



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR
Region 7 Report – October 2026**

REGION 7: Dear AVVA Members!

- Tenacity pays! I'm glad to announce we have a new State Rep in AR as we haven't had any representation in over 6 years. Ms. Theresa Neal is the new AVVA AR State Rep and I know she will continue to do great work with her state. Additionally, I'm working with the OK VVA State President who will revive the AVVA Chapters in OK. AVVA TX and LA are very active and doing well. I know communication with both VVA and AVVA Region 7 members, will assist in the growth of Region 7.
- Great news, congratulations to the state of LA as they have incorporated. Great job LA! Anita Washburn, AVVA Region 7 Deputy, attended the LA State Council to deliver their Charter and AVVA Flag in June 2026. Paula Braxton and her team will do an awesome job! Thank you Anita for stepping up to the plate and work with our LA team!
- Continue to scrub the email list for each state (AR, OK, LA, TX) to send out messages to Region 7 members whether it has to do with Flash News, Veteran information or any updates. Send out periodic newsletters during the holidays and special events for AVVA. Remind all to keep track of their VISTA hours and to recognize their members for all awards.
- Have not given up on Zoom meetings to meet with the states. Now that we have new AVVA State representation, we will focus on Zoom meetings to conduct business. I am tenacious and will continue this venture to keep members informed in every aspect of our programs. Listening to our members will be key for this mission.
- There are no Disciplinary actions for Region 7. The committee for the new term includes: Anita Washburn, (TX) AVVA Treasurer; Paula Braxton (LA) State President-Chapter Rep 852; Theresa Neal, (AR) Chapter POC 808.
- Attended the National VVA Leadership Conference in New Orleans, LA. Coordinated and executed the Texas State Council in October and it was a huge success despite government shutdown. Hosting the Texas State Council in April 2027 is tentative
- Send reminders for Awards, VISTA, Membership, Elections and any other info to conduct business. I continually encourage AVVA chapters to incorporate and direct them to Bobbie Morris, Incorporation Chair for assistance or call me when needed.

My goal is to recruit new AVVA members and to revive Region 7. Stay in touch as I will do the same. My door is always open.

Respectfully,

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