**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

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**103 Annual Department Convention, Visalia, California**

**June 24-26, 2022**

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Resolution No. 2022-027

Subject: Health Care for Trainees Who Enter the Delayed Entry Program

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Insurance for Delayed Entry Program Trainees

WHEREAS Across the Country, many young people take an oath of enlistment to enter the United States Armed Forces but are not yet physically prepared for boot camp; and

WHEREAS the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) allows for recruits to get into physical shape consistent with the demands of basic training; and

WHEREAS these youth who have taken the oath to enter the military after completion of their time in DEP and are mandated to participate in rigorous military training activities under the supervision and instruction of military recruiters; and

WHEREAS these youth who enter DEP are a vital component of our national security; and

WHEREAS a trainee who is injured during this program is afford no health care coverage; and

WHEREAS a trainee who dies through accident or illness while engaged in these mandated activities are ineligible for death benefits including basic funeral cost; and

WHEREAS basic health care coverage is necessary at every stage of life; now be it

**RESOLVED, by Post No. 161, of The American Legion Department of California, in regular meeting assembled in Antioch, CA on May 11, 2021, requests that The American Legion support legislation that would authorize basic health care coverage to trainees who enter the Delayed Entry Program that would cover the trainee for activities related to their training; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, in addition to health benefits, the legislation should also authorize death benefits in the case of a trainee that dies while engaged in mandated, supervised activities related to their recruit training; and, be It finally**

**RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be transmitted forthwith to The American Legion, Department of California for consideration and adoption at the Annual Convention of the American Legion Department of California, to be held June 24 - 26, 2021 in Visalia CA, and thereafter upon passage submitted to the National Headquarters of The American Legion for consideration by the appropriate Commission**.

Author of Resolution

Manuel Vega, Post 731 Department of California

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This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Post 161

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