



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Region 6 & Region 7
Co-Chair for the Awards Committee Report
July 7, 2020

Co-Chair for the Awards Committee:

As Co-Chair for the Awards Committee sent out to all AVVA members using the Flash News, AVVA Board of Directors, and my Region 7 to disseminate reminders to submit members for all awards. Continue to remind all we have excellent members worthy of recognition. Sent out reminders several times but received minimal submissions. I know this pandemic affected everyone all over the world, to include our organization, but the message was out there to recognize our members.

Once submissions were received, our time has been spent reviewing the nominations, received by members for the Fellowship and Member of the Year awards. We worked diligently as Co-Chair for Awards Committee, to review all submissions. We made the choices for the best nomination that best matched the criteria for their submission for the awards.

The nominations for the Cathy Keister award were reviewed and passed to the AVVA Officers for their decision working closely with the AVVA Executive Board to submit our recommendations for final decision of this particular award.

As Co-Chairs for this committee, the overall feeling is that "ALL" the nominations received fell short on providing the criteria listed for the member of the year award as we did not receive any letters of support.

An actual questionnaire as a guide might work for people creating a nomination, so that we get the information we are looking for, in order to make our decision. We will be working on creating a more informative way to express what the committee is looking for, in order to get the nominations more complete. We will also look into ways to get this information out better, in order to get the membership to provide more nominations of the many members that do so much good around the country.

Traditional presentation of the Awards during the Leadership Conference was not possible as the conference was cancelled because of COVID-19. Rick and I, along with the AVVA Executive Board, will work on a plan on how to present these awards while maintaining all safety precautions during this pandemic.

Additionally, while in office for this committee, Rick and I will review the criteria of all awards and revise the criteria to make it clearer and easier for all to submit more nominees in the future.

Respectfully,

Co-Committee Chairs
Rick A. Talford, Region 6
Terri Rangel, Region 7