Indian Veterans Memorial Committee ~ 3/2025 - Current