



AVU Area 1 participated in the 81st Santa Maria Elks Parade on Saturday, July 1st in Santa Maria. Members including Area 1 BOD decorated the float which was #27 in the Parade.



**This is what the Announcer said about AVU:** *The American Veterans United founded in 2012, is a local nonprofit Veterans Organization that helps all veterans obtain benefits and helps process claims thru the VA system. They hold regular meetings and hosts events and fundraisers. For additional information visit their website [avuinc.org](http://avuinc.org).*



**Clettus McDonell, Vice President was interviewed during the parade.**

**Highlights of the parade was on several Santa Maria/San Luis Obispo local news channels.**