

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

END OF TERM 2019 - 2021

The AVVA Scholarship Committee has put together a well thought out and well-planned scholarship process, in order to offer assistance with higher education to Veterans and members of their families, as well as qualifying members of AVVA's families. The approved schools will include not just colleges and universities, but also accredited trade schools, which makes this scholarship a bit unique. The scholarship is named the Elayne Mackey Second Chance Scholarship. The recipients are to be people who need a second chance at a better life.

All of the processes are set, the internal policy has been written, and the program is funded for 5 – 7 years. This gives AVVA the opportunity to find sustainable funding sources for the future beyond those years. All that remains is for the board to enact it, hopefully for the fall of 2022. This will be the decision of the next officers and board members.

There are sample fundraising letters, scholarship applications, selection criteria, and a plan for getting notifications for the application process out into the world all set up to begin. The instructions for processing the applications have been written so that it can be added to the existing approved policy.

I want to thank the committee members who worked so hard to come up with the details for this and hung in there to the end. This program was a labor of love, because I wanted something that would honor our friend and past Vice-President, Elayne Mackey for years to come. We put together a small group of people who were dedicated to getting this done. Thank you to Carl Curtis of PA, Deanna Perry of NV, and Kathy Mattingly of KY, for sticking it out and being so dedicated.

We hope this program will be successful for years to come.

The 201 Scholarship Committee