

**ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA IS PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE OUR LUNCHEON SPEAKER FOR THE 2022 LEADERSHIP &
EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN GREENVILLE, SC**

Sharon Hodge, Director for Policy and Government Affairs for Vietnam Veterans of America, was promoted to her new position 2021, and served in her previous positions as Deputy Director for Policy and Government Affairs since 1995.



She develops legislative and regulatory strategies at the national level and advises the Director on issues concerning veterans' advocacy programs, legislative issues and strategies based on Convention resolutions, National board directives, and policy decisions. Ms. Hodge works tirelessly as an advocate on behalf of our nation's veterans. Among her many accomplishments, she established a grassroots online advocacy network and effectively recruited more than 2000 legislative coordinators, and she organized a grassroots advocacy campaigns in 2000 for enactment of the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act. P.L. 107-95 and in 2016 for enactment of the Toxic Exposure Research Act 2015, included in P.L. 114-315 Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016. She also served as Commissioner for the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs for five years. In her tenure as a Commissioner was instrumental in establishing a VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Gaithersburg, Maryland and in 2018 was honorably recognized by Hill Vets 100 for her advocacy, compassion and respect for veterans especially Vietnam veterans. She has two children and currently resides in Silver Spring, Maryland and attends Montgomery County Maryland Community College.

Ms. Hodge is the recipient of the 2019 Certification of Appreciation, Wash., D.C., VA Medical Center; 2019 Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Brain trust Award; 2017 VVA the Commendation Medal from National President; Vietnam Veterans of America; 2015 AVVA Fellowship Award, from National President Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America; 2005 Certificate of Appreciation from National President; Vietnam Veterans of America; a 2005 Certificate of Appreciation from Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America; a 2000 Certificate of Appreciation from the Washington, DC VAMC Winterhaven; a 2000 Certificate of Appreciation from Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America; a 1999 Certificate of Appreciation from the VVA Nebraska State Council; the 1998 The Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award; and the 1997 Government Affairs Special Recognition Award, from Vietnam Veterans of America.