

Barbara Coan
Region 6 Director Report
November 2022 – April 2023

November Board Meeting in Silver Springs, Maryland Sharon Hobbs swore me in as the new Region 6 Director at Rick Talford resigned. Since that time, I have sent letters to each VVA State President and the VVA Region 6 Director to introduce myself. I also contacted AVVA Representatives or POC's from each state of which I had information for. I held a PTSD '2' support group meeting on Fridays.

December I held PTSD '2' support group meetings every Friday for two weeks and the group decided to take a break for the holidays.

January there was not much going on for the Region. I have been attending local VVA Chapter meetings in Lebanon, Missouri, and plan on trying to make other Chapter meetings as I find out where and when they are meeting.

February: I attended the monthly VVA Chapter 1014 meeting in Lebanon, Missouri. At that meeting Martha (Marty) Yoshida was nominated and accepted to be POC for AVVA members. There are only a few members and since she became a member after elects she agreed to be the point of contact. She also stated she would be at the VVA State Council Meeting in March. Was contacted by James Kimbro VVA Chapter 1056 to discuss how their AVVA members can become more involved and possibly may be interested in incorporating. I also attended the Green County Missouri VA Advisory meeting which meets quarterly to discuss ways to help veterans in the county. I am on the Advisory board representing AVVA and the office I work for VVA Chapter 317 VSO Office in Springfield, MO.

March: On the 4th attended VVA Missouri State Council Meeting and gave a report on our upcoming National Convention. Marty Yoshida attended the meeting representing AVVA Chapter 1014 POC. I also put the word out we need more chapters in Missouri to participate. I plan on working with the chapters in Missouri with Fran Davis our AVVA State Representative and the other states in my region to elect at least a POC and build from there. March 13th I attended VVA Chapter 1014 in Lebanon, MO. March 14th attended the DAR Presentation to all VVA Chapters in Missouri held at the capital in Jefferson City as they recognized Vietnam Veterans and their contribution to America. It was a very nice ceremony and luncheon.

April I have been busy working on finding AVVA Chapter Representative and POC's in each state. As of date Missouri and Wisconsin are the only states who are sending delegates to the Convention. I am also preparing for the upcoming BOD meeting on April 21-22 in Silver Springs, Maryland. I have been in contact with VVA Region 6 Director John Margowski and plan on attending the upcoming VVA Region 6 Meeting in Johnson, Iowa to be held on May 19-21. I have asked John to place me on the schedule to hold a meeting for AVVA members. I plan on sharing our programs and giving them an overview and hopefully get more to participate in them.

Respectfully submitted,

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