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### VVA National President John Rowan: On the Inauguration of the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

(Washington, D.C.) – “On January 21, we witnessed the peaceful transfer of power between administrations. Since our founding in 1978, we have worked with seven U.S presidents—three Democrats and four Republicans. With the inauguration of the 46<sup>th</sup> President to the United States, Joseph Biden, we have evened the score. As usual, we wish the new President well.

“As the new administration unpacks and gets to work, we must do the same. Time is short, and our agenda is long. I encourage all to take time to review “President Biden’s Plan to Keep our Sacred Obligation to Our Veterans.” We pledge to work with President Biden and his administration to further our legislative agenda, in keeping with the will of our membership as outlined in VVA’s [Convention Resolutions](#).

“In the wake of the January 6 attack on our Capitol, the lingering partisan discord, and the polarization of our nation, I am confident that we remain unified in our mission to help veterans, without regard to race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual preference, or national origin.

“As Vietnam veterans, our war is the last to have been subject to the draft. We are the face of America. Whether we enlisted or we were conscripted, our strength as an organization lies in our ability to come together as Vietnam veterans and maintain our focus on the mission. In our legislative work, we have always collaborated with Representatives from both sides of the aisle.

“Our diversity has served us well in our fight to implement laws and policies in our pursuit of justice for veterans. Our path has never been easy. As always, we will do this together. We owe it to those whose names are etched on *The Wall* in D.C.

*As the only congressionally chartered national Vietnam veterans organization exclusively comprised of Vietnam-era veterans, we remain committed to all veterans, as exemplified in its founding principle, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."*