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The biggest topic is trying to remain safe during these troubled times. Our country and the entire world is fighting this virus especially our members who fall into the most dangerous criteria of underlying health issues. I tried to be positive and productive so I sent out information on a “Home Quarantine Shopping List.” I helped to disseminate information from “Flash News” concerning VVA’s “The Veteran” Magazine to receive it online and information New Caregivers Act-Suicide Prevention.

This year, elections were a huge topic. I sent out guidance to some chapters within Region 7, particularly with the definitions of the “Positions” and their “Responsibilities” during elections. Directed them to the national website <http://www.avva.org/documents/general/currentbylaws.pdf>, to better assist them. Worked closely with the state of LA during the election process in order to defuse disciplinary actions. This situation, prompted me to send out an email to remind Region 7 and their chapters to follow their Chain of Command. I reminded the region to first address the issue within your chapter and if their chapter couldn’t help them, then take it to the State and then the Region. I reassured them that I’m here for them.

Sent out a “Call to Action” to assist our members in affected by Hurricane Laura.

Attended an online training reference Rosters and how to better serve the region to separate by state and send the rosters to the State Reps/State President.

Reminded our region to send in their latest By Laws

Send out emails offering our prayers to members affected by COVID-19 and Hurricane Laura and prayers to those who have spouses/family members in ill health. Sent out condolences for those who passed.

Although we find ourselves in challenging times, I made several telephone call to members within Region 7, for encouragement, support, mentoring and to provide guidance for their success. I want Region 7 to know they are doing a great job. Staying in touch makes a difference.

My door is always open.

Respectfully,

Teresa Rangel
Region 7 Director