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## The Veterans Consortium Legal Team Wins Federal Pro Bono Program's 5,000th Case For Combat Veteran

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**The Veterans Consortium (TVC) is pleased to announce a hard-earned victory for appellant Marcus D. Garrett, a Vietnam veteran seeking justice and access to the care, benefits, and compensation he earned while serving his country in combat. Mr. Garrett was represented pro bono by a legal "dream team" from TVC's National Volunteer Corps and staff on this milestone 5,000th federal Pro Bono Program case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC).**

The Honorable William H. Webster, former Director of the FBI and the CIA, current Chair of the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC), and recently retired partner at the Washington, D.C. offices of international law firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy joined Linda Klein, Past-President of the American Bar Association (ABA) and senior managing shareholder at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz as honorary co-counsel for The Veterans Consortium's milestone 5,000th federal Pro Bono Program case. Judge Webster's and Ms. Klein's volunteer service in this successful appeal will be recognized at TVC's 2018 Pro Bono Mission Partners Awards Reception on October 3, 2018 at Union Station in Washington, D.C.

Judy Donegan, Esq., The Veterans Consortium's Director of Litigation & Case Management, was the lead counsel for this milestone case and worked closely with Judge Webster and Ms. Klein on the successful federal appeal. Ms. Donegan is a seasoned attorney whose 25-year legal career includes more than a decade representing U.S. Military veterans before the CAVC and the Department of Veterans Affairs. She has led or participated in more than 2,000 federal appellate cases before the CAVC.

"It is both a duty and a privilege to serve our nation's defenders," said Mary Ann Gilleece, Esq., TVC's Chairman of the Executive Board, "and we are delighted to congratulate this legal 'dream team' for winning this milestone 5,000th federal Pro Bono Program case. We are grateful for the pro bono service of Judge Webster and Linda Klein, as well as their fellow TVC National Volunteer Corps members who serve each day, for their dedication to helping veterans and their loved ones."

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program has more than 25 years of serving veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors, helping them win access to the care, benefits and compensation they earned through military service. The federal Pro Bono Program for veterans has been operated by TVC on behalf of the CAVC since 1992. TVC maintains a trained National Volunteer Corps of over 2,500 highly skilled attorneys, paralegals, and related pro bono professionals providing legal services free of charge to veterans and their loved ones in the US and abroad.

The Veterans Consortium (TVC) is a national 501c3 nonprofit serving the global U.S. veteran community. For more information about TVC, how to get involved, support the organization and national outreach initiatives associated with the federal Pro Bono Program, please visit [www.vetsprobono.org](http://www.vetsprobono.org) or contact TVC via email: [outreach@vetsprobono.org](mailto:outreach@vetsprobono.org).