

REGION 8 REPORT

10/7/25

I am so excited to report that the trip to Washington State AVVA Chapter 165 was a tremendous success. Ruth Feliciano and I rode 14 hours round trip, within a 24 hour time period, to present their new Charter and flag. Not only were we welcomed with open arms and with respect but were presented with individual Certificates of Appreciation. After the short ceremony, we shared a PowerPoint presentation of the AVVA and VVA accomplishments in Oregon, especially OR805. As the meeting included both VVA and AVVA members, I wanted to give them a broader perspective on the partnership of both chapters successfully working together as one and individually. The PP included fundraising ideas such as the Welcome Home Dinner/Auction, our Moods In Music program, the VVA traveling Memorial Wall and other events/programs that we share. In conclusion, we made many new friends and were welcomed back as soon as we are able.

This next year, I am looking forward to traveling to Alaska to assist with a Spousal and Survivor Benefits Seminar and to revive AVVA chapters that already exist. My goal is to share ideas in the form of PowerPoint presentations from sharing the achievements of other chapters to encouraging unity and increase in membership and fundraising.

I hope this next term brings success and overall expansion for Region 8.

Thank you,

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