

## REPORT OF AVP, VETERANS AFFAIRS AMM 2008

Dear Members, it continues to be a great pleasure to serve you in the area of Veterans Affairs. During the past year, we have endeavored to report on those matters that would enhance the lives of our military members and their families; we sincerely hope that the information has proven to be helpful. I would also like to personally thank the Don, Dave and the Home Office Staff for their continued support to the veterans and their families.

Our nation continues to be engaged in several conflicts outside our borders and your continued support to the soldiers is still required. More importantly, as an organization we most continue support our returning veterans in their transitioning back home and or their continuation on active duty, all communities throughout our nation are tasked with insuring that soldier and family members are in need and must receive the care and concern necessary for readjustment, benevolence by supporting the many veterans service organizations and charities that are tasked with providing assistance to those impacted; our service organizations deserve our support as they support the troops and their families.

Over the past two years, it has become very clear to me that our many agencies are bogged down with bureaucracy with respect to providing health care and in processing the many claims with the VA; the automation of applications is a great step forward, however, it does not improve the needed human intervention nor does it reduce the over documentation of disease and injuries incurred on active duty and in later years when many illnesses manifest themselves. Servicemembers must take some responsibility for failing to keep records of their medical situation and informing family members where the information is maintained.

Mr. President, thank you for the opportunity to serve and to give back to those that have served this great nation. It has been a great pleasure to serve you and the Association and should the President desire I am willing to continue to serve the CORPS.

Respectfully submitted,

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