

## **VVA MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

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**Chair:** Bill Meeks, Jr.; **Vice Chair:** Dick Southern; **Members:** Carol Baker, Peter Bessigano, Charlie Hobbs, Len Ignatowski, Charlie Montgomery, Marshall Mudge, Mike Oravetz, Jim Pace, Carol Schetrompf, and Wayne Watkins; **Special Advisors:** Cathy Keister (AVVA Membership Chair), John Pancrazio and Jeff White; and **Staff Coordinator:** Ernestine Horton.

For better communication, VVA Committee Chairs have been requested to submit a “monthly” progress report to VVA Vice President Jack Devine and please consider this document as the “**August ’10 Report**” from the committee. The Committee is continuing to review, update or revise (if necessary) all membership material and improve “Membership Services” on the VVA web site.

The VVA National Board of Directors (BOD) approved a new membership policy at the BOD meeting on August 10, 2010 in Orlando, Florida and the policy designates Honorary Life Membership (HLM) as a class of membership within the Corporation. This membership policy describes the eligibility requirements, dues, entitlements, and available services pertaining to such membership. An honorary life membership is authorized in the following two situations: 1) honorary life membership awarded by the VVA National President and 2) honorary life membership requested by a VVA Chapter or State Council for a DoD-designated MIA veteran who previously resided in the Chapter's community or area served or in the State Council's state. Since the policy waives dues for a current or future DoD-designated MIA veteran, a chapter or a state council requesting a new honorary life membership for such a MIA veteran would not need to show that it had previously paid IND dues for the MIA veteran. IND dues that were previously paid for such a member are not eligible for a refund. The Honorary Life Membership application form can be found under the “Forms” section on the VVA web site.

<u>Type of HLM</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Dues/Dues Rebate</u>	<u>Entitlements (delegate representation/voting)</u>	<u>Available Services</u>	<u>Database/Roster</u>
Presidential	Designated by President.	Dues waived. No dues rebate.	No office. No vote. Not counted for delegate representation.	No VVA Veteran. No member services.	HLM entry. No roster.
DoD Designated MIA	Written request to Corporation.	Dues waived. No dues rebate.	No office. No vote. Not counted for delegate representation.	No VVA Veteran. No member services.	HLM entry. Yes roster.

**Here are the top chapters in VVA by their membership totals:** Chapter # 172 (MD) **1022**; # 451 (MD) **701**; # 203 (TN) **635**; # 154 (MI) **565**; # 77 (NY) **551**; # 20 (NY) **486**; # 862 (PA) **465**; # 391 (CA) **459**; # 299 (IL) **431**; # 751 (OK) **424**; # 11 (NY) **369**; # 82 (NY) **341**; # 317 (MO) **341**; # 137 (TX) **318**; # 49 (NY) **271**; # 32 (NY) **265**; # 266 (PA) **256**; # 224 (WI) **249**; # 628 (WV) **236**; # 227 (VA) **233**; # 223 (CA) **230**; # 120 (CT) **228**; # 1036 (FL) **227**; # 982 (CA) **227**; # 333 (NY) **220**; # 800 (NJ) **219**; # 47 (CA) **219**; # 905 (IN) **213**; # 233 (NJ) **213**; # 240 (TN) **212**; # 574 (TX) **209**; # 12 (NJ) **205**; # 267 (MI) **204**; # 295 (IN) **203**; and # 528 (MI) **201**.

### **VVA Membership Totals as of August 31, 2010**

**Individual Members (IND) – 27,440**

**Life Members (LMP) – 33,233**

**Life Member Time Payments (LMT) – 316**

**Incarcerated Veterans (IVI) – 1,989**

**Permanently Hospitalized Veterans (PHV) – 263**

Total – 63,241 (62,640 last month)

Women Veterans – 969\*(*this figure is already part of the overall membership total*)

Monthly total for this month last year: 60,065

Growth Rate: 5.3%

**VVA Members by Regions**

1) – 3,510; 2) – 12,042; 3) – 11,027; 4) – 5,095; 5) – 9,216; 6) – 6,474; 7) – 6,104;  
8) – 2,816; 9) – 6,901; and Other – 56  
Total – 63,241

**AVVA Membership Totals as of August 31, 2010**

Associates (ASC) – 4,634  
Associate Life Supporters (ALP) – 2,518  
Associate Life Supporters Time Payments (ALT) – 41  
Other (AVVA Members Eligible for VVA (OTH) – 83  
Other Life Supporters (OLP) – 95  
Other Life Supporters Time Payment (OLT) – 0  
Incarcerated Associate Veterans (IVA) – 312

Total – 7,683 (7,702 last month)

Monthly total for this month last year: 7,433

Growth Rate: 3.4%

**AVVA Members by Regions**

1) – 193; 2) – 1,524; 3) – 1,593; 4) – 572; 5) – 1,084; 6) – 753; 7) – 743;  
8) – 276; 9) – 937; and Other – 8  
Total – 7,683

STATE	VVA	AVVA
AK	189 - 3	21 + 2
AL	938 + 9	119 - 5
AR	332 + 3	32
AZ	922 + 16	93 + 3
CA	3990 + 45	640 + 1
CN	6	0
CO	326 + 3	17
CT	559 - 9	41 - 1
DC	70	5
DE	340 + 15	23
FL	2351 + 65	241 + 2
GA	1068 + 6	162
GU	82 + 4	7

HI	130	13
IA	862 + 17	67 - 7
ID	320 + 21	53
IL	1659 + 25	167 + 1
IN	964 + 5	76 - 1
KS	482 + 2	42
KY	593 + 5	74 - 1
LA	855 - 3	135 - 1
MA	1428 - 4	38 - 2
MD	3124 + 31	444 - 21
ME	288 + 16	21 + 1
MI	3969 + 18	432 + 9
MN	1123 + 4	87 + 3
MO	1248 + 54	175 + 31
MS	361 - 1	39 - 3
MT	439 - 3	31 + 2
NC	1576 + 27	158 + 2
ND	414 - 7	89 - 2
NE	260 + 5	31
NH	301 + 7	32 + 5
NJ	2936 + 22	308 - 4
NM	443 - 10	33 + 1
NV	735 + 17	95 + 3
NY	5269 + 21	665 - 13
OH	2621 + 17	409 + 6
OK	1240 + 8	116 - 1
OR	957 + 8	130 - 2
OS	53	8
PA	3497 - 5	528 - 2
PI	113 - 1	13 + 1
PR	360 - 4	11
RI	327 + 6	26 + 1
SC	740 + 9	60 - 1
SD	154 + 28	5
TN	1977 + 53	371 - 8

<b>TX</b>	<b>3677 + 63</b>	<b>460 + 5</b>
<b>UT</b>	<b>160 + 3</b>	<b>26 - 1</b>
<b>VA</b>	<b>1815 + 4</b>	<b>266 - 2</b>
<b>VI</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>VT</b>	<b>607 - 3</b>	<b>35 - 1</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>842 + 2</b>	<b>38 + 1</b>
<b>WI</b>	<b>1931 + 8</b>	<b>257 - 1</b>
<b>WV</b>	<b>1132 + 12</b>	<b>215 - 13</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>3</b>

*I have been asked to provide plus or minus figures after each state total of membership and if neither figure is noted, then there was no change from the previous month.*