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GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA PARTICIPATE IN 16TH ANNUAL JOINER CONFERENCE

For the seventh consecutive year, members of the national non-profit organization GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. have participated in the Sixteenth Annual Joiner Conference on the Concerns of Veterans which is held annually in Washington, DC. During the four day conference, which is attended by numerous veteran's organizations, GLBVA representatives networked with other veteran's groups and attended seminars ranging from legislative lobbying to Gulf War Illness. Additionally, attendees of the conference had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Lane Evans, Senator John Kerry and Congressman Luis Gutierrez and discuss issues which are of concern to veterans.

The Joiner Conference on the Concerns of Veterans is sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Boston William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences. The goals of the conference are: (1) to address issues of concern to veterans, (2) to help develop a knowledgeable leadership network of veterans' advocates independent of any overarching organization, and (3) to inform congressional members and their staffs of the impact these issues have on the lives of veterans and their families. The conference has the participation of veterans from some twenty-five states and Congressional members from several delegations.

GLBVA, Inc. is the only national non-profit organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual active duty, reserve and veteran members of the United States Armed Forces, their families, friends and supporters.