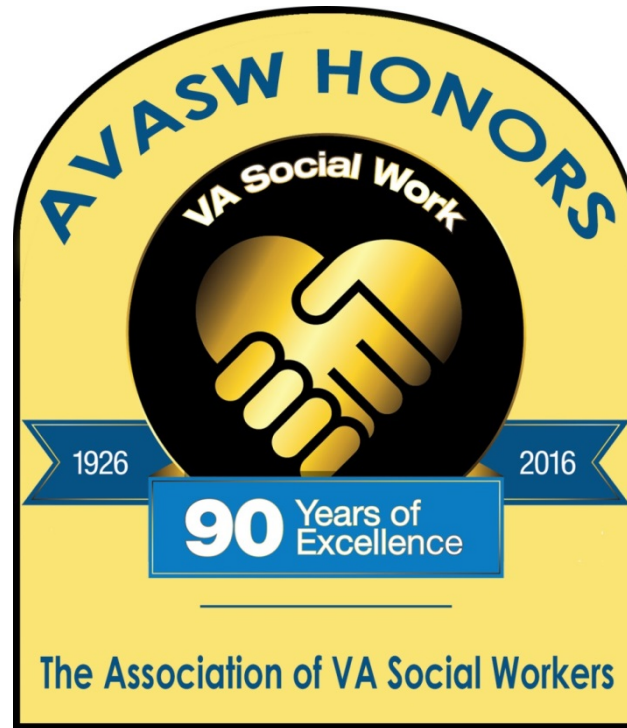
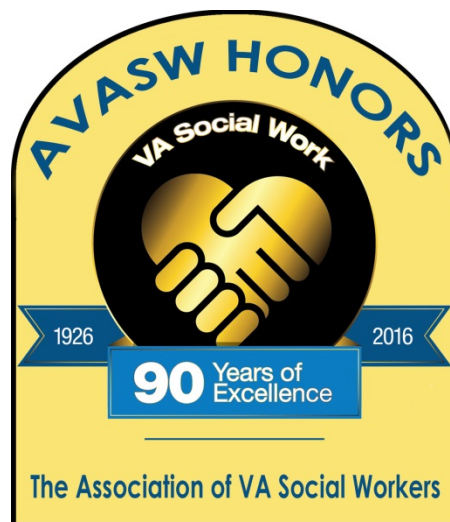


AVASW Celebrates 90 years of VA Social Work



AVASW Highlights of 90th Anniversary Activities

- ❖ Developed AVASW 90th Anniversary commemorative logo to include VACO-issued 90th logo



- ❖ AVASW Past President, LeAnn Bruce, led the VA social work team that created the 90th Anniversary Interactive PowerPoint detailing the history of VA social work and the social work pioneers

AVASW Highlights of 90th Anniversary Activities

- ❖ Featured Social Work Month & 90th Anniversary Celebrations across the country in AVASW Quarterly Newsletter



- ❖ AVASW hosted “Lunch with Laura” conference call for AVASW members.

In honor of Social Work Month, Ms. Laura Taylor, National Director for Social Work presented on Social Work Leadership opportunities & Career Development



AVASW Hosts VIP Reception at NASW Conference for VA Social Workers

VACO Dignitaries & National Social Work Program leaders were in attendance at the VIP reception. VA social workers attending the conference were invited as well as VA social workers from the surrounding VA Medical Centers.

AVASW sponsors a pre-conference intensive workshop at Society of Social Work Leaders in Health Care (SSWLHC) Annual Meeting.



My VA Journey: Rising to the Challenge Workshop

National Social Work leaders from various Social Work and Care Management programs presented relevant topics to VA Social Workers pertaining to personal leadership development challenges in today's VA health care system.

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From the Nomination by AVASW:

“... The Association of VA Social Workers is deeply indebted to Ms. Taylor for embracing our shared mission to reach out to provide support, guidance and recognition to our fellow VA social workers. She has graciously reached out to work with our organization, along with several other organizations including the SSWLHC to offer her support as well as gain support and awareness of our mutual social issues. With a heart for Veterans and a determination for breaking down barriers to facilitate communication and collaboration, Ms. Taylor has made a tremendous impact on the profession of social work – the extent of which will be felt for years to come...”

AVASW nominated Ms. Laura Taylor for the 2016 *Health Care Social Work Leader of the Year*



Way Forward for AVASW

- * Increase the number of AVASW POCs (Points of Contact) at VAMCs
- * Increase opportunities for members to get involved with special projects
 - Webmaster Assistance
 - AVASW newsletter
 - Development of *So, you want to be a VA Social Worker* toolkit for website
- * Devote more time and resources to VA Pulse use & member engagement
- * Continue to strengthen partnerships with NASW & SSWHLC
- * Continue to collaborate with AVAPL (Association of VA Psychology Leaders)

