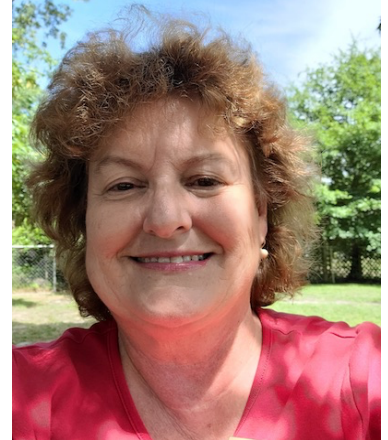


CANDIDATE FOR REGION 3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DEBORAH MUSOLINO NORTH CAROLINA



My name is Deborah (Debbie) Musolino. I am running for the position of AVVA Region 3 Deputy Director. I have served as the NC State AVVA Representative for three terms. Prior to this I served as the AVVA Chapter 885 Representative in Wilmington, NC. I have been an active member/participant of the AVVA for the last 20 years.

Over the years I have organized and/or participated in many activities supporting our veterans and their families. These include fundraisers, delivering meals to grieving families, delivering supplies to Fisher Houses and the Wound Warriors.

I have spent many an hour with grieving widows of our veterans after the loss of their loved one while they navigated their “new normal”. I have visited many nursing homes across North Carolina and our local area visiting veterans.

Over the years I have coordinated workdays for clean-up and repairs to several veteran’s homes. This of course was a huge team effort which improved the quality of their lives. Most recently for a combat nurse who served in Vietnam.

If elected to this position, I will support the AVVA Regional Director and provide input and help whenever it is needed. I will carry out the duties of the position as written in our National By-laws.

I will also provide my opinion and support in a RESPECTFUL manner so we may accomplish our goals. I am a “communicator”. As an AVVA State and Chapter Representative I felt it my duty to take detailed notes and keep the membership informed and up to date on issues and events. I consider myself a TEAM PLAYER. I want to see our organization continue to grow and serve our veterans and their families. I continue to be amazed at the accomplishment of the AVVA thus far and wish to be a small part in the future of the AVVA.

Whether elected or not I will continue to support those who are.

In 2016 I was awarded the AVVA Region 3 Heart and Soul Award.

BACKGROUND, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

I am the proud wife and daughter of veterans. My husband Tony was a career Army Chief Warrant Officer (CID) Vietnam Veteran and Supervisor Criminal Investigator for the Federal Government. He was also Director of Security at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He currently works Pro-Bono as a VA Accredited Claims Agent. We have been married 42 years.

My 100- years old father, is a veteran of World War II. He served in the Army as a Combat Engineer. I am a full-time caregiver for he and my sweet mom. I have one brother. In addition,

I am an incredibly happy and blessed stepmom and step grandmother. We have a loving, close family we see each other as much as possible.

I am originally from Oak Ridge, Tennessee "The Home of the Atomic Bomb". My family is from Tennessee. We later moved to Virginia where I attended college at James Madison University majoring in Business Administration and Art.

I worked for USDA in two Staff Offices of the Secretary for 8 years under several administrations. While working for the Office of the Secretary I received the Assistant Secretary's Award for Excellence in Departmental Administration. Prior to this I worked for the U.S. Forest Service, Office of Information and Education for several years. We have lived in North Carolina for 32 years. I owned and operated a small business for twenty years which I later sold.

In the last year I have worked for two county offices, the Board of Elections and Emergency Management part-time.

I am active in our United Methodist church. I am currently a Circle Leader and serve on the Outreach committee. Over the years I have served on many committees.

I serve on the Board of Directors of our local Humane Society which is near and dear to my heart. We have "rescued" 15 or 16 dogs and cats over the years. We currently have two dogs which are our pride and joy.

We love to travel in our motorhome and during the summer of 2013 we took a trip across the country traveling with friends visiting 35 states.

I welcome the opportunity to serve our AVVA. Thank you for considering me for this position.