



CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT
ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of National Vice President for the 2023 -2025 term. I was elected to the office of National Vice President in 2021. Prior to my election as National Vice President, I served on the National Board as Treasurer and Region 7 Director.

As Vice President, I am an ex-officio member of all AVVA committees. This requires my attendance at numerous virtual and in-person committee meetings. One of my primary objectives is provide the committees with whatever resources are needed to meet their goals. While I am always available to counsel and otherwise assist all Regional Directors, I am also responsible for mentoring new board members. This is an especially rewarding part of my job. Another of my duties is to develop and conduct continuing education programs for the National Board. These included Board and Committee Chair Training and New Board Orientation.

I have been a member of AVVA since 1997. My first role in AVVA was as Chapter Representative for Louisiana Chapter 553. I have held that position for fourteen years. I also served as Louisiana State Rep for fourteen years and was recently re-elected to serve for two more years.

Currently I am serving as the Chairperson for the AVVA Helping Hands Committee and Co-Chair for the VISTA Committee. At the recent Leadership Conference I was the presenter for the VISTA program at our seminar. I am presently a Special Advisor to the VVA Agent Orange and Veterans Against Drugs Committee. In the past I chaired the AVVA Disciplinary, Incorporation, Awards and Election Committees. I also co-chaired the AVVA Scholarship Committee. For my chapter's foundation I was the treasurer in the past.

My husband Dennis and I have been married for 52 years. He served in Vietnam from 1969-1971 with the US Army, 101 Airborne Division attached to the infantry as forward observer & reconnaissance sergeant for the field artillery. Upon returning home Dennis joined the Louisiana National Guard and was retired medically due to a line-of-duty injury. We have two sons Chris and Scott, who also served in the Louisiana National Guard. Scott was deployed to Iraq and 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 three times and the Louisiana State Council President Award.

I want to continue to serve as your National Vice President. AVVA is at a crossroads concerning our future. Decisions and plans are being made to ensure our existence. If re-elected, I will diligently work to implement whatever plans are necessary to guide our organization into the future.

It has been an honor and pleasure to have served this great organization. I would like your support to continue working as your Vice President.

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