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### **VVA Applauds Launch of *Charlie Foxtrot*, Docu-Series, Asks Supporters to Sign Fairness for Veterans Petition**

(Washington, D.C.)—"An estimated 80,000-plus Vietnam veterans who put their lives on the line in defense of our Constitution were discharged from the military with bad paper after engaging in conduct attributable to symptoms of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, a medical disorder not recognized until 1980," said John Rowan, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America.

"Today, despite the military's acknowledgment of PTSD, and the screening policies that have been adopted, tens of thousands of OIF and OEF veterans have bad-paper discharges and PTSD. Tragically, these veterans with PTSD who have been administratively separated from the military with less-than-honorable discharges often lose access to the healthcare they need to recover from war. This is wrong, and we can't keep letting this happen to this new generation of veterans."

*Charlie Foxtrot* is a compelling five-part docu-series that explores what our young veterans face after they have been kicked out of the military and stripped of their benefits while suffering from PTSD, TBI, or following a suicide attempt. Today, November 11, the docu-series will be aired on Tegna's television affiliates in 38 cities, including NBC, ABC and CBS affiliates in Atlanta Washington D.C., Dallas, Houston, Sacramento, Denver, New Orleans, Phoenix and more. However it also streams indefinitely on its own website at [www.MissionCharlieFoxtrot.com](http://www.MissionCharlieFoxtrot.com)

"I urge you to take the time to honor these young, forgotten veterans by watching *Charlie Foxtrot* and by signing the Fairness for Veterans Act Petition at [www.MissionCharlieFoxtrot.com](http://www.MissionCharlieFoxtrot.com)." We want to get these service members the help they need, with full access to medical care and other benefits," said Rowan. We are asking viewers who feel compelled to act, to sign our petition to Congress in support of the Fairness for Veterans Act.

*Vietnam Veterans of America is the nation's only congressionally chartered veterans' service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's founding principle is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."*

