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John Rowan to Serve Seventh Term as National President of Vietnam Veterans of America

(New Orleans) –John Rowan was reelected to a seventh term as National President of Vietnam Veterans of America on August 11 at the organization’s 18th National Convention in New Orleans. Rowan, who was elected to VVA’s highest office in 2005, has served as the chairman of VVA’s Conference of State Council Presidents, for three terms on the organization’s Board of Directors, and as president of VVA’s New York State Council. He served as a linguist in the U.S. Air Force’s 6990 Security Squadron in Vietnam and at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, providing the Strategic Air Command with intelligence on North Vietnam’s SAM sites to protect their bombing missions.

Rowan was a founding member and the first president of VVA Chapter 32 in Queens, New York. He retired from city service as an investigator with the City of New York’s Comptroller’s Office. He lives in Middle Village, New York, with his wife, Mariann.

Marsha Four of Springfield, Pennsylvania, was reelected to serve as Vice President; Bill Meeks, Jr., of The Woodlands, Texas, was reelected as Secretary; and Wayne Reynolds of Athens, Alabama, was reelected as VVA’s Treasurer.

In addition, 19 National Board of Directors were elected: Ten At-Large and nine Regional. The At-Large directors are Dottie Barickman (IA); Richard C. DeLong (LA); Gumersindo Gomez (MA); John Margowski (WI); Charlie Montgomery (VA); Felix Peterson (OK); Dave Simmons (WV); Dan Stenvold (ND); Kerwin Stone (TX); and Sandie Wilson (MI).

The nine Regional directors elected to serve a 2017-2019 term are: Region 1, Skip Hochreich (MA); Region 2, Ted Wilkinson (NY); Region 3, Sara McVicker (DC); Region 4, Spence Davis (GA); Region 5, Tom Burke (OH); Region 6, Bob Grabinski (WI); Region 7, Allen Manuel (LA); Region 8, Francisco Ivarra (WA); and Region 9, Dick Southern (CA).

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. In keeping with its founding principle, “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another,” VVA aggressively advocates for all veterans.