



RESOLUTION COVER SHEET

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Resolution Number: 2022-015

Title of Resolution: Exonerate the "Port Chicago Fifty" and "Philadelphia Fifteen"

Subject Matter: *To have the Sec Nav exonerate the Port of Chicago 50 and the Philadelphia Fifteen (Black Sailors) who were wrongly convicted of crimes in the 1940's*

Resolution Being Submitted By: *Nestor Aliga* nestor.aliga@comcast.net 707-853-0062

CHECKLIST: (To be filled out by Resolution Committee)

Y / N Resolution signed by submitting Person or Representative?

Y / N Is there supporting documentation?

Y / N If adopted, would this Resolution meet Department and National Bylaws of The American Legion?

Y / N Does this Resolution require a change in the Department Bylaws if adopted on the Convention floor or the DEC?

Standing Committee Assignment: LEGISLATIVE

Committee Recommendation: ADOPT or REJECT the Resolution. (Circle the Proper Response)

Committee Chairperson: *Nestor Aliga* *AMBL 5 LEGISLATIVE comm 182*

Action on the Floor: *Adopted*

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MUST RETURN THE RESOLUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION/DEC HEADQUARTERS OR DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT IMMEDIATELY AFTER REVIEWING AND MAKING A RECOMMENDATION.



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Resolution Number: 2022-012

Title of Resolution: National Cemetery Privileges for Reservists and National Guard

Subject Matter: *To establish cemetery privileges for Reservists and National Guard for interment.*

Resolution Being Submitted By: *Nestor Aliga* nestor.aliga@comcast.net 707-853-0062

CHECKLIST: (To be filled out by Resolution Committee)

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Standing Committee Assignment: LEGISLATIVE

Committee Recommendation: ADOPT or REJECT the Resolution. (Circle the Proper Response)

Committee Chairperson: *Robert M. Ju* ANBA 5 *Morgan*

Action on the Floor: *ADOPT*

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
1601 7TH STREET, SANGER, CA 93657-280**

**103rd Annual Department Convention, Visalia, California
June 23-26, 2022**

Department Resolution No. 2022-012

Subject: NATIONAL CEMETERY PRIVILEGES FOR RESERVISTS AND NATIONAL GUARD

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Members of the National Guard (NG) and Reserve Components (RC) are important elements of our U.S. Armed Forces Ready Reserve because they serve both community and country and they respond to domestic emergencies, overseas combat missions, humanitarian aid, counterdrug efforts, reconstruction missions and more; and as of July 31, 2021, the total reported personnel strength of the Ready Reserve was 1,007,853 (including 444,600 individuals in the National Guard); and

WHEREAS, The term “Reserve Component” refers collectively to the seven individual reserve components of the Armed Forces: the Army National Guard of the United States, the Army Reserve, the Navy Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve, the Air National Guard of the United States, the Air Force Reserve, and the Coast Guard Reserve; and the purpose of these seven reserve components, as codified in law at 10 U.S.C. §10102, is to “provide trained units and qualified persons available for active duty in the armed forces, in time of war or national emergency, and at such other times as the national security may require, to fill the needs of the armed forces whenever more units and persons are needed than are in the regular components” and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard also have a state role: operating under the control of their governor, they respond to various domestic emergencies, such as disasters and civil disorders; and

WHEREAS, During the Cold War era, the Reserve Components were a manpower pool that was rarely used, and from 1945 to 1989, reservists were involuntarily activated by the federal government four times, an average of less than once per decade; but tens of thousands who honorably but solely served in the NG and/or the RC are currently NOT eligible to be buried in a US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemetery because they do NOT meet at least one of the requirements in <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility/>: 1) met their legal minimum active-duty service requirements, was called up to active duty and served their full term of service, and didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, or 2) entitled to retirement pay at their time of death, or would have been entitled to retirement pay if they weren't under 60 years of age at the time of death, or 3) died while hospitalized or getting treatment at the expense of the U.S. for an injury or illness that occurred while they were performing active-duty services for training or inactive-duty training under honorable conditions, or 4) became disabled or died from a disease or injury caused—or made worse—by their service during a period of active duty for training, or 5) became disabled or died from an injury or certain cardiovascular disorders caused—or made worse—by their service during a period of inactive-duty training; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The American Legion in a Department of California Convention assembled in Visalia, CA, on June 23-28, 2022, urges the federal government to amend Section 2402 of Title 38, United States Code, to expand interments at Veterans Affairs national cemeteries for 1) members of the Reserve Components whose service was terminated under honorable conditions; 2) members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army, Navy, or Air Force who died under honorable conditions while a member; and 3) the spouse, minor child, or unmarried adult child of any member described above.

