IAVA Members To Attend Congressional Ceremony For Clay Hunt SAV Act

Speaker Boehner to formally enroll veteran suicide prevention bill

Washington D.C. (February 9, 2015) — Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Susan and Richard Selke, parents of Clay Hunt, and members of Congress will join House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) as he certifies passage of the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans (SAV) Act on Tuesday, February 10 at 5 p.m. during an enrollment ceremony. The event, open to the press and public, will take place in the Rayburn Room just off the floor of the House Chamber in the U.S. Capitol building.

After Speaker Boehner's signature, the bill will go to the President's desk to be signed it into law. Click here to visit a timeline of IAVA's work on combating suicide.

"IAVA thanks Speaker Boehner for holding this ceremony certifying passage of this historic bill honoring the life of our friend, Clay. This is a rare moment when both Republicans and Democrats have put partisanship aside and united to help our veterans and it is worthy of this formal ceremony. IAVA leaders, our veteran members, and Clay's parents Susan and Richard Selke look forward to being inside the Capitol to witness their hard work coming full circle. On Tuesday, Clay's legacy will become the passage of a bill to help save other veterans. The Clay Hunt SAV Act ensures that not one more veteran will face the barriers Clay did by increasing access to the quality mental health care they desperately need. We also look forward to standing with President Obama at the White House soon at a public signing ceremony that will make this bill a law."