

## PROGRESS REPORT

Region 4 - August 14 to October 18, 2023

Shared the notes I compiled for national awards and emailed to my successor.

Made contact with VVA presidents from Mississippi and Alabama. Advised of my position and availability to assist in any way.

Spoke with Region 4 VVA Director. He's planning a Region 4 meeting in March. I advised I am available to help in any way.

Reviewed Region 4 rosters. Per elections chair, there are no chapter reps/POC's in either state. It is my goal to pursue this and bring them on board to share the vision of AVVA. Many phone numbers and emails were not in service. I left messages with those whom I could.

Appointed Incarcerated committee members: Col Bob Adelheim, Chapter 1080 in FL (dual member); Sandra Womack, TX; she's been working with a chapter in Texas for 25 years and Hope Summers, former Region 3 director and incarcerated committee chair.

Appointed Region 4 Disciplinary committee. Brenda Nix, GA, Sandra Colson, FL and Mary Johnson, FL.

Chapter 789 in Georgia contacted me in reference to incorporating their chapter. They have been in contact with Incorporation chair and have submitted initial paperwork. They are also interested in working forward to incorporate AVVA Georgia state. I've made contact with Georgia rep who is working with them to bring this to fruition.

Met with our local VSO. By working with a veteran's widow, I've learned that there are doctors in our area who are unfamiliar with the presumptives of Agent Orange and including this as "contributing factors" on the death certificate. My suggestion was the potential of in house training for the physicians.

Reviewed AVVA national P&P especially the sections detailing At large elections and chapter elections which will be held in April.

Attended VVA/AVVA Florida state meeting. I met with Incarcerated committee members where they discussed the future of VICJs.

Respectfully submitted,  
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