



## ***AVVA PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2023***

First of all, I want to thank all of you who prayed for me and who called to check on me during my COVID episode. I was affected by the virus for a couple of weeks but I am much better now and it's back to work as usual.

Since returning from the convention, I have been busy with immediate things.

- Answered scores of emails, phone calls, and the returned voicemails.
- We approved the convention business meeting minutes through an e-vote process, the minutes from the final board last term, and the first meeting of the new board. The appointment of the national parliamentarian, committee chairs, and AVVA advisors were accepted by the board during the immediate meeting after the elections.
- Held one online meeting with the officers.
- Worked with the Membership Chair to create a letter that will be sent to all AVVA members whose VVA Chapter have decided to dissolve.
- Wrote one (1) article for the Veteran magazine.
- Developed a new Elections Report form to include election-by-acclamation.
- Wrote one (1) AVVA Board report
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- Reconciled credit card receipts
- Attended the local AVVA meetings where I serve as the Secretary.
- Attended the local VVA chapter meeting in September
- Developed the agenda for the upcoming October Board meeting.
- Finalized the new-board orientation agenda
- Developed the list of the AVVA Board Members who will serve as VVA Committee Advisors



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During the October Board meeting in Silver Spring, MD, we will begin making plans for the 2024 Leadership and Education Conference in Reno, NV. AVVA will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the conference. At that time, we will also begin our budget process for the upcoming year.

Once again it is almost time for at-large, state, and chapter elections. January through June in even-numbered years has been designated our election period. Regional Directors will be standing by to assist states and chapters with the procedure.

Jack McManus, the reelected VVA President, will be our VVA Advisor for this term. I am very pleased to be working with him. Barbara Miller will return as the National Parliamentarian.

I look forward to a productive and exciting term with AVVA.

*Sharon Hobbs*