

ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTOR Region 7 Report – AUGUST 2024

REGION 7: Greetings!

- Continue to remain in contact with both VVA and AVVA Region 7 Presidents/Chapter Reps to inform them on current updates and let Region 7 Directors for 2023-2025 term, I'm here to assist them. Keep trying to revive AR and OK. Spoke with both states AR and OK and all I have is POCs at the moment. LA and TX AVVA doing well.
- Established the Disciplinary Committee for Region 7, back in April and thank goodness all is well. This committee includes: Kathy Andras, (TX) AVVA Vice President; Paula Braxton (LA) Chapter Rep 852; Theresa Neal, (AR) Chapter POC 808.
- Will attend the Leadership Conference in Reno NV in August 2024, hoping to pick up new AVVA and Dual members.
- Send out messages to Region 7 members whether it has to do with Flash News, Veteran information or any updates. Sent out a newsletter to the AVVA Region 7 to include VVA Region 7 Director and state presidents reminding all to keep track of their VISTA hours and to recognize their members for all awards.
- Sent out information to Region 7 to reinforce the importance of Elections and to send their documents forward. Assisting several chapters in Region 7 to revive them as their Chapter Reps can no longer lead them. Very thankful to those AVVA members stepping up to the plate to lead their members.
- I keep encouraging chapters to incorporate and direct them to Bobbie Morris, Incorporation Chair for assistance or call me when needed.
- Currently, I started ZOOM meetings with Region 7 states. I recently had a ZOOM meeting with Texas and will pursue the following states: AR, OK and LA. I truly believe that communication is vital to a healthy organization.
- With the passing of many members, I ask for prayers or send cards when needed. Please let our members know they are in our thoughts and prayers. We plan on having a "Heartbreak to Hope" session at the Texas State Council in Oct.

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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