



Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc

AVVA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 12, 2021

We have all most certainly had a most challenging year! Now that we can see a light at the end of the tunnel, I cannot stress enough that we must all keep being careful and staying safe, just for a little bit longer. Even with the vaccines, the covid variants require vigilance. Please everyone, stay careful.

Since the January report, I have:

- Presided over one online board meeting, and one online committee meeting.
- Participated in three electronic motions with the BOD
- Attended three VVA online meetings: One regarding the new convention decisions, and two regular BOD meetings.
- Worked with scholarship committee members to complete our recommendations for the BOD regarding the new Scholarship Program.
- Updated forms and documents as needed for convention and other uses.
- Reviewed and approved several invoices for services (such as member renewal notices, new member cards, new brochures) and created templates for obtaining estimates for convention materials.
- Resolved organizational billing issues directly related to the effects of the pandemic on postal services and bad contact information.
- Participated in policy proposals as requested or required.
- Participated in convention planning as a member of the VVA Convention Planning Committee.
- Written and mailed thank you cards for donations made through independent charity organizations.
- Reviewed all Budget to Actual monthly reports for accuracy.
- Answered countless emails letters, and phone calls from members and business contacts, as well as responding to several letters sent in the mail.
- Written a VVA board report, AVVA board report, committee reports, Veteran Magazine article.
- Participated with the board in making decisions regarding the changes in the convention dates, and document deadlines.
- Met by phone with the VVA/AVVA IT person in charge of the web site server to discuss setting up our Secure Server Certificate on our website to improve the security of various services. This has been completed.
- Attended demonstration of possible new donation processing company and prepared a recommendation for the board.
- Prepared meeting agenda for April BOD.
- Prepared the final version of the Project Friendship flyer to be published on our website and in the veteran magazine. (After input from the PMR Committee chair)
- Researched materials for convention i.e. convention bags, badge holders, etc.



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Our Elections Committee Chair, Nancy Montgomery and our Data Base Manager, Suzie Meeks have been working to get the thorns trimmed out of our election results and related chapter and state documentation so that our Elections Database is as accurate as possible as of April 9. If there are any further questions or problems that turn up before convention, we will have to work them out on a case-by-case basis. We have truly given every opportunity possible for people to hold their elections and to return their results properly. Thank you to these two for all the work they have done!

We have not had the ability to hold meetings or events for a year now, except online meetings. With the cooperation and out-of-the-box thinking from our different levels of leadership we have been able to get things done, even in this insane environment we have been dealing with. Much of this last three months has been a waiting game, while details of how to hold our 2021 convention were debated. Both VVA and AVVA are seeking to be as fair and accommodating to our members as is possible in these times. Please watch your flash notices in your emails, (check your spam regularly) and watch for emails from your regional directors and officers over the next couple of months. New details will also be posted on the AVVA website (avva.org/convention.html) as they become available.

Respectfully,


AVVA National President