

AVVA Region 6 Report May-July 2023

May 8, 2023: Attended VVA Chapter 1014 in Lebanon, Missouri for dinner and a meeting.

May 19-21, 2023: Attending VVA Region 6 Conference in Johnson, Iowa. VVA Vice President Tom Burke gave an excellent report on the plans for the future of VVA and that for now there are plans for two more Conventions and that it is important to get as many delegates as possible to the Convention to be held in Florida in August. There are many resolutions to be voted on. John Margowski decided to help AVVA with Project Friendship and held a silent auction of items that were donated. I brought a clock made by one of our clients 22 a day Suicide Prevention Clock and overall raised \$380. Region 6 sent another check in the amount of \$150 of funds that were left over which was very generous of them. I gave a mini seminar on all our programs, and it was well received. I also put packets together with our history, who we are, applications, and programs, it was well received, and stressed how important it is to build our membership. States in attendance were Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Minnesota does not have a state council, so no representation was there as well as South Dakota and North Dakota. After the meeting there was a tour of the Gold Star Military Museum after the meeting. Interesting and it covered all wars and conflicts.

June 1, 2023: Attended the VA Vet Center Advisor Board meeting. Talked about our Project Friendship and explained how important it is to have Veterans register their children and grandchildren especially those with learning disabilities or birth defects. Gave a run-down presentation about all our programs. There were four members present. I was to get a synopsis of the meeting but have yet to get that report.

June 3, 2023: I was not able to attend VVA MO State Council Meeting due to having surgery the day before. I was in touch with Charlie Stapleton the State Council President as the funding to send Fran Davis AVVA MO State Representative was tabled until October. I explained to Charlie it is important for her to attend as our delegate as we have many bylaws up for consideration. The question was on if it was legal for the State Council to give funds to AVVA. This is under review and hopefully will be resolved so Fran can attend.

June 4, 2023: I attended Kansas VVA State Council Meeting held via Zoom. I went over all the programs presented. Talked about Project Friendship and asked that they take it back to their chapters for possible donations. Talked about the convention and bylaws which will be presented. I did send a packet home from the Region 6 Conference for Linda Sears who is the POC for Kansas. Will be working with her to get information and hopefully next year have a State Representative elected for Kansas. VVA Kansas City State President Roland Mayhew is supportive of AVVA.

June 12, 2023: Attended VVA Chapter 1014 in Lebanon dinner and meeting.

June 26, 2023: Attended a special VVA MO State Council meeting via Zoom with the outcome of their voting to fund AVVA MO State Representative as a line item. Fran Davis the AVVA MO State Representative will now be able to attend the National Convention in August.

July 4-8, 2023: Attended the Webster County Fair here in Missouri. There was a dedication to all Veterans who have served this great county and have ensured our freedom. Also, a special thank you to all those who are serving today especially those separated from their families. Afterward, enjoyed a wonderful display of fireworks.

July 10, 2023: Attended VVA Chapter 1014 in Lebanon dinner and meeting.

July 11, 2023, Attended GoToMeeting with AVVA National Board of Directors to prepare for the upcoming National Convention to be held in Orlando Florida August 7-13.

Respectfully submitted,

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