

Candidate For Region 9 Deputy Director

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My name is Barbara Sue Crego, my friends just call me Sue. I am announcing my candidacy for AVVA Region 9 Deputy Director. I served in this position several years ago when it was an appointed position.

I joined AVVA in 2005 and I'm a life member of chapter 975 in Mohave County, Arizona. I was a founding member of the chapter and the first Chapter Representative. I am currently the State President of AVVA in Arizona. I led the state through the incorporation process in 2013 with lots of help from National AVVA.

I've enjoyed working with and for veterans and their families these past sixteen years in AVVA, especially the Vietnam veteran. My husband Gene is a Vietnam vet who served in the Marine Corp for 21 ½ years and two tours of duty in Vietnam. My cousin died of Agent Orange related cancer and my childhood friend died fighting over there.

This is my way of giving back. I have always known VVA would eventually come to a close but it was always my hope that AVVA would continue on a while longer to continue the legacy helping as many vets and their families as possible. I think this is still doable. We have the experience. Now we must evolve into an organization that takes what we have learned over our many years of service and use it to benefit all veterans.

There are so many 501 c3 organizations today that the competition for funds is very tight. So we need a good solid plan to move forward into the future. We need to build trust with our veterans and other organizations that we can get the job done. We are still very much needed. There is still PTSD to deal with, suicide, sexual trauma, depression, TBI's, and yes Dioxin (AO) is still around. And new problems are coming to light every day. Make your own list. They won't be going away anytime soon.

So for me, I intend to go out fighting all these things any way I can.

Respectfully,

B. Sue Crego

Personal Information:

- Married to Veteran Eugene “Gene” Crego, U.S. Marine Corp 21 ½ years. Two tours in Vietnam. Blended Family: Three sons, two daughters, five grandsons and five granddaughters.

Education:

- Central High School, Columbus, Ohio
- Copper Mountain College, Joshua Tree, CA.

Work History:

- Unit Clerk Riverside Methodist Hospital, Cols. Ohio.
- CNA Training and Certification. Doctors Hospital North, Cols. Ohio.
- Medical Personnel Pool. CNA Palm Desert, CA.
- Business Owner: Cowboy Hat Country Store. Retired in 2010.

Volunteer History:

- 1st. Marine Division Colorado River Association Chapter.
- Toys For Tots Distribution Volunteer
- VFW Member
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 14 Vice President
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 14 Chaplain
- American Legion Riders - Member
- Patriot Guard Riders - Member
- Co-Coordinator Mohave County Veterans Expo and Education Fair 2006
- Arizona Stand Down 2015 - 2016 - 2017 Volunteer
- Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) Member. Representing AVVA AZ.

AVVA History:

- AVVA Member 2005 – Present (Life Member)
- AVVA Chapter Representative, Chapter 975: Founding Chapter Rep. 2006
- AZ State Representative 2008 - 2013
- Elected Interim Arizona State President 2013
- AVVA AZ State President 2014 - 2016
- Vice President, Arizona State Association: 2016 – 2018
- Region 9 Deputy Director (Appointed) 2016 – 2018
- AVVA AZ State President 2018 – To Present
- AVVA AZ Newsletter and Facebook page Editor.
- National Awards Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
- AVVA Secondary PTSD, Facilitator Training Certification Class Online.
- VVA Arizona State Council Board Advisor - Present
- Attended most all Leaderships and Conventions since joining.
- AVVA AZ Legislative Advocate on veterans issues.

Awards:

- VVA National Achievement Medal 2016
- AVVA Certificates (3)
- (Frank) Luke Award 2005 for Legislative Veteran's Advocacy.