

Region 1

During the past three months I have served as co chair on the Survivors Benefits Brochure Committee.

Our committee was able to update the Brochure in a timely manner. With the help of Bobbie Morris who co chaired with me and committee members we redesigned the brochure and added new and additional information to help our Vietnam Veterans military families seeking information; about what might be available to them as to services and benefits .

In addition, the Board of Directors continues to meet virtually as the pandemic continues to rage across the United States. We continue to update our policy and procedures manual that is available on our website. I encourage people to go to the website and review our polices .

I have attended only one State Council Meeting since March . Our Rhode Island Governor continues to request that people only meet with family members and work from home if possible. However, we anticipate to meet soon.

I was able to contact our Rhode Island State Representative. She is doing well and like everyone is awaiting for the vaccine. I have not been able to reach our other State Representative in Region 1. I will continue to reach out.

I am hoping prior to our August convention date that I can speak to a few chapters in person. I would like to encourage our chapters throughout New England to when states allow organizations to meet in person that chapters begin to hold and conduct Survivor Benefit seminars as well as holding Agent Orange Town Hall meetings. Rhode Island has held two Agent Orange Town Hall meetings that I organized and conducted prior to the pandemic . The third was canceled due to Covid.

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