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VVA On VA Secretary Shulkin's Departure

(Washington, DC) –Statement by John Rowan, VVA National President, on the firing of VA Secretary Shulkin:

“VA Secretary David Shulkin has shown grace under fire amid the long-circulated rumors of his imminent departure, confirmed today by the President’s twitter bomb at 5:31 EST: *‘I am pleased to announce that I intend to nominate highly respected Admiral Ronny L. Jackson, MD, as the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs.’*

“We are grateful to VA Secretary David Shulkin for his service to our nation’s veterans and his firm stance to protect the Department of Veterans Affairs from those who would like to see it handed over to the for-profit, private-sector health systems. Despite the pressure, he has never veered from his mission to care for our nation’s veterans while tackling the revitalization of the VA. Secretary David Shulkin will be missed.

“We look forward to an equally productive relationship with Dr. Ronny Jackson. We are pleased that he is a combat veteran with firsthand knowledge of the trauma of war, and as such, will understand what our veterans need.”

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