

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Vice President. During my tenure as your Treasurer, AVVA raised over \$56,000 for Project Friendship; we added three new contract vendors that not only served our membership's need for logos 'products, but increased income for AVVA as well. We reduced the cost of a Life Membership in AVVA and reduced VVA dual life memberships to \$50. In 2018, we converted AVVA to 501(C) (3) organization.

I have been a member of AVVA since 1997. After joining, I served as the La. Chapter 553 Representative for twelve years and as the Louisiana State Representative for fourteen years. I was elected for four terms to the National Board of Directors as the Region 7 Director. Since 2015, I have held the office of AVVA National Treasurer.



Currently I am serving as the Chairperson of the AVVA Helping Hands Committee and Co-Chair of the VISTA Committee. I am presently a Special Advisor to the VVA Agent Orange and Veterans Against Drugs Committees. In the past, at one time or another, I have chaired the AVVA Disciplinary, Incorporation, Awards and the Election Committees. I also co-chaired the AVVA Scholarship Committee and I served as Treasurer for my chapter's foundation a few years ago.

Dennis and I have been married for 50 years. He served in Vietnam from 1969-1971 with the US Army, 101st Airborne Division attached to the infantry as a forward observer & reconnaissance sergeant for the field artillery. Upon returning home he joined the Louisiana National Guard and was retired medically due to a line-of-duty injury he received while on active military duty with the Guard. We have two sons, Chris and Scott, who also served in the La. National Guard. Scott was deployed to Iraq and he is a decorated Iraq War Veteran. We have four grandchildren.

I have been the recipient of the AVVA Commendation Medal, Chapter 553 AVVA Member-of-the-Year twice, and the LA State Council President Award.

I want to serve as your next National Vice President. AVVA is at a crossroads concerning our future. Decisions and plans must be made to ensure our existence; our Strategic Plan was created and developed for this purpose. The time is at hand to begin implementation.

It has been an honor and pleasure to have served this great organization over these many years, thank you for the trust you have bestowed in me. I am asking for your vote and support once again.

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