



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: 2021-008

Title of Resolution: Decrease Veteran Homelessness Utilizing Veteran Empty Nesters

Subject Matter: This resolution is to support the VA in matching up Veteran Empty-Nesters with homeless Veterans to decrease homelessness.

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. 2021-008

Subject: INITIATIVE TO DECREASE VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

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RESOLUTION

**SUPPORT INITIATIVE TO DECREASE HOMELESSNESS BY MATCHING HOMELESS VETERANS WITH VETERAN
EMPTY-NESTERS**

WHEREAS, According to the www.nchv.org website, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 40,056 veterans are homeless on any given night; and

WHEREAS, An additional 1.4 million other veterans, meanwhile, are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing; and

WHEREAS, From a 2020 analysis from www.Realtor.com, the market needs a whopping 3.8 million additional new homes to meet consumer demand and it will likely take many years to build additional homes or dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, many Veterans that own homes may have "empty-nest" rooms that they may be willing to rent out to fellow Veterans if they are asked and if properly vetted or matched; and

WHEREAS, This can be a win-win situation as the Veteran homeowner can get additional income and the homeless Veteran can live with a fellow veteran - who will likely be more understanding and supportive in both tangible and intangible ways; and

WHEREAS, non- government organization (NGOs) like the National Alliance to End Homelessness, GOs such as www.va.gov/homeless, etc., are always looking for innovative and outside-the-box ways to decrease Veterans homelessness by finding ways for homeless Veterans to increase their income/resources via HUDVASH, Supplemental Security Income, DHHS-Medicaid, VA benefits, etc. to help fund the rent and other expenses; and

WHEREAS, VA should consider distributing voluntary questionnaires at all VA facilities that ask Empty-Nest veterans if they are willing to rent out their empty rooms to homeless veterans; therefore

RESOLVED, by the Department of California during their Virtual Convention that The American Legion urges the VA to query empty-nest Veterans who may be willing to rent out their empty-rooms, and for VA to collaborate with other GOs and NGOs to find outside-the-box and innovative ways to compassionately end Veterans homelessness.

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This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted

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