

Spousal and Survivor Benefits Committee

Eastern Regions 1,2,3,4,5

Co-Chair, Beverly Pounds

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The Spousal and Survivor Benefits Seminar which was presented at our National Leadership Conference in Reno, Nevada, August 21, 2024, was a great success.

Jennifer Ellis Co-Chair for Regions 6,7,8,9 and I were inspired to see the interest and support in the attendance for our seminar.

Jack McManus, our National VVA President, announced during the conference we are losing 853 veterans a day. As painful as this is this tells us how important it is to have Spousal and Survivor Benefit programs in our communities. With 853 new families plus the survivors we already have. We have a great need in each of our communities.

If your chapter wishes to sponsor a Spousal and Survivor Benefits program and you need help, please contact your Region co-chair. We are here to help.

Along with our committees we have the revised Spousal and Survivor Benefits brochure available. The new brochure goes hand in hand with our Paper Safes.

Be sure to order the brochures and Paper Safes well in advance for your meetings.

A special thanks to National AVVA Secretary Nina Schloffel for all her help putting our seminar presentation together.

Special Advisors Nancy Switzer, Kathy Andres and Margret Wojciechowicz. Eastern Regions committee members Kim Biddle and Ann Rice.

A Special Thank you to Sharon Hobbs our National AVVA President for supporting and making the Spousal and Survivor Benefits Program a priority.

Continuing to create a better everyday life for our Veterans and their families