



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.
AVVA National Membership Committee Report
April 1, 2026

AVVA Membership Committee Members 2025-2027 Term:

Joanne Blum, AVVA National Treasurer

Tony Gigli, AVVA Region 5 Director

Wynella Bethards, AVVA Region 3 Director

Terri Rangel, AVVA Region 7 Director, Membership Chair

Accomplishments:

- Committee members, it's an honor to serve as your AVVA National Membership Chair. This team strives to educate and provide assistance with to members throughout the country.
- On a daily process, we receive/reply to the many inquiries regarding membership. Email rosters are the main requests. Maintaining a log for these queries helps to keep track of them and follow up, and this also ensures members receive their rosters. It's a constant reminder to those who request rosters to be patient as the National Membership office controls all requests both VVA and AVVA and rosters are updated every 30 days.
- VVA members also request AVVA rosters from their Chapters. The AVVA Membership committee has to educate those requesting rosters that only AVVA Officers, State or Chapter Reps/Presidents are the only members who can request/receive their rosters. There are exceptions to the rule that require higher approval by AVVA National. My recommendation to all is to **send in your email requests right after elections.**
- We are in election year, and it's imperative to send in your email requests right after elections and keep your Region Directors; Nancy Montgomery-AVVA National Elections Chair; and Suzie Meeks-AVVA National Database Chair, informed to ensure we have the correct names for State/Chapter Presidents and State/Chapter Reps. We work closely with Bobbie Morris, Chair of AVVA Incorporation, to verify members are on the rosters.
- President Sharon Hobbs, lets me know when some of the VVA Chapters have their Charters Revoked. These next few years, there will be several VVA Chapters closing. We will remain busy sending out letters to AVVA members in those chapters to let them know they can join another close by chapter or go at large.

Thank you all for your patience and I will assist you to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,

Teresa Rangel

AVVA National Membership Chair