

Candidate For Region II Deputy Director

Lori Calamita-Paton

My name is Lori Calamita-Paton and I am running for the position of
AVVA Region II Deputy Director.

I am a life member since 2016. I have served as AVVA Chapter 77
Representative for 6 years and after our incorporation in 2022, I have served as
AVVA Chapter 77 president, now my second term. I am also currently serving a
second term as AVVA NYS president. I have attended several conventions and
leadership conferences.

Over the past nine years, I have worked with our chapter to organize fundraisers,
work in the VVA food pantry, and provide assistance to veterans and their families.

I am married to Bill Paton, a Vietnam Veteran, who is also very involved with
VVA, both in VVA Chapter 77 and state and national levels.

I have an Associate Degree in Human Services and a certificate in Victim
Advocacy. My past volunteer experience includes Niagara Hospice, where I worked
in Bereavement. I was also a volunteer board member and treasurer for Boy
Scout Troop 185 and Cub Scout Pack 185.

Whether elected to this position, or not, I will Continue to work hard to
help veterans and their families.