



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.
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Region 7 Report – OCT 2025

REGION 7: Greetings!

- As a reelected AVVA Region 7 Director, I want to remain connected to not only our AVVA Region 7 but also to the VVA Region 7 Directors. I emailed both VVA and AVVA Region 7 Presidents/Reps to touch base and assured them that I'm here to assist with any AVVA matters in Region 7. VVA: Bill Stepp, TX President; Terry Courville, VVA: Region 7 and LA President; Lew Broughton, OK President; Mike Hicks, AR President. AVVA: Paula Braxton, LA State Rep; Theresa Neal, AR POC and Karen Vollman, OK POC and as TX AVVA President, the same message to the TX AVVA Chapter Reps.
- As AVVA Texas State President will continue to include Zoom meetings to meet with the states. Held two Zoom meetings with Texas in the past term and will continue to include LA, AR and OK as we need to revive some chapters. The idea of Zoom is still challenging but tenacity will keep me going to inform our members of all our programs.
- To date there are no Disciplinary actions for Region 7. The committee for the new term includes: Anita Washburn, (TX) AVVA Treasurer; Paula Braxton (LA) State Rep-Chapter Rep 852; Theresa Neal, (AR) Chapter POC 808.
- Attended the National VVA Leadership Conference in New Orleans, LA. Continue to work with the states of AR and OK to revive the AVVA Chapters. Listening to our members will be key for this mission.
- Send messages to Region 7 members whether it has to do with Flash News, Veteran information or any updates.
- I sent out reminders to all to keep track of their VISTA hours and to send their form to national. I monitor social media pages to keep tabs of our members and to thank all those of you who stay in touch.
- I continually encourage AVVA chapters to incorporate and direct them to Bobbie Morris, Incorporation Chair for assistance or call me when needed.
- The future holds challenging times and keeping everyone informed is key to the success of our organization. We will have two very important classes with Ms. Kathy Andras who will talk to us about "Heartbreak to Hope, and Ms. Nina Schloffel who will teach us about "Secondary PTSD," during the Texas State Council Meeting in October, 2025. Continue to spread the word to have a Paper Safe session in your chapters.

My goal is to recruit new AVVA members and to revive Region 7. Stay in touch as I will do the same. My door is always open.

Respectfully,

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