

Candidate for National Secretary

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I, Nina Schloffel, am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of AVVA National Secretary.

While I am not a veteran, my family has a long history of service to our country. My grandfather and father each retired from the U.S. Navy. One of my brothers is a Marine Corps veteran and the other, a Naval Academy graduate. The family tradition continues with my nephews, two of whom graduated from the Air Force Academy, and now serve our country as commissioned officers.

Prior to becoming the current AVVA National Secretary, I was a chapter representative and the California State Secretary. Subsequent to those offices, I held the offices of California State Vice President, then California State President. I continue to serve veterans, and our organization, on a number of AVVA and VVA chapter, state and national committees. These include chair of AVVA's National Secondary PTSD Program, co-chair of the 'From Heartbreak to Hope' Program and am a contributing member of California's Secondary PTSD Committee.

I retired from the telecommunications industry in 2000. In my 31 years with SBC/ATT, I held various management and supervisory positions. As a supervising manager, I developed budgets and learned to work within their constraints. I also wrote system and operational practices, and developed training. However, the most rewarding job I had was developing the skills of my employees. As National Secretary, I mentor and counsel other board members, as well as, the members of my respective committees. I do not take these responsibilities lightly, and they are responsibilities that I am gratified to fulfil.

During my tenure as AVVA National Secretary, I have been privileged to work with an effective and dedicated board. Together, we have initiated or expanded a number of successful programs. However, proposed changes in AVVA's relationship with VVA require that we do more than just continue with our good works. To remain viable, AVVA must evolve.

As your National Secretary, I believe that I have served competently and with honor. I further believe that I have the skills, and the commitment necessary to promote AVVA's successful transition into the future. I am asking for your vote so that as your National Secretary I may continue to serve you and the organization in ensuring AVVA's continued success.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

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Personal Information:

- Married to Veteran Barry Schloffel, U.S. Air Force 1963 – 1969. Vietnam service, Thon Son Hut Air Base, Saigon 1968-1969
 - Blended Family: Six sons, one daughter, eleven grandsons and one great-grandson

Higher Education:

- Chabot College, Hayward, CA
- University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Work History:

- Telecommunications Industry:
 - Business Office Supervisor
 - Field Operations Manager
 - Staff Manager Operations: Training and Support
 - Analyst: Systems Design, Software Testing & Systems Maintenance
 - Supervising Manager: Systems End User Support
- Consultant: Telecommunications Systems Design - 2001 (Southwest Bell)
- Consultant, Training - 2001- 2002 (Transportation Security Administration)
- Consultant. Training Development, End User Training: 2002 - 2005 (Kaiser Permanente)

Volunteer History:

- Moreau Catholic High School PTG
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Committee Chair/Co-Chair – Annual Golf Tournament (3 years)
- Mountain Women’s Resource Center
 - Peer Counselor /Crisis Line
 - Emergency Response Team
 - Fundraising Committee
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Family Selection Committee
 - Homeowner Support Committee:
 - Training Development and Delivery Lead
 - Family Liaison
- TC Community Collaborative Coalition Behavioral Health – Contributing Member

AVVA History, Chapter and State:

- AVVA Chapter 391
 - Life Member: 2006
 - Chapter Rep: 2008 – 2010
 - Facilitator PTSD’2’ Group: 2015 - 2021
- CA State Association
 - Secretary: 2007 – 2014
 - Chair: PTSD’2’: 2009 - 2022
 - Facilitator PTSD’2’ Group: 2009 - 2022
 - Vice President: 2014 – 2019
 - President: 2019 – 2020
 - Vice President: Present
 - Board Member: Present
 - Facilitator PTSD’2’ Group: Present

AVVA History, National:

- Chair Disciplinary Committee: 2009 – 2017
- Co-Chair: Disciplinary Committee: 2017 – 2019
- Co-Chair PTSD ‘2’ Program: 2015 – 2019
- Chair PTSD ‘2’ Program: 2019 – Present
- Co-Chair, Training Coordinator ‘From Heartbreak to Hope’ Program: Present
- Secretary, Pro-Tem: 2016
- Secretary: 2017 – Present
- Co- Presenter, PTSD ‘2’: 2016 Tucson Leadership & Education Conference
- Co- Presenter, PTSD ‘2’: 2018 Palm Sprgs Leadership & Education Conference
- Presenter, PTSD ‘2’: 2022 Greenville Leadership & Education Conference
- Co- Presenter, ‘From Heartbreak to Hope’:

VVA Committees:

- PTSD and Substance Abuse Committee, AVVA Advisor: 2017 – Present
- Minority Affairs Committee, AVVA Advisor: 2017 – Present
- Veterans Against Drugs Committee, Member: 2024 - Present

Awards:

- AVVA Member of the Year: 2015
- AVVA President’s Commendation Medal: 2019
- VVA Honorary Life Member, VVA Chapter 400: 2021