

MESSAGE FROM THE SC STATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

It has been a Month since I attended My First Leadership Conference as Your State Council President in Arlington, Va October 21st thru 25th, 2025. I thought it appropriate to try and brief Everyone on the results of My Journey in this process. I will not go through the day-by-day agenda but only try to highlight the important items that I feel are important.

As of October 2025, there are 93,378 Vietnam Veterans of America Members on the National Register, and We continue to grow, signing up new Members Monthly. There are 11,600 AVVA Members Nationally 929 VVA Members are also Members of the AVVA. There are 544 VVA Chapters across the United States and Puerto Rica, with 44 State Councils Nationally. Some States do not have a State Council, only Chapters.

The National VVA HQ has a budget of 8.9 million dollars for 2025. As of 10/24/2025, 6 million of this budget has been expended. National VVA HQ has their monies invested with a Charles Schwab Investment Broker, with a return of 3.7% in safe investments over a 6-month period for 2025. Our total National assets total fourteen million dollars. Our Broker says that we are in decent shape, but there are concerns; one of which is the tariffs imposed, revenues are 15% behind projected outcomes (budgeted). National Leaders are looking for new sources of income/donors. Household Goods Program continues to grow, with a better out. k for the future.

There are 23 VVA National Committees that support “ALL” Veterans; regardless of Veterans age and or War they participated in!! All forty-four of the State Council Presidents participate in one or more of these Committees and help shape the result for success. Each Committee has a chairperson selected from and by the State Council Presidents. The Committees are as follows; Agent Orange, Constitution, Convention/Conference Planning, Finance, Government Affairs, Homeless Veterans, Legacy Taskforce, Membership, Minority Affairs, National Disciplinary, Pow/Mia, PTSD & Substance Abuse, Public Affairs, Veterans Against Drugs, Veterans Benefits, Veterans Health Care, Veterans in The Justice System, VA Voluntary Service, Women Veterans, Convention Rules, Credentials, Elections, Resolutions. I have listed all the Committees so that you understand and realize how involved the National VVA HQ is in Serving Our Veteran Community, both on a local Level, State and National levels by lobbying in Congress.

Tom Burke (Our National VVA President) will be hosting a Leadership Conference

July/August 2026 time limit to finally receive input from all 44 State Council

Presidents, Board of Directors, and the National Leadership on the VVA’s Legacy. During this

Leadership Conference in 2026, it will hopefully be decided on what Our next step will be, as we as an organization continue to age; to present to the Delegates at the next National Convention in 2027. The National Leadership wants to set an exact date for us to no longer exist and fade away; whereas the State Council Presidents want to have a natural mechanism, whereby when Our National VVA Membership decreases to a point where it is very obvious, we are losing Members due to age, a date would be set by the Delegates for us to pass Our Legacy on to a successor Organization. We as State Council Presidents feel that if we continue to grow in Membership, (as the numbers of New Members currently show) Nationally, that we stay as we are Vietnam Veterans of America. It is the belief of the State Council Presidents that Our VVA Organization has a strong advocate voice in Congress, which must continue to ensure “ALL” Veteran Groups receive the benefits they deserve.

It is my sincere hope that all the above information has made each of you realize how important Our Organization is to Past, Present and Future Veterans.

On a Personal Note, My Wife and I wish Each of You and Your Families a great Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God Bless You All.

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