

Board of Directors Report April 2020 submitted by F. Guevremont

I set as a goal for Region 1 to increase involvement of members for representative positions.

I am pleased to report that Region 1 will now have two state Representatives.

One , Gloria Mitchell , will replace me as RI state Representative and she will also be the first chapter representative for AVVA for chapter 818 . She has worked hard for many years as a member of chapter 818 so I am very happy that she is taking on the role of state representative and that R.I. will now have two chapter representatives as I will continue as chapter representative for 273 .

In addition, Jim Davis, who has been an active chapter member in the state of Maine has chosen to run again as a chapter representative and he too has agreed to serve as a state representative . So now the state of Maine will not only have a chapter representative they will have a state representative. He is well liked and respected by his members . So I am happy that after speaking to him he agreed to run for both positions. Both Gloria and Jim are running unopposed as I am as well .

In addition, I designed and printed up flyers for an Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for April 25, 2020 in Barrington, RI . I sent out press releases and PSA for our local broadcasting systems . And Mokie placed the event on our National Website .

She was scheduled to be our guest speaker . Senator Reeds office was also notified as we have had tremendous support from his office for our previous two Agent Orange Town Hall meetings that I coordinated and oversaw . (the first two ever held in R.I.) Mokie also provides us with our Vietnam Veterans books and pamphlets .

Our local Veterans Hospital has also been supportive in providing us with pamphlets and items that people enjoy receiving free such as gun locks and info regarding their many programs along with pens etc. . — — We have not decided to cancel the meeting as yet . But if we do, I will alert the public that anyone wishing information about Agent Orange and the research that is taking place regarding how the toxins Veterans were exposed to while serving in Vietnam may have had-a negative health effect on their offspring's and future generations. They will be able to contact me, and they will receive the materials that would have been distributed on April 25 . In event restrictions of ten or less gatherings remains in full force and effect in R.I.

I have also begun the process of trying to update our mailing list . Unfortunately there are people who have passed away but whose name remains on the list.

So for our next Board Report I am hoping to be able to provide a more accurate list of our members.

In addition , we have many members in Region 1 of which we do not have e mail addresses for so I'm hoping in time to send them letters asking if they could provide their E mail addresses so we can more quickly be in touch with them.

Respectfully Submitted

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