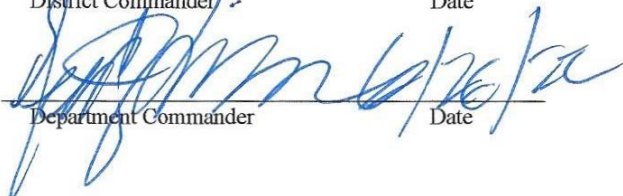
This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Post, District, and Department

Arles DeMayo 5/17/2022
Post Commander Date

Paul Del Rosario 5/17/2022
Post Adjutant Date

Warlito Moises 6/5/2022
District Commander Date

Robert Safreno 6/5/2022
District Adjutant Date

 6/26/22
Department Commander Date

 6/26/22
Department Adjutant Date

Original Author (Print): Nestor Aliga Post # 603

Supplement to Resolution 2022-012 NATIONAL CEMETERY PRIVILEGES FOR RESERVISTS AND NATIONAL GUARD

Information below from: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility/>

National Guard and Reserve members

A National Guard or Reserve member may be eligible if they meet any of these requirements.

At least one of these must be true:

- The National Guard or Reserve member met their legal minimum active-duty service requirements, was called up to active duty and served their full term of service, and didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, **or**
 - The National Guard or Reserve member was entitled to retirement pay at their time of death, or would have been entitled to retirement pay if they weren't under 60 years of age at the time of death, **or**
 - The National Guard or Reserve member died while hospitalized or getting treatment at the expense of the U.S. for an injury or illness that occurred while they were performing active-duty services for training or inactive-duty training under honorable conditions, **or**
 - The National Guard or Reserve member became disabled or died from a disease or injury caused—or made worse—by their service during a period of active duty for training, **or**
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Resolution Number: 2022-014

Title of Resolution: Repeal The Rescission Act of 1946

Subject Matter: *To have service of Filipino Armed Forces recognized as service to the United States.*

Resolution Being Submitted By: *Nestor Aliga* nestor.aliga@comcast.net 707-853-0062

CHECKLIST: (To be filled out by Resolution Committee)

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Standing Committee Assignment: LEGISLATIVE

Committee Recommendation: ADOPT or REJECT the Resolution. (Circle the Proper Response)

Committee Chairperson: *Robert M. ...* *ADJUTANT COMMISSIONER*

Action on the Floor: *adopted*

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103rd Annual Department Convention, Visalia, California
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Department Resolution No. 2022-014

Subject: **REPEAL THE RESCISSION ACT OF 1946**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, From July 26, 1941 to December 31, 1946, Filipino US Army soldiers and guerrillas fought and defended a sovereign territory of the United States, as part of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East and defeated the Japanese Imperial Forces in Oct 1944 and liberated the Philippines in August 1945; and

WHEREAS, The Rescission Act of 1946 provided that "service in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines should not be deemed to have been service in the military or naval forces of the United States," therefore, post-WWII benefits for Filipino Veterans of the U.S. Army were no longer the problem of the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, US Representative Nancy Pelosi stated, "I consider the Rescission Act of 1946 to be a scar on the historical record of the United States," and this injustice to Filipino WWII veterans remains a dark chapter in U.S. history for as long as the 1946 Rescission Act remains in the books; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The American Legion in a Department of California Convention assembled in Visalia, CA, on June 23-28, 2022, urges Congress to act and repeal the Rescission Act of 1946 in order to correct the injustice that these Veterans have suffered and to heal the indignation and sorrow they have endured.

