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### **Congress Sends *Forever GI Bill* to President's Desk**

(Washington, DC) --"The passage of the *Forever GI Bill* shows just how much can be accomplished when military and veterans organizations join forces," said John Rowan, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America. "We were guided by our founding principle to improve the GI Bill so that it works for future generations. We called for a GI Bill that wouldn't arbitrarily be taken away fifteen years after a veteran leaves the service -- and because everyone from the traditional organizations to the newest stood with us -- Congress answered the call by quickly passing the *Forever GI Bill*."

"We're glad that Congress recognized that this needed to be done before they went home for August recess," Rowan continued. "We are thankful to both chambers, both sides of the aisle, and all of our partners in the military, veterans, and family organizations that helped to craft the *Forever GI Bill* and send it to the President's desk. We're especially thankful to Student Veterans of America for their leadership of the *Forever GI Bill* coalition, as well as the leadership of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs who gave Congress a great reason to overcome partisan gridlock."

*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."*

