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### **Vietnam Veterans of America Condemns Neo-Nazis**

(Washington, DC) – Vietnam Veterans of America vociferously condemns neo-nazis, white supremacists, and wanna-be KKKers, whose violent, anti-American tendencies resulted in the death of Ms. Heather Heyer, who was exercising her legitimate Constitutional rights to free speech. It also resulted in the death of Trooper Berke M. M. Bates and Lt. H. Jay Cullen, Virginia State Troopers, who were trying to protect everyone's rights.

"Our parents did not sacrifice during World War II to defeat Nazism in Europe, only to have it return on our shores. When so-called protesters show up in helmets and flack jackets, carrying shields and clubs, they clearly are not planning to peacefully exercise their rights. They are trying to intimidate America, and their bigoted ideology must be resisted by all true patriots," said John Rowan, VVA National President.

"If there are any VVA members who harbor any of these bigoted ideologies, they are encouraged to turn in their membership cards. We did not don the uniform and serve our country to enable the acceptance of intolerance," said Rowan.

*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.*