

ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR Region 7 Report – OCT 2024

REGION 7: Hello Everyone!

- Sent an email to both VVA and AVVA Region 7 Presidents/Chapter Reps to touch base and remind them I'm here to assist with any AVVA matters in Region 7. VVA: Bill Stepp, TX President; Terry Courville, VVA Region 7 and LA President; Lew Broughton, OK President; Mike Hicks, AR President. AVVA: Paula Braxton, LA State Rep; Theresa Neal, AR POC and Karen Vollman, OK POC.
- Was elected for AVVA Texas State President. Will include Zoom meetings to meet with the states. Held one Zoom meeting with Texas and had 6 folks in attendance. It's a new idea and will be challenging but will pursue this with all the States in Region 7.
- To date there are no Disciplinary actions for Region 7. This committee includes: Kathy Andras, (TX) AVVA Vice President; Paula Braxton (LA) State Rep-Chapter Rep 852; Theresa Neal, (AR) Chapter POC 808.
- Attended the National VVA Leadership Conference in Reno NV. Still working the state
 of AR and OK to revive the AVVA Chapters.
- Continue to send messages to Region 7 members whether it has to do with Flash News, Veteran information or any updates.
- I sent out reminders to all within our region to keep track of their VISTA hours and continue to send their form to national. I monitor social media pages to keep tabs of our members and I thank all those of you who kept in touch.
- I keep encouraging chapters to incorporate and direct them to Bobbie Morris, Incorporation Chair for assistance or call me when needed.
- With the passing of many members, I ask for prayers or send cards when needed. Please let our members know they are in our thoughts and prayers. Ms. Kathy Andras will teach a class on Heartbreak to Hope during the Texas State Council Meeting in October 25, 2024. Continue to spread the word to have a Paper Safe session in their chapters.

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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