



This Resolution was properly presented to the Department Resolutions Committee prior to the 2021 Department of California Convention held virtually in Sanger, CA on 26-27. This is the result of the Resolution:

Resolution Number: 2021-007

Title of Resolution: Support for the Expansion of VA Technologies for Continuous Buddy Checks

Subject Matter: This resolution is to support the VA in leveraging existing programs with Veterans that wil decrease mental Health issues while improving metrics on other collateral issues

Convention Standing Committee Assignment: VA&R

Committee Recommendations: Recommend it be passed on the floor of the convention.

Action on the Floor: The Resolution was presented on the floor by a member of the VA&R Committee and was adopted and is being forwarded to National for consideration.

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Resolution No. 2021-007

Subject: EXPANSION OF BUDDY CHECKS

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RESOLUTION

SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TECHNOLOGIES FOR CONTINUOUS BUDDY CHECKS

WHEREAS, COVID and the extended "stay-at-home" periods are creating worse situations for at-risk Veterans who are feeling left-out; and

WHEREAS, The VA Solid Start program (calls new veterans in their first year of separation to help them better understand their benefits and get a "solid start" on civilian life), and REACH VET (computer-based statistical risk program that flags veterans) are promising programs for preemptive care and support for at-risk veterans; and

WHEREAS, To preemptively confront the new challenges of COVID to ALL Veterans, the VA should leverage technology to expand outreach efforts and continuously contact ALL Veterans via Vet Center Teleconferencing, Group Therapies, Video Connect Appointments, and even Robocalls as these will lessen loneliness and feeling left-out, increase health and mental health-care appointments made, decrease missed appointments, fewer inpatient mental health admissions, mitigate suicide and other collateral issues; therefore

RESOLVED, by the Department of California during their Virtual Convention that The American Legion urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to utilize and leverage existing programs to improve overall communications with Veterans that will decrease mental health issues while improving metrics on other collateral issues.

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This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted

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