



## **FACT SHEET**

Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the only national Vietnam veterans' organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA is organized as a not-for-profit corporation and is tax-exempt under Section 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

### **Founding Principle:**

*"Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."*

### **Goals:**

VVA aims to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.

### **Organization:**

- More than 58,000 individual members
- 46 state councils
- 630 local chapters

### **Special Programs:**

- Aggressively advocate on issues important to veterans
- Seek full access to quality health care for veterans
- Identify the full range of disabling injuries and illnesses incurred during military service
- Hold government agencies accountable for following laws mandating veteran healthcare for veterans
- Create a positive public perception of Vietnam veterans
- Seek the fullest possible accounting of America's POW/MIAs
- Support the next generation of America's war veterans
- Serve our communities

### **Funding:**

Vietnam Veterans of America relies totally on private contributions for its revenue. VVA does not receive any funding from federal, state or local governments.