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Public and Media Relations Committee Report

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) has been taking its toll on everyone, AVVA National Board of Directors included. Several of us have been exposed, quarantined and isolated, tested positive, been hospitalized for, or are recovering from this heinous virus. It's become 'when' we get infected, not 'if' we get infected, how your body reacts to the virus, and long will it take to recover from the infections. Check with your primary care if you have been infected. Some CDC guidelines say you need to be 90 days out from testing positive or have recovered from the infection prior to getting vaccinated. I wish us all a safe and speedy recovery.

A policy change came out and was passed during the September 2020 AVVA National Board of Directors meeting, changing policy from publishing a regular newsletter to maintaining an online source of information that will be available to the membership. Reason being, the UPDATES newsletter hasn't remained current and needed to be moved into the 21st Century.

Currently, AVVA has a:

- *Website - avva.org*
- *Facebook - [Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America](https://www.facebook.com/AssociatesofVietnamVeteransofAmerica)*
- *Twitter - [@AssociatesofVi1](https://twitter.com/AssociatesofVi1)*

And once we find that right person to update the AVVA Blog (we're still looking), we will continue in the sharing of ideas, programs, State Association and Chapter news accessible to our membership. We will continue to use e-mail as a more immediate and direct form of communication when disseminating urgent information out to membership.

We have sufficient tools in social media and electronic communications that allow us to share information, communicate corporation business, and receive much needed information from other Veterans Service Organizations.

Together Always!

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