

Vietnam Veterans of America: Calls for swift passage of the Never Forget the Heroes Act, long-term funding of 911 Victim Compensation Fund

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Washington, D.C.— “Vietnam Veterans of America calls for the swift passage of the swift passage of the Never Forget the Heroes Act, which would fully fund the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund through 2090,” said John Rowan, VVA National President.

“As Vietnam veterans, we know firsthand the toll of toxic exposure on our health and the high costs associated with our toxic wounds,” said Rowan. “We will not remain silent as those injured in the terrorist attack and those who assisted with debris removal in its aftermath are told the cost of their care will overtake the \$7.375 billion 911 Victim Compensation fund. We must start keeping our promises to those who answer the call.”

On February 15, 2019, the Special Master of the fund determined that what remains in the 911 Victim’s Compensation Fund is insufficient to pay all pending and projected claims under current policies. Consequently, she announced modifications to the policies consistent with her statutory obligations, noting that severe cuts to claims would be made across the board.

“The Never Forget the Heroes Act (H.R.1327, S546), when passed, will ensure that those injured and ill and their families will be assured funding for their claims well into the future.