

ACCOMPLISHMENTS / ENDEAVORS / EVENTS

AVVA has spent the 6 weeks preparing for the Leadership & Education Conference. We have had online meetings in preparation. A well-executed Conference just doesn't happen, it takes planning. –Sharon

- **PROJECT FRIENDSHIP:** Lighthouse Social Services, Colton, CA. Our goal is \$12,000. Collections will end this Friday morning.
- **CONDOLENCE CARD PROGRAM:** AVVA's Chaplain worked with Father Phil in sending sympathy cards to the families of all reported deceased members of VVA and AVVA. We averaged 80/month. AVVA now includes a small card in each envelope that encourages loved ones to submit their veteran's name to the ***In Memory Registry*** if eligible.
- **PAPER SAFE PROGRAM:** We are currently in our fifth (5) printing of the Paper Safe; AVVA continues to give them without charge to our members and to all veterans.
- **HELPING HANDS GRANT:** (formally Homeless Grant) no applications have been submitted or accepted this term, our program remains active and funded.
- **TWO PARTNERSHIPS:** (1) Military and Veteran Caregiver Network (MVCN) to provide online peer support services to caregiving members. (2) Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) in the repair of the In Memory Plaque.
- **TOXIC EXPOSURE COMMITTEE:** Participated in 32 Faces of Agent Orange Town Hall meetings across the US.
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:**
 - 2-hour Board Orientation during the 2017 October Board meeting in Silver Spring, MD.
 - At-large Elections- online
 - State & Chapter elections review - online
 - "Budgets & Finance" (online)
 - "Electronic Motions" (classroom)
 - Pre-planning for the 2018 National Leadership (online)
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Over 9,800 members; and all-time high.
- **FOUR EDUCATIONAL BROCHURES Available:** added PTSD '2 and Legislative Priorities. Continue supplying Spousal Benefits and Agent Orange to our membership. (Pick up in the AVVA office this week.)
- **WEBSITE:** Over 176,000 visits since its debut in 2013.
- **POLICIES & PROCEDURES:** Numerous policy revisions and/or addition.
- **VISTA PROGRAM:** Continues to thrive. Over 76,000 reported since its introduction in 2014.