



## ***ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.***

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### Online Special Board of Directors Meeting June 3, 2020

#### **Call to Order:**

President Joanna Henshaw called the online meeting of the AVVA Board of Directors to order at 3:00 PM (PDT) on Wednesday June 3, 2020. The meeting was conducted, and the audio recorded, using the GoToMeeting conferencing application. All participants were informed accordingly.

#### **Board of Directors Roll Call:**

Secretary Nina Schloffel called the roll.

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| President: Joanna Henshaw              | Region 4: Susan Henthorn       |
| Vice President: Kaye Gardner - Excused | Region 5: Cecilia Essenmacher  |
| Secretary: Nina Schloffel              | Region 6: Rick Talford         |
| Treasurer: Kathy Andras                | Region 7: Terri Rangel         |
| Region 1: Frances Guevremont           | Region 8: Vacant               |
| Region 2: Bobbie Morris                | Region 9: Tim Von Bon - Absent |
| Region 3: Connie Jones - Absent        |                                |

A quorum was established.

#### **Purpose:**

1. To determine a process for recognizing AVVA awards recipients.
2. To consider a policy proposal as submitted by the Membership Committee.

#### **Awards Recognition:**

Discussion followed on:

- Using video for distance presentation of awards (facilitates recording the events for possible posting on the website).
  - Promoted, supported and attended by home chapter/state members, family and friends.
  - Simultaneously broadcast and recorded at each location.
  - President remotely recognizes each awardee.
  - Onsite representative presents actual award to recipient.
- Developing press releases to hometown newspapers and cable/radio channels. (Media Relations Committee).
  - Work with states and chapters for contacts.



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- Revamping the process for distributing VISTA awards.
  - Mail certificates and pins to persons involved.
  - Plaques to RD or state for presenting to awardees.

### **Prerequisites:**

- Select awardees so communities can be identified.
  - Maintain confidentiality so awardees can be surprised.
  - Cathy Keister award determined by executive board.
- Decide recipients by end of June.
- Meet again about first week of July.
- Training for RD's so awards process can be shared with those affected.
  - Understand using rosters to gather contact and other information.
    - Training for Windows systems on Tuesday, June 9th at 4 PM (PDT).
    - Training for IOS/Mac systems on Thursday, June 11th at 11 AM (PDT).

**Motion (# 1)** – moved by the Membership Committee, no second required, to accept the policy change to Membership, Section 7 to delete forms MEM07.04 and MEM07.06  
**Adopted by unanimous vote (8 - yes, 0 - no)**

### **Other Discussion:**

Region 4 Director, Susan Henthorn, requested assistance from the Helping Hands fund. The funds will be used to bury an indigent veteran. Director Henthorn agreed to submit the Helping Hands application to the treasurer for consideration.

Region 1 Director, Fran Guevremont, shared her frustrations in working with the VA on the Agent Orange Registry and CNP (Compensation and Pensions) issues.

Having no further business, President Henshaw adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM (PDT).

Submitted by,

Nina D. Schloffel  
AVVA National Secretary