## **Announcement: VVA TSC Candidate for President**

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Subject: VVA TSC Candidate for President

My Fellow Texas VVA Members:

I am a proud Veteran of our great nation and a Life Member of the VVA, TSC and Chapter 1069. As such, I actively promote our causes and solutions in speaking engagements, interviews, lecturing high school 11th graders, and chapter meetings. My focus and desire is to utilize my talents and abilities to enhance the success of our organization and its involvement with veterans, our achievements and our public awareness in our communities. Therefore, I would like to announce that I am a candidate for the position of President of the Texas State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America at our April 16, 2016 meeting in Victoria.

We need to set our sights on doing everything possible to reach the goals of the VVA and specific chapter & community activities that I know each of you are involved with. As a team, we can all focus our individual and collective energies to tackle and undertake the goals and challenges we face each and every day. We must never forget that we are an organization with many strengths, resources, and above all – "the American G.I. will." By working together, we will be viewed as positive and caring members in our veteran community as we experience growth in our membership, improve member participation, and grow as a Texas Veteran community who is sought for council and alliances.

Our chapters and committees are the perfect vehicles to connect with the veteran and civilian community to make a difference in the lives of all veterans. We must never holdback from advancing our cause and activities related to Agent Orange, Hep "C", the Veterans Administration, suicide prevention, medical care, etc. Additionally, we should endeavor to step up our involvement in the education component with our high school students on the Vietnam War, women veteran issues, and the need for additional service officers. We must make an impact on issues such as these, along with VVA's special programs, that will highlight our organization as "Helping Veterans, Communities, and Those Serving in Harms Way." I look forward to our TSC meeting in Victoria on April 16th, as an opportunity to further discuss the vision for a positive, proactive, forward thinking, highly involved coordinated effort, and working with our chapters, the national organization, and Texas communities. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and continuing our successes by being there for each other.

In your service, Stephen Brady

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