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### **Senator Gary Peters to Be Honored as VVA “Legislator of the Year”**

**(New Orleans)** – “Vietnam Veterans of America is proud to recognize Senator Gary Peters as Legislator of the Year,” said John Rowan, VVA National President. Senator Peters traveled to New Orleans Friday, August 11, to receive his award before the delegates and guests assembled for VVA’s 18<sup>th</sup> National Convention in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton New Orleans, at 500 Canal Street.

“Senator Peters, who served in the U.S. Navy Reserve and rose to the rank of Lt. Commander, continues to lead in the fight for justice on behalf of all veterans. His effort to pass the *Fairness for Veterans Act* in the United States Senate offers hope to those veterans discharged by the military with less-than-honorable discharges, without due process,” said Rowan.

“The lasting legacy of Vietnam veterans has been their steadfast commitment and service to our country and to their fellow veterans,” said Senator Peters upon receiving the award. “Advocates from Vietnam Veterans of America, working together with Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, first brought this issue to my attention, and their support and hard work helped ensure that this important provision was signed into law. I am humbled and honored to be recognized by the Vietnam Veterans of America, and I look forward to continuing to work with this incredible organization to ensure that every veteran is treated with the respect and honor they have earned.”

*Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) 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.”*