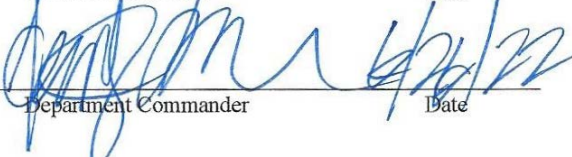
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Resolution Number: 2022-009 (Assigned by Department)

Title of Resolution: Project to Provide Equity for Filipino WW II Veterans

Subject Matter: *American Legion Support for Projects for recognition and support for Filipino WW II Veterans for housing, health, and healing.*

Resolution Being Submitted By: Phil Delacruz, 510-417-8688, jafilamdc@gmail.com

CHECKLIST: (To be filled out by Resolution Committee)

Y / N Resolution signed by submitting Person or Representative?

Y / N Is there supporting documentation?

Y / N If adopted, would this Resolution meet Department and National Bylaws of The American Legion?

Y / N Does this Resolution require a change in the Department Bylaws if adopted on the Convention floor or the DEC?

Standing Committee Assignment: VA & R
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee Recommendation: ADOPT or REJECT the Resolution. (Circle the Proper Response)

Committee Chairperson: John Aldridge

Action on the Floor: ~~yes~~ Adopted

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**103 Annual Department Convention
June 24-26, 2022**

Resolution No. 2022-009

Subject: Provide Equity to Filipino WWII Veterans

Origin: American Legion Post 510 San Francisco

Submitted By: Jafilam M. dela Cruz

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Philippines was the “Pearl Harbor” in Asia and the Filipino Veterans of WWII were the front-liners whose experience included the Bataan Death March and played a significant role in preserving freedom in the world;

WHEREAS, The Filipino Veterans suffered the injustice, as a result of the “The Rescission Act of 1946”, of retroactively having their compensation and benefits annulled that would have been payable to Filipino troops for their service during WWII; and,

WHEREAS, ALP510 San Francisco Post has collaborated with the Filipino American Society of Architects and Engineers (FASAE) to develop a tangible benefit towards a lifestyle with dignity for the Filipino WWII veterans and their families through technical support for “building back better and safer shelter” in conjunction with a project initiated by the International Organization for Migration, United Nations (IOM, UN.); now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That at the American Legion Department of California Convention assembled in Visalia, CA, on June 24-26, 2022, delegates approve to support ALP510, San Francisco in District 8 (Area 2) of the Department of California, in doing outreach to over 250,000 WWII Filipino Veterans throughout the respective communities of American Legion Posts to “build back better and safer shelter”; as well as to disseminate and implement education programs specifically designed for succeeding generations to remain motivated, vigilant, and ready to do what is necessary to maintain and sustain the freedom that were preserved by the sacrifices of these warriors using the resources developed by FilVetREP (www.FilVetREP.org); as well as the resources of an educational program for High School students as created by The Bataan Legacy Historical Society in its website www.bataanlegacy.org).

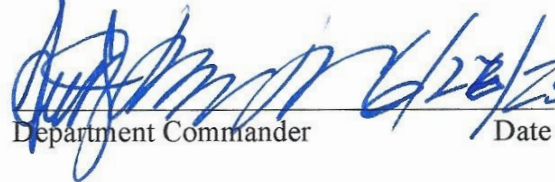
This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Post 510, District 8, and Department of California

Jafilam M. dela Cruz 5/31/2022
Post Commander Date

Rodrigo L dela Concepcion, Jr 5/31/2022
Post Adjutant Date

Helen Wong 5/31/2022
District Commander Date

Paul Cox 5/31/2022
District Adjutant Date

 6/22/22
Department Commander Date

Barbara Lombardo 6/26/22
Department Adjutant Date

Supporting Documents to Resolution to Provide Equity to Filipino WWII Veterans:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ywpcitc4dnbla7k/resolution%20references%2C%20composite.docx?dl=0>



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Resolution Number: 2022-020

Title of Resolution: Supportive Services Funding for Homeless and At-Risk Veterans

Subject Matter: *Submitted to us by National to approve that TAL support funding for services to aid homeless Veterans and their families.*

Resolution Being Submitted By: *Eric Measles, haydenfalls@aol.com*

CHECKLIST: (To be filled out by Resolution Committee)

Y / N Resolution signed by submitting Person or Representative?

Y / N Is there supporting documentation?

Y / N If adopted, would this Resolution meet Department and National Bylaws of The American Legion?

