2023 American Legion National Convention

Veterans Employment & Education Commission Report

The Commission met on Saturday August 26 at the Weston Providence Ballroom. After opening ceremonies, Col. Adam Rocke was introduced as MC. The following speakers made presentations:

* James Rodrigues representing the Department of Labor, Veteran’s Employment and Training Service. James presented unemployment statistics for Veterans and spouses of military members. One major problem was Veterans on the move due to economics.
* Joseph Garcia spoke about improvements and changes in VA Education Benefits Primarily, transforming the GI Bill experience to digital application with military service documented on the form.
* Larry Stubblefield, Small Business Administration, Contracting & Business Development explained the expansion of services to rural communities.
* Kathryn Monet, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans talked about the significant reduction of homeless Veterans since 2009.
* Tom Belli, Caregiving LLC. Presented his program on shortages in health care in assisted living facilities and his efforts to assist transitioning Veterans into jobs into health care.

The following resolutions were approved by the Convention Committee on Sunday, August 27:

* Res.13: Option to Provide Contact Information to Veterans Service Organizations at Discharge or Retirement.
* Res. 14: Preserve Housing Benefits for Online Education.
* Res. 18: Support 199A Qualified Business Income Deduction.
* Res. 19: Enhancing the Work Opportunity (WOTC) for Veteran Workers and Families.
* Res. 20: Tax Relief for Veterans and Military Families.
* Res 28: Accelerated Training in Defense Manufacturing.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to represent the Department of California at the National Convention. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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