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AVVA REGION 9 **ACTION IN THE REGION**– AUGUST 2024

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ELECTIONS

I ATTENDED AZ, CA, AND NV ELECTIONS.

June 8, 2024, CA State Council Elections took place. Steve Mackey and Mike Kennedy graciously agreed to chair the state elections. Our New Officers include:

Michelle Mackey: Our **new president** brings a *wealth of experience and dedication* to the role.

Kelly Frederickson: As the **vice president**, Kelly, currently serves as AVVA Region 9 Director and brings experience and dedication to the vice president role.

Margie Young: Margie *comes with a wealth of experience* as our former **secretary**, and will continue to keep meticulous records, manage communications, and contribute significantly to our organizational efficiency.

Shirley Hunter: Shirley *comes with a wealth of experience* as our former **treasurer**, and will be responsible for financial matters.



AVVA CA Officers Having Fun

June 22, 2024, I attended the AVVA AZ State Council Meeting. Acting President Nancy Briggs opened the AVVA meeting and introduced me to the members. I spoke to the chapter for approximately twenty minutes. I was thankful that I had the opportunity to visit and greet everyone. Overall, I took the opportunity to let AZ chapter presidents and representatives know that AVVA and I were there for them. I actively participated by purchasing a bag of handmade AVVA/VVA key chains from their AVVA

AZ State Fundraiser. *The visit was successful, elections were accomplished and I met a group of wonderful, Veteran AVVA members.* Our New Officers include:

Nancy Briggs: Our **new president** brings a *wealth of experience and dedication* and has served as our former Arizona Vice President.

Kathy Kirtley: Kathy continues as the Arizona **Vice President** and *brings a wealth of experience* and dedication to the vice president's role.

Barbara Sue Crego: Sue will serve as Arizona's **Secretary** and *comes with a wealth of experience* as Arizona's former President.

Barbara Sue Crego: Sue will also fill the **Treasurer** role.



June 1, 2024, I attended the AVVA NV State Election Meeting. The meeting was somewhat unique and I had the privilege to experience a wonderful team coming together as state officers. Our New Officers include:

Brigitte Stafford: Our **new president** brings a *wealth of experience and dedication* to the role.

Antonio Perry: As the **vice president**, Antonio is very enthusiastic and will play a crucial role in supporting the president and ensuring the smooth functioning of our activities.

Deanna Perry: Our **secretary** *comes with a wealth of experience.*

Joanna Henshaw: Our **treasurer**, as former AVVA NV president Joanna *comes with a wealth of experience* and will be responsible for financial matters.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our officers for their tireless efforts and commitment. Your dedication will be instrumental in achieving AVVA's goals. I extend my sincere appreciation for stepping up to serve AVVA. Your willingness to take on these responsibilities is commendable, and I look forward to working closely with you.

***The Wall That Heals (TWTH)* coming to an AVVA Chapter near you!**

Currently, I am representing AVVA Chapter 582 by joining the VVA Chapter 582 Steering Committee in bringing TWTHs to three counties in Northern CA.

VVA/AVVA have just started to raise funds and we currently have over \$12,000. I have created a PowerPoint (below) to present to potential sponsors. We are approaching Sierra Nevada, Senior Communities, Discovery Shoppe, Elks Lodge, and the chicopower100 women among other local sponsors.

Please view the letter below, this is a great and EXTREMELY effortless way to gain **\$10,000** for your incorporated states and chapters.

chicopower100women

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WEBSITE: [Power of 100+ Women Chico](#)

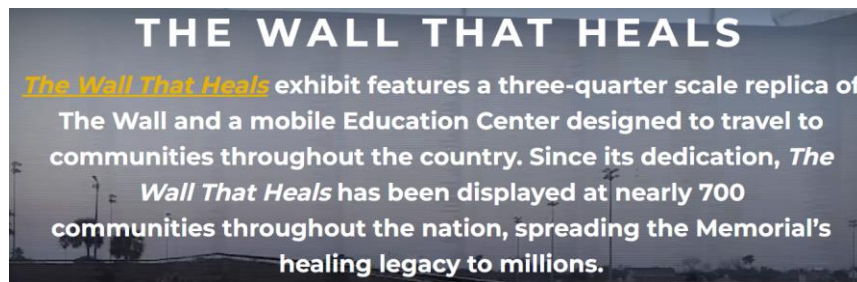
GOOD NEWS - *chicopower100* women's organization has approved VVA Chapter 582's application for the November 2024 drawing!

Please access the links below for *additional* information on *TWTHs*
PowerPoint

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/33rp5bc5dzuprhuaackbt/THE-WALL-THAT-HEALS-VVA-582-FOR-Power-of-100-M-Women-Chico.pptx?rlkey=vogfj6gb69a2pvk2b8il9f5zp&st=tgew6kh8&dl=0>

Website

The Wall That Heals - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
(vvmf.org)



THE WALL THAT HEALS VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/Vs1ljw5JPZ8?feature=shared>

VVA MEMORIAL FUND - WEBSITE

<https://www.vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals/>

THE WALL THAT HEALS - ENDING VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIc-XBleOho>