



**ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS  
OF AMERICA,  
CHAPTER 203, INC.**

***President's Message***

AVVA Chapter 203, Inc.  
792 Flinn Dr.  
Chattanooga, TN 37412

*Apr/ May 2018 issue*

AVVA Members,

I want to thank all of you for your support the last 4 years. Chapter 203 has a special place in my heart and even though I won't be president anymore, I intend to continue supporting our mission and goals for the future.

I will not be running for re-election. This decision was made because I need to devote all my time to caring for my husband. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

I ask that all members be present for the election and elect new officers who are willing to serve in the best interest of the organization. We must work harder to reach out to the community and the younger generation if we are going to grow.

Together Always

Joyce Simpson, President

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**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> IS AVVA CHAPTER ELECTIONS  
COME OUT TO VOTE YOUR CHOICE!**

*THERE WILL BE NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. YOU MUST DECLARE YOUR  
INTENT  
TO RUN PRIOR TO THE MEETING. CONTACT SHARON HOBBS: 423-364-6385*

**ATTENTION:**

Monthly Meetings

***Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>***  
***Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>***

Best Western Hotel • 6710  
Ringgold Rd • East Ridge • TN  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
Meeting starts at 7:00pm

**ARMED FORCES DAY FACTS**

*The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May. Armed Forces Day is a national observance in the United States on the third Saturday of May each year.*

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/armed-forces-day>

***ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE IN CHATTANOOGA  
FRIDAY, MAY 4TH***

# AVVA PAPER SAFE

The 'Paper Safe' is an AVVA National Program that is a wonderful tool for any family. Life is uncertain, and the hardest thing for our families and friends is trying to find all of our important documents and information when we are gone, or if we become unable to make important decisions for ourselves. Often, people do not have any information gathered in one place for their spouse, children, or friends to help them make decisions.

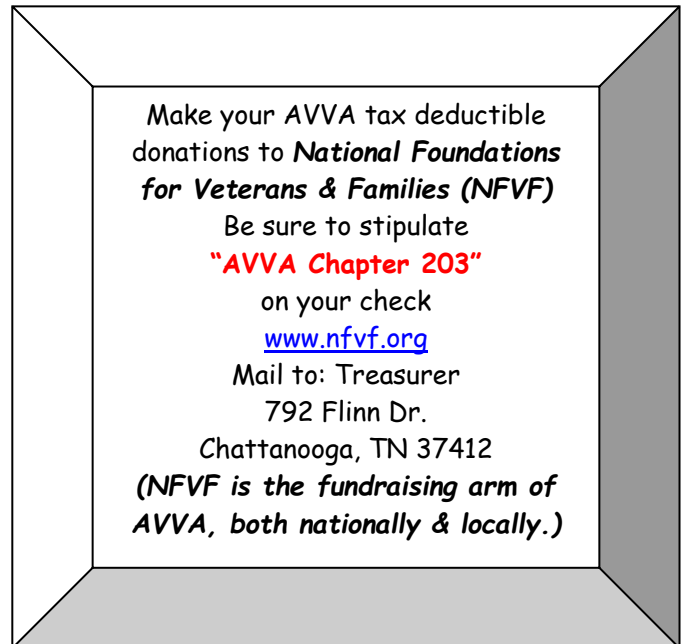
This document was designed with Veterans in mind, but is a great tool for anyone. It is intended for you to easily contain all of the information that your family will need, in a stressful time. Even if you already have a Will or Trust, the Paper Safe can allow you to put all of that information, along with all of the other details that someone would need, in one simple to find place.

If you like a copy of this document, which come in a sturdy folder, for yourself contact one of the Chapter Officers or pick one up at the next AVVA Chapter meeting.

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## ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR!***

- Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>: AVVA monthly meeting/elections 7pm  
Best Western Hotel, East Ridge
- Apr 16<sup>th</sup>: VVA monthly meeting  
AL Post 95 East Ridge 6pm
- Jan-June: AVVA State elections  
All state-level offices open for candidates
- May 7<sup>th</sup>: AVVA monthly meeting- 7pm  
Best Western Hotel, East Ridge
- May 4<sup>th</sup>: Armed Forces Day Parade
- May 21<sup>st</sup>: VVA monthly meeting  
AL Post 95 East Ridge 6pm
- May 28<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day
- July 24-28th Renaissance Hotel  
Palm Springs, CA



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Treasurer: Susan Price  
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### APPOINTED POSITIONS

Membership Chair: Janice Brauch  
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## AVVA MISSION STATEMENT

To provide support to Veterans and their families through programs, projects, and education.

## AVVA VISION STATEMENT

To create a better everyday life for Veterans and their families.

## MEMORIAL DAY FACTS

*Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.*

**MONDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

[HTTPS://WWW.HISTORY.COM/TOPICS/HOLIDAYS/MEMORIAL-DAY-HISTORY](https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history)

## ***NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018 AVVA NATIONAL AWARDS***

It is time to nominate members for the National Member-of-the-Year Award, National Fellowship Award, and the National Cathy Keister *SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE* Award. Do you know someone who always volunteers their time, helps with fundraisers or membership drives? Someone who goes above-and-beyond for AVVA? Take a few minutes and nominate that person for a 2018 award. The criteria and nomination forms can be found on the national AVVA website. [www.avva.org](http://www.avva.org) Deadline for nominations is **May 10, 2018**. The recipients will be announced during the Leadership & Education Conference in Palm Springs, CA. The winner does not have to be present to win.

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### APPLICATION FOR AVVA MEMBERSHIP

Make your check payable to **AVVA**  
Mail to: Membership • 8415 Shadowood Dr • Hixson • TN • 37343

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: F  M

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation: **TN- Chapter 203**

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yearly Membership Dues:**

1 Year: \$20

3 Years: \$50

**Life Membership Options: (check all that apply)**

Paid in Full

Optional Life Time  
Payment

59yrs and below \$175

*(\$50 down & \$25/mo)*

60yrs and above \$100

*Paying less than \$175 requires proof of age,  
driver's license, state-issued ID, etc.*