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### **GLBVA OFFICERS ELECTED DURING BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

GLBVA members from across the country converged on Corpus Christi, Texas for a weekend of networking, educational seminars, speeches, planning sessions and the election of national officers. And for the first time in history a gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans service organization used the facilities aboard a U.S. Naval vessel for their plenary session.

The Officers Ward Room aboard the USS Lexington , a World War II aircraft carrier, was decked out in the finest of military tradition with the American flag, the rainbow flag, several military banners and the flags of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Members were served a meal from a traditional "chow-line", listened to speeches from the organization's leaders and then began the nominating process which would culminate in the election of the officers who will govern the organization for the next two years. Results of the election are as follows:

President.....	James Darby.....	Chicago, IL
Vice President.....	Nancy Russell.....	San Antonio, TX
Secretary.....	James Donovan.....	Plainville, IL
Treasurer.....	Mel Tips.....	Cathedral City, CA
Regional Coordinator.....	Mack Thomas.....	Mission Viejo, CA

Vice-President Public Affairs.....	Edward Clayton.....	Birmingham, AL
Vice-President Veterans Affairs.....	Max Woerner.....	Guerneville, CA
Vice-President Legislative Affairs.....	Cliff Arnesen.....	Boston, MA
Vice-President Membership.....	Ed Kassing.....	Chicago, IL
Vice-President Gay Liaison Support.....	Bud Robbins.....	San Francisco, CA

**GLBVA, Inc.** is the only national non-profit organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual active duty, reserve and veteran members of the United States Armed Forces, their families, friends and supporters.