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***AVVA REGION 9 REPORT – JANUARY 10, 2022***

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**GOALS**

***In addition to my previous goals submitted in the November, I have added promoting the Veterans History Project (VHP). The VHP is a program promoted by the Library of Congress that collects Veterans and others oral histories of all war efforts.***

**ADVENTURE**

January brought the VVA and AVVA Board Meeting in Silver Springs Maryland. The AVVA Board meeting was held Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. VVA President Jack McManus will be Advisor to AVVA.

- Paper Safe printing update was submitted.
- AVVA will partner with the Birth Defects Registry to further the Effects of Agent Orange in Vietnam Veteran children and grandchildren.
- Widowers Support Awareness will be advanced.
- PTSD2 awareness Education and Programs will continue to be advanced.
- Leadership Conference Assignments were assigned and discussed.

Attended VVA General Sessions to hear VVA Region 9 and other Committee Reports.

## **DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZOOM MEETING**

### **COMMITTEE ADVISOR REPORTS**

#### **VVA PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- Discussed the ROTC program as a way to approach our young people in our High Schools.
- I brought up the Veterans History Project a Part of the Library of Congress to approach High School, Universities, Corporations, Businesses, All Veterans Organizations, All Associate Veteran Organizations and Others. This idea was received favorably by the Public Affairs Committee and Mokie Stated that this was an outstanding program that had great potential for VVA Public Affairs and for Veterans in general.

#### **VVA GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

- Blood Pressure Study lin between service-related occupational exposure to herbicides and high blood pressure (hypertension) risk among U.S. Army Chemical Corps. (ACC) Veterans, a group of Veterans assigned to do chemical operations during the Vietnam War. Researchers also found an association between military service in Vietnam and hypertension risk among these Veterans.
- Caregiver bill needs your attention. Grassroots effort needed to access VA caregiving stipend. As it stands now, Veterans must be totally incapacitated to receive stipend from VA.
- Gold Star trying to change the requirements to include any Veteran death during any service. Would dilute the Gold Star for combat related deaths.

**Thank you for supporting AVVA. Please let me know how I can best serve AVVA by sending me your ideas!**

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