

ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

AVVA National Membership Committee Report October 1, 2025

AVVA Membership Committee Members 2025-2027 Term: Joanne Blum, AVVA National Treasurer Tony Gigli, AVVA Region 5 Director Wynella Bethards, AVVA Region 3 Director Terri Rangel, AVVA Region 7 Director, Membership Chair

Accomplishments:

- To our new committee members, we receive/reply many inquiries regarding membership--every day! Email rosters is the main request. Keeping a log for these queries helps to keep track of them and follow up, and this also ensures members receive their rosters. Keep reminding all who request rosters to please be patient as the National Membership office controls all requests both VVA and AVVA and rosters are updated every 30 days.
- VVA members also request AVVA rosters from their Chapters. Keep in mind that only AVVA State or Chapter Reps/Presidents are the only members who can request/receive their rosters. There are exceptions to the rule that require higher approval by AVVA National. My recommendation to all is to send in your email requests right after elections.
- Work closely with Bobbie Morris, Chair of AVVA Incorporation, to ensure members are on the rosters for chapters who want to incorporate. Also work with Nancy Montgomery, AVVA Elections and Suzie Meeks, AVVA Database to ensure we have the correct names for State/Chapter Presidents and State/Chapter Reps.
- Cross-training is vital for a successful organization and during this term, I will have each member of this committee to send out the monthly AVVA Membership Reports to our AVVA BODs to distribute to their regions.
- President Sharon Hobbs, lets me know when some of the VVA Chapters have their Charters Revoked. During 2025-2027, it's inevitable that we will have several VVA Chapters revoked. We will remain busy sending out letters to AVVA members in those chapters to let them know they can join another close by chapter or go at large.
- Working with chapters to advise them to incorporate their AVVA chapters.

Thank you all for your patience and I will assist you to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,

Teresa Rangel AVVA National Membership Chair