



*ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.*

AVVA National Awards Committee Co-Chair

October 2020

Co-Chair for AVVA National Awards Committee:

As Co-Chairs for the AVVA National Awards Committee, we recognized our AVVA members who continue to do great work. We sent out the announcements to all AVVA members for national nomination awards and received good feedback.

We received four (4) nominations for the AVVA Member of the Year Award, two nominations for the Fellowship Award and three (3) nominations for the Cathy Keister Award. We reviewed the Member of the Year and Fellowship nominations and gave our recommendation for the Cathy Keister nominees as the AVVA executive officers made the final choice. The winners will be announced in the online "The VVA Veteran."

Together with Rick and myself, we agreed to examine and redo the criteria portion for all awards. This will allow our members to know exactly what we are looking for in a nominee and they can focus on the work being done by our members. The response back in April was good but we know there are many more that can be recognized so we will try to make this process easier.

Please don't wait until our deadline (May 10<sup>th</sup>) to submit nominations as you can go to the national website: <http://www.avva.org/awards.html> to begin considering who you want to submit. Let's recognize our members!

Respectfully,

Teresa Rangel  
AVVA National Awards Committee  
Co-Chair

Rick Talford  
AVVA National Awards Committee  
Co-Chair