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VVA National Treasurer Reelected to Sixth Term; Weighs in on Hate Groups

(Washington, DC) – Speaking on behalf of those Vietnam veterans living in the deep South, Dr. Wayne Reynolds of Athens, Alabama, who has served for 19 years as president of the Alabama State Council, and was recently reelected to a fifth two-year term as Vietnam Veterans of America's national treasurer, condemns Saturday's violence in Charlottesville, Virginia:

"We Vietnam Veterans residing in the South stand united on the principles of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, and as such, we wish to dispel any notion that we are part of the fringe lunatic group--those neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and wanna-be KKKers--whose violence resulted in three deaths.

"When we raised our hand and swore to defend the United States Constitution, we pledged to stand in support of the principles that make our Nation Great. We believe in the right for peaceful protests and condemn all attacks by any groups on the exercise of Free Speech.

"To reiterate the recent statement by VVA National President John Rowan, '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.' "

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."