



## Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc

### ***AVVA PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

OCTOBER 2019

It has been an interesting two months. This is quite a challenge for me, but I have every intention of doing the best I can to do a good job for AVVA. Sharon Hobbs is a hard act to follow, as I know from having followed her as AVVA Secretary. But I hope everyone knows that I am committed to this job, and to the future of AVVA.

- We have updated and revised the AVVA Paper Safe to include a more modern approach to the information needed by a family when they suffer a loss.
- We will be ordering the new Paper Safes shortly after the October meeting, so they should be available soon. We are also providing a printable and a fillable (printable once filled out) version of the Paper Safe on our website. We want to provide ways in which a person might print extra pages of certain areas that they might have more information than provided for, which mostly means some easy instructions about printing will be added to the webpage.
- We are redesigning our Life Membership cards, which is a project that was still in process from the last term.
- We have 6 new members to our board of directors and will be having an intense training session Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

I have been spending much of my time learning some of the details that I will need to have, and the staff in the national office have been wonderful to me, and extremely helpful. I am very thankful for them all.

I am so proud of the donation this year for Project Friendship. The final total that I was given is \$17,561.00, which was turned over to Volunteers of America at the convention. I have to thank our previous board for all of their work to make this program a total success once again.

We have two new Incorporated Chapters: 532 in SC and 1087 in MT

We added a donation button, connected to a PayPal account early this year. In the past quarter we did receive \$243.00 in donations. We need to promote the web donation page more, so that hopefully it does well in the future. People need to understand that, now that we are a 501 (C) 3 organization their donations are completely tax deductible. However, we are actively looking for ways in which we can do some serious fund raising in the near future. I believe this will give us some new avenues.

Our membership is so important, and if AVVA is to survive for years to come, we will be needing the talents of everyone. Let's all put our heads together. We can do this.

Respectfully,

Joanna Henshaw  
AVVA National President