



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR
Region 7 Report – OCT 2023

REGION 7: Hello Everyone!

- Sent emails to both VVA and AVVA Region 7 Presidents/Chapter Reps to inform them I'm the Region 7 Director for 2023-2025 term, and let them know I'm here to assist them. VVA: Buddy Farina, TX President; Terry Courville, LA President; Lew Broughton, OK President; Mike Hicks, AR President. AVVA: Suzie Meeks, TX President; Kathy Andras, LA State Rep; Theresa Neal, AR POC.
- Established the Disciplinary Committee for Region 7. This committee includes: Kathy Andras, (TX) AVVA Vice President; Paula Braxton (LA) Chapter Rep 852; Theresa Neal, (AR) Chapter POC 808.
- Attended the National VVA-AVVA National Convention in Orlando FL. Made a contact with an AVVA member from AR and encouraged her to run for State Rep to revive the state of AR and will keep her under my wing. Working on Oklahoma.
- Continue to send messages to Region 7 members whether it has to do with Flash News, Veteran information or any updates.
- Travelled to the Louisiana State Council withing Region 7 to meet with AVVA members to get feedback and make Face-to-Face contact to help out with any issues they might have. I also gave them a Membership Class to include packets with forms needed for their operations.
- 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.

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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