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Standing Committee Assignment: VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Committee Recommendation: ADOPT or REJECT the Resolution. (Circle the Proper Response)

Committee Chairperson: John Aldridge

Action on the Floor: ~~not~~ adopted

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Resolution No. 2022-020

Subject: Supportive Services Funding for Homeless and At-Risk Veterans

Origin: National Veterans Employment & Education Division

Submitted By: Eric Measles

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Veterans represent approximately 11% of the general homeless population, and 3.7% of veterans become homeless in the first five years after service

WHEREAS, Isolation and lack of social support systems are major risk factors among United States veterans leading to 1 out of 5 veterans living alone with an increased risk of going homeless if proper social support is not in place after discharge.

WHEREAS, The (FY) 2021 Department of Veteran Affairs Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups (CHALENG) report that consistent with 2020 data and with the previous 20 years of data, unmet needs of veterans are primarily services that VA cannot provide directly.

WHEREAS, CHALENG sites eight of the ten unmet needs continue to be housing for veterans who need to register as sex offenders, and legal assistance in the areas of court fees/court fines, credit issues/debt collection, expunging criminal records, child support, family law, discharge upgrade appeals, and tax issues. It sites six of the ten met needs continue to be medical services, mental health services, case management, food, TB testing, and substance abuse treatment.

WHEREAS, Several studies have identified unemployment as one of the factors that greatly contribute to homelessness among veterans due to a combination of factors that may or may not include mental or physical problems and substance abuse

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of California at Department Convention assembled in Visalia California, June 24-26, 2022, That The American Legion renew its commitment to assisting homeless veterans and their families; and be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion continue to support the efforts of the public and private sector agencies and organizations with resources necessary to aid homeless veterans and their families; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That THE American Legion seek and support any legislative or administrative proposal that will provide medical, rehabilitative and employment assistance to homeless veterans and their families; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion expresses strong support of the importance of collaboration among agencies and sectors to meet the needs of veterans and put an end to homelessness and at risk homelessness among veterans.

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Department

 6/26/22
Department Commander Date

 6/26/22
Department Adjutant Date



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Resolution Number: 2022-026

Title of Resolution: Tax Relief for Veterans and Military Families

Origin: National Veterans Employment & Education Division

Subject Matter: Submitted to us by National to approve that The American Legion broadly supports tax policies that benefit veterans, veteran small businesses, active-duty service members, and military families.

Resolution Being Submitted By: *Eric Measles*, haydenfallls@aol.com

CHECKLIST: (To be filled out by Resolution Committee)

Y / Resolution signed by submitting Person or Representative? *NEEDS SIGNATURE*

/ N Is there supporting documentation?

/ N If adopted, would this Resolution meet Department and National Bylaws of The American Legion?

/ N Does this Resolution require a change in the Department Bylaws if adopted on the Convention floor or the DEC?

Standing Committee Assignment: LEGISLATIVE

Committee Recommendation: ADOPT or REJECT the Resolution. (Circle the Proper Response)

Committee Chairperson: *[Signature]* *LEGISLATIVE COMM AREA 5*

Action on the Floor: *Adopted*

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Resolution No. 2022-026

Subject: Tax Relief for Veterans and Military Families

Origin: National Veterans Employment & Education Division

Submitted By: Eric Measles

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion supports veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small business development, growth, entrepreneurship, and preference in government contracting; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has the obligation to minimize tax burdens for veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families; and

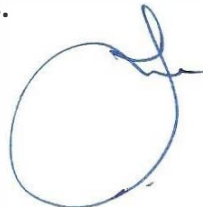
WHEREAS, The American Legion has historically supported enhancements to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program that would increase incentives for businesses to hire veterans, service-disabled veterans, and active-duty military spouses; and

WHEREAS, Tax relief is an important policy mechanism for ensuring a conducive economy that allows for veteran-owned small businesses and military families to achieve their financial goals; and

WHEREAS, Tax reform provides a unique opportunity to provide financial support to military families and ensure that they have flexibility when filing their taxes; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal policy encompasses a wide variety of issues that have the potential to impact the lives of veterans, active-duty service members, and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of California at Department Convention assembled in Visalia California, June 24-26, 2022, That The American Legion broadly supports tax policies that benefit veterans, veteran small businesses, active-duty service members, and military families.

