

Federal Legislative Priorities

- Assured Funding for Veteran Healthcare
- Women Vet Healthcare
- Claim Adjudications (\$ and training)

Alaska Legislative Priorities

- Establish/Funding for State Veterans Healthcare
- Voluntary Alaska Veterans Register
- Vietnam Veterans memorial statue in Anchorage
- Veterans Registration/Vote - Candidate Forums

Alaska Veterans Foundation, Inc.

- Healthcare for all veterans & families (advocate)
- Produces annual Veteran's Day Concert in Anch.
- Veterans Endowment Trust: Health Care for vets
- Provides/Administers Grants

4th of July Parade

- Provides Color Guard
- Invites all Veterans to march with them in the annual Anchorage parade.

Bear Paw Festival Parade

- Participates as Color Guard

Alaska Veterans Calendar

- www.akvf.org select Calendar
- A 12 month running calendar of all veteran and military activities in the Anchorage area

VVA 904 selects its program priorities, by general membership vote, every year in April at the time of its annual election of officers.

Communication

As a chapter of a national organization, the most cost effective means of communicating with members is email. We ask all members to provide an email address so that they can receive regular updates, newsletters. This list is never given to anyone outside of the chapter. NEVER!!

Meeting Location/Schedule

First Tuesday of the month
Gathering at 6:00pm
Meeting at 6:30pm
A smoke-free, alcohol-free room
At the **John Thomas Bldg**
on 3rd & Cordova

Board of Directors/Officers

President/Chairman: Ric Davidge, MPA
Vice President: Al Baffone
Treasurer: BJ OConnor
Secretary/Acting: Diane Wohlwend
President Emeritus: Ted Taylor

Board Members/Committee Chairmen

Membership- Fritz Wohlwend 344-3638
Legislative Affairs- Ric Davidge 229-5328
Veterans Affairs/Benefits – Russ Kell 333-9080
Public Affairs/Projects-Bill Gosswiller 696-4238
AVVA Liaison-Diane Wohlwend 344-3638

Notable VVA 904 Members

AK State Adjutant General
Former Governor of Alaska, Tony Knowles
Former Anchorage Mayor, George Wuerch
Former Anchorage Mayor, Tony Knowles
Former President, ARCO Alaska
Former Commissioner of DNR, Alaska
Former Deputy Asst Sect of Interior

“Never Forget; Never Again”

**FAX YOUR DD214 ASAP
(907) 222-6933**

DD214's must be received within 90 days of membership application and dues.

The Alaska Veterans Foundation The Veterans Endowment Trust

(907) 222-6945 Email: ricdav@gci.net

Web site: www.akvf.org

VVA 904

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DD214 Request form available on the website



Chapter 904 Anchorage, Alaska

“An Agenda of Service”

***“Never again will one generation of
veterans abandon another”***

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Vietnam Veterans of America
Send to: VVA Membership Affairs, 3705 Arctic Blvd # 548, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Name: _____ (print clearly) _____ Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____ Email Address: _____

Sponsor _____ Sponsor's ID No. _____ Chapter 904 Anchorage, Alaska

Eligibility: Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. military (for other than training purposes) between Feb 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 (in country Vietnam), or between Aug 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, for Vietnam-era veterans. RETURN this APPLICATION along with a COPY of your DD FORM 214 showing service during these dates to the address listed above - OR FAX IT TODAY TO (907) 222-6933.

Circle Term: 1 year - \$20 3 years \$50 Life Membership - \$250 (age 49 and under) \$225 (ages 50-55) \$200 (ages 56-60) \$175 (ages 61-65) \$150 (AGE 66 +)
Optional time payment plan - \$50 down, \$25/month

_____ I am a spouse/family member or friend of a Vietnam Vet and would like to join ASSOCIATES of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA). (same dues schedule)

Payment Option: Check _____ Money Order _____ Credit Card (Visa, MC, Amex) Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____/_____/_____

Signature Required _____ Date _____

Why should I become a member?

-Because we help each other. Our Direct Veteran Assistance Program is a Veteran-to-Veteran effort to meet the individual needs of any member.

-Joining with other Vietnam Vets who have decided to be a positive force in their community and for their fellow vets, you will rediscover the camaraderie you once knew.

-This is a very positive, constructive, and supportive organization. It can change your life. It's worth the investment.

When I join Chapter 904 am I also a member of the national organization?

Yes, when you join VVA 904 you have joined a national group of Vietnam Veterans who have committed themselves to being a part of their community and making a positive difference.

How is VVA Chapter 904 different from other service related organizations?

- Our **number one priority** is assured healthcare for veterans and their families. Without health you got squat.

- We help one another
- We are not a drinking club
- We are committed to our community
- We do what we say and have fun doing it.
- The only congressionally chartered veteran's group for Vietnam veterans
- Largest VVA Chapter in Alaska

Goals and Objectives

- Assured federal/state funding for healthcare for all veterans and their families
- Ensure all veterans receive appropriate and adequate healthcare services as close to home as possible.
- Promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.

FAX your DD214 to (907) 222-6933 and start enjoying the benefits of membership.

Our First Principle

VVA holds as its first principle that the organization is measured by deeds and openness as evidence of the core values of justice, integrity, and meaningful achievement. We do it, not just talk about it.

Can VVA 904 help me? YES!

- With my VA Benefits? Yes
- With personal needs? Yes
- Rebuilding our sense of community? Yes

Where is the Vet Center in Anchorage?

Located in Suite 115 in the Tudor Center just off of Tudor and Bragaw and south of the Alaska Native Hospital. Need a ride, or an appointment? Call - **563-6966**

Just drop in or join a weekly group and talk about what's going on in your life. It saves lives – we know that.

If you don't ask, we won't know. If we don't know what you need, we can't help. So come on in and say hi. You'll find a group of Vietnam vets committed to being there for you. Just like it was "in-country".

Is there a PTSD Group I can join?

There are a number of PTSD groups in Anchorage. Call the Vet's Center at 563-6966 or the Mental Health Desk at the VA and they can refer you to a group.

Mail your application, dues, and DD214 to: VVA Chapter 904, 3705 Arctic Blvd #548, Anch, Alaska 99503 or Fax it to (907) 222-6933
Email: vva904@hotmail.com or ricdav@gci.net

Other VVA Contacts

AK State Council President: Ric Davidge 907 222 6927
Chapter 903 (Palmer) Pres. Maurice Bailey 907 357 7603
Chapter 819 (Wasilla) Pres. Noel Gast 907 373 7186
Chapter 914 (Anchor Pointe) Harold Dress 907 235 0789
National President: John Rowan 191 796 6710
Director, Region 8

Other Veteran Contacts

Veterans Party of Alaska: Craig Wade 907 345 5252

"Vietnam was an important part of our life – but it doesn't have to be our life."