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First of all, I want to welcome our new Board members: Joanne Blum from Florida (Treasurer), Michelle Mackey from California (R-9 Director), Brenda Nix from Georgia (R-4 Deputy), Jeanette Cox from Missouri (R-6 Deputy), and Anita Washburn from Texas (R-7 Deputy).

Since returning from the convention, I have been busy with immediate things.

- Answered scores of emails, phone calls, and the returned voicemails.
- Appointed Committee Chairs, the Parliamentarian, and Advisors during an online meeting in September.
- Held one online meeting with the officers.
- Wrote one (1) article for the Veteran magazine.
- Wrote one (1) AVVA Board report
- Wrote one (1) VVA Board report
- Reconciled credit card receipts
- Developed the agenda for the upcoming October Board meeting.
- Worked with the Secretary on the new-board orientation agenda
- Shipped 800 Flag Etiquette Booklets
- Shipped eighteen (18) orders of Paper Safes
- Updated my information for the new VVA Board Directory
- Mailed certificates to award nominees
- Developed the agenda and presided over the Board's Sept online meeting
- Met with P & P and Elections on policy rewrite.
- Created charters for two newly incorporated chapters



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- Prepared for Orientation at the Oct meeting.
- Ordered corporate credit card for newly elected Treasurer

During the October Board meeting in Washington DC, we will begin our budget process for the upcoming year. Also, plans will be determined by the VVA Board if there is to be a Leadership Conference next year.

The convention business meeting minutes, the minutes from the final board last term, and the first meeting of the new board will be approved during the October face-to-face meeting in Arlington, VA.

Once again it is almost time for at-large, state, and chapter elections. January through June in even-numbered years has been designated our election period. Regional Directors will be standing by to assist states and chapters with the procedure if needed.

Tom Burke, the newly elected VVA President, will be appointing our VVA Advisor for this term. I am very pleased to be working with him. Barbara Miller will return as the National Parliamentarian.

Our supply of Paper Safes and Flag Booklets are running low. The Finance Committee will determine if we can afford to purchase more before the upcoming budget year.

TRAVEL:

- National Convention in New Orleans, LA.

I look forward to a productive and exciting term with AVVA.