 E. MEASLES

REGULATIONS

Based on the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of The American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee at its October 1956 meeting, the following regulations have been established for the procedure of Convention Resolutions:

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2. The National Adjutant shall maintain a Convention register of all resolutions received, assigned and processed which shall identify each resolution by number, indicating the committee to which the resolution was referred and the originating source.

In submitting resolutions, the following points should be carefully observed:

- a. A resolution shall deal with only one subject. Do not attempt to deal with more than one subject in the RESOLVING clauses.
- b. All local RESOLVING clauses are to be omitted, substituting therein a clause resolving national action, i.e. the resolution as submitted should be worded for the National Convention as follows:

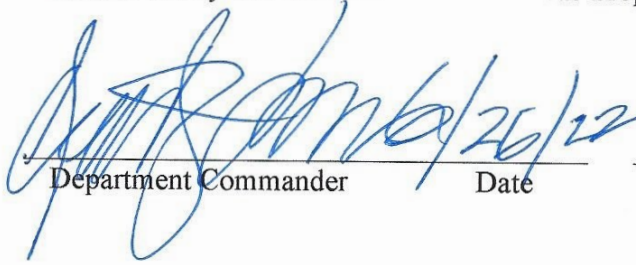
RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 30, 31, September 1, 2022, That —


If the resolving clause is not stated as above (using convention business session dates) it necessitates having to re-write the resolution to show the proper resolving clause.

- c. Each resolution is to be worded in full, including all WHEREAS clauses as well as the RESOLVING clauses.
 - d. Each resolution is to be signed in black ink and the originating source clearly typewritten or indicated, unless it is submitted as a computer file. Then the originating source is to be placed in the footer of the form.
3. In accordance with Resolution No. 21, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 4-5, 2016, each resolution should be supported by the identification of the individual or group originating the resolution, and also by a written statement or brief containing the supporting arguments in favor of the action sought, and clearly establishing the material relevance of the subject to the purpose for which The American Legion was formed.
 4. In accordance with Resolution No. 50, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 5-6, 1965, resolutions adopted by Departments and destined for consideration by the National Convention shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant, to be in his hands fourteen (14) days prior to the opening session of the National Convention. The only exception to this provision shall be in instances where Department Conventions are held at such time that it becomes physically impossible to comply with this provision, in which instances, the resolutions shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant immediately upon the adjournment of the Department Convention.
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5. The National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee may return through the Secretary of the National Convention to the source, inappropriate or non-germane resolutions that may be resubmitted, when corrected, to the National Executive Committee or National Convention by the originator. Inappropriate or non-germane resolutions include, but are not limited to: Convention resolutions (1) containing more than one subject, (2) calling for or requiring the expenditure of funds, (3) containing personal attacks or derogatory characterizations, (4) outside the purview, (5) not pertinent or inappropriate for action by the National Convention or (6) unclear and undocumented. Deficient resolutions, once corrected, in order to be reconsidered, need to be resubmitted to the National Convention or National Executive Committee as provided in the National Constitution & By-Laws.

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Department

 6/26/22
Department Commander Date

 6/26/2022
Department Adjutant Date



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Resolution Number: 2022-025

Title of Resolution: Resource and System Provisions for Food Insecurity Among Veterans

Origin: National Veterans Employment & Education Division

Subject Matter: Submitted to us by National to approve that The American Legion support legislation that facilitates solutions that effectively addresses the unique circumstances that lead to food insecurity among veterans.

Resolution Being Submitted By: *Eric Measles*, haydenfalls@aol.com

CHECKLIST: (To be filled out by Resolution Committee)

Y / N Resolution signed by submitting Person or Representative? NEED SIGNATURE

Y / N Is there supporting documentation?

Y / N If adopted, would this Resolution meet Department and National Bylaws of The American Legion?

Y / N Does this Resolution require a change in the Department Bylaws if adopted on the Convention floor or the DEC?

