

Executive board and members of VVA-WI,

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Concerned Veterans for America (CV4A) is a 501c (4) educational non-profit whose national mission statement is “To preserve the freedom and prosperity our families and we fought and sacrificed to defend.”

Our national focus is currently on Foreign Policy, outlined in brief below.

“Rethinking military force in the Middle East

The 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force was passed by Congress in response to the Sept. 11 attacks. The AUMF authorized deploying troops to Afghanistan to fight al-Qaida and search for Osama bin Laden.

However, that same AUMF has been used to justify military action 41 times in 19 countries. To say that the 2001 AUMF is utilized far beyond its original intent is an understatement. Congress needs to take back its constitutionally mandated responsibility to oversee military action so that our troops are used effectively and only when necessary – starting by repealing the 2001 AUMF.

CVA is also calling for a withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.”

While this issue may not be specifically in the mission statement or policy preferences of Vietnam Veterans of America, like VVA our main goal is to share our projects with the widest audiences possible to both identify those impacted and get more folks engaged in holding our government accountable for its use of our military men and women.

CVA-Wisconsin also supports pro-veteran policies, engagement, and events in Wisconsin both directly and indirectly by empowering advocates and activists – directly when in line with our national mission and indirectly by connecting veterans to those aligned with their issues. With collaborative event planning and bringing our respective organizations members and volunteers to the table we can each reach farther with our messages and connect with more impacted or interested parties than we could alone.

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