



AVVA PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY 2022

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

- Held one online meeting with the board. During this meeting, we approved the convention business meeting minutes, the minutes from the final board last term, and the first meeting of the new board. The appointment of the national parliamentarian, committee chairs, and AVVA advisors were accepted by the board.
- Held two online meetings with the officers.
- Met with the Finance Chair to discuss and review the budget requests and AVVA finances.
- Revised the renewal letter being sent to all members whose membership is expiring.
- Wrote my first article for the Veteran magazine.
- Completed and signed banking documents; began the process of converting donation account passwords and ordered business cards.

In January, board orientation was held online. The Officers, Finance Chair, Disciplinary Chair, and the Parliamentarian were the presenters.

The Board was given two weeks off during the holidays to spend time with their family and friends.

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

Jack McManus, the newly elected VVA President, will be our VVA Advisor for this term. I am very pleased to be working with him.

In January 2022, the board traveled to Silver Spring where I presided over our first face-to-face meeting. While there, I met with the officers, the VVA National President, and several office personnel. It was good to see old friends and to meet new ones.



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The AVVA Finance Committee was in Silver Spring finalizing the 2023 budget. Working together we completed a fair and workable budget that was approved by the Board.

The Paper Safe has been, and continues to be, our most successful program. We have just received another order of 10,000. I thank all of you who have patiently waited.

I have been in conversation the Jim Knott, CEO of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF). He has invited AVVA to participate in the 40th Anniversary of The Wall celebrations this upcoming year. We are honored to be included; our role is not clear yet; however, we are anticipating a time of reflection and celebration.

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