Standing Committee Assignment: LEGISLATION

Committee Recommendation: ADOPT or REJECT the Resolution. (Circle the Proper Response)

Committee Chairperson: *Eric Measles* AREA 5 LEGISLATIVE COMM

Action on the Floor: Adopted

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Resolution No. 2022-025

Subject: Resource and System Provisions for Food Insecurity Among Veterans

Origin: National Veterans Employment & Education Division

Submitted By: Eric Measles

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs reports that 1.5 million veterans live in poverty, and their poverty rates are rising leading to increased risks of food insecurity and decreased ability to maintain healthy living; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, 17.4 million veterans lived in the United States, of whom three-fourths were of working age due to the fact that one of the fastest growing and youngest groups of veterans are those who served after September 11, 2001, and are more likely to have a service-connected disability; and

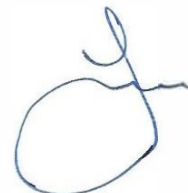
WHEREAS, A report summary from the Economic Research Service (ERS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that in 2015-2019, 11.1 percent of working-age veterans lived in food insecure households, and 5.3 percent lived in households with very low food security causing disruptions in normal eating patterns; and

WHEREAS, ERS also found that food insecure households among working-aged veterans differed by periods of service, length of service, educational attainment, metropolitan status, labor for participation, household composition and disability status; and

WHEREAS, Food insecurity was higher among working-aged veterans who were disabled (33.6 percent), unemployed (20.0 percent) and female (13.5 percent), but declined with the number of active duty periods and educational attainment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of California at Department Convention assembled in Visalia California, June 24-26, 2022, That The American Legion support legislation that facilitates solutions that effectively addresses the unique circumstances that lead to food insecurity among veterans; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion supports legislation that secures the availability of food resources and systems that serve as a pipeline in getting nutrition to veterans who are experiencing or at risk of food insecurity.


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In submitting resolutions, the following points should be carefully observed:

- a. A resolution shall deal with only one subject. Do not attempt to deal with more than one subject in the RESOLVING clauses.
- b. All local RESOLVING clauses are to be omitted, substituting therein a clause resolving national action, i.e. the resolution as submitted should be worded for the National Convention as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 30, 31, September 1, 2022, That —

If the resolving clause is not stated as above (using convention business session dates) it necessitates having to re-write the resolution to show the proper resolving clause.

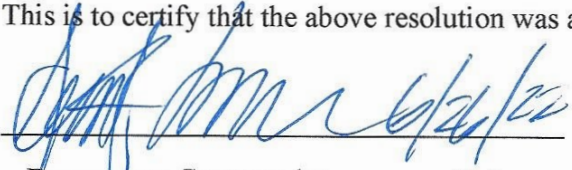
- c. Each resolution is to be worded in full, including all WHEREAS clauses as well as the RESOLVING clauses.
 - d. Each resolution is to be signed in black ink and the originating source clearly typewritten or indicated, unless it is submitted as a computer file. Then the originating source is to be placed in the footer of the form.
3. In accordance with Resolution No. 21, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 4-5, 2016, each resolution should be supported by the identification of the individual or
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group originating the resolution, and also by a written statement or brief containing the supporting arguments in favor of the action sought, and clearly establishing the material relevance of the subject to the purpose for which The American Legion was formed.

4. In accordance with Resolution No. 50, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 5-6, 1965, resolutions adopted by Departments and destined for consideration by the National Convention shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant, to be in his hands fourteen (14) days prior to the opening session of the National Convention. The only exception to this provision shall be in instances where Department Conventions are held at such time that it becomes physically impossible to comply with this provision, in which instances, the resolutions shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant immediately upon the adjournment of the Department Convention.

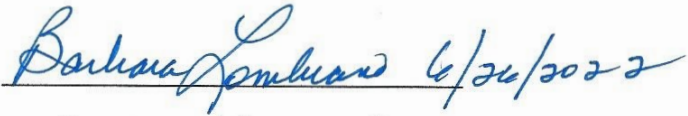
 5. The National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee may return through the Secretary of the National Convention to the source, inappropriate or non-germane resolutions that may be resubmitted, when corrected, to the National Executive Committee or National Convention by the originator. Inappropriate or non-germane resolutions include, but are not limited to: Convention resolutions (1) containing more than one subject, (2) calling for or requiring the expenditure of funds, (3) containing personal attacks or derogatory characterizations, (4) outside the purview, (5) not pertinent or inappropriate for action by the National Convention or (6) unclear and undocumented. Deficient resolutions, once corrected, in order to be reconsidered, need to be resubmitted to the National Convention or National Executive Committee as provided in the National Constitution & By-Laws.
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This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Department



Department Commander

Date



Department Adjutant

Date