

***REGION 4 PROGRESS REPORT
APRIL, 2024 - JULY, 2024***

April, 2024

I attended the AVVA Chapter 1059 meeting where we discussed at length their intent to incorporate. We discussed that it involves a commitment from membership and a need for four officers.

May, 2024

Attended Chapter 1059 AVVA meeting and updated the chapter on the information shared at the national meeting in April.

Also attended VVA Chapter 1059 regarding the information from national.

Travelled to Macon, GA to attend the VVA/AVVA state meeting. On Friday night, I had the opportunity to speak at length with the incoming AVVA Georgia state rep and was able to quell many of her concerns.

On Saturday am. I was able to swear in the new Georgia state rep, Brenda Nix. I am pleased to announce that she plans to attend the Leadership conference.

I have been in contact with a social worker from one of our local hospitals. I shared with her the need for the intake form (for Emergency Room) to include a line that asks, "Are you a veteran?" I also suggested to ask the patient if they are suffering from PTSD. It's a pertinent question since I witnessed a vet having an attack. (The staff had no idea what was happening.)

June, 2024

Via zoom, I was able to attend the AVVA Chapter 1059 meeting. We continued to discuss the progress being made for incorporation.

Via zoom, I was able to participate in the AVVA Florida Association meeting being held in Lake Mary Marriott. I shared the information from national and I was sworn in as AVVAFA Vice President.

All election information was forwarded to national membership chair.
I am pleased to state that we now have a chapter rep in Alabama.

July, 2024

Attended the AVVA Chapter 1059 meeting and since all incorporation paperwork was completed, the new chapter officers were sworn in.

I had the opportunity to speak with the chaplain at a local hospital. I shared that, like many hospitals, there was no flag indicating the patient was a veteran. The next day, there was an American flag, branch of service flag and a thank you for your service card on the table. He shared there was a breakdown in communication since these items should routinely be distributed.

Participated in a AVVAFA zoom meeting.

Reno Leadership attendance: I am pleased to share that we have eight members from Florida, one from Georgia and one from Mississippi. :)

(My progress this quarter is slim. It is the result of a fall that caused a radical surgery which left me incapacitated for four weeks.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Newman
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