

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
August 27, 28, 29, 2019**

**Resolution No. 16: Coast Guard Pay Discrimination**

**Origin: Minnesota**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security  
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS: The longest government shutdown in American history caused undue hardship in a discriminating manner by withholding pay to thousands of United States Coast Guard members, chartered in the Department of Homeland Security, while continuing to pay all other active duty members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS: 14 U.S. Code § 1 - Establishment of Coast Guard states: “The Coast Guard, established January 28, 1915, shall be a military service and a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States at all times.”; and

WHEREAS: Every member of the armed forces of the United States shall complete a DD Form 4, Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces, including Section H, Paragraph 22A

22a. IN A REGULAR COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend

The Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God; and

WHEREAS: U.S. Coast Guard members are members of a military service and a branch of the armed forces of the United States at all times; and

WHEREAS: U.S. Coast Guard members affirm the Confirmation of Enlistment Oath (DD Form 4); now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 27, 28, 29, 2019, That The American Legion advocates for the president of the United States and the United States Congress to take measures to ensure all active duty members, of the U. S. Coast Guard, armed forces of the United States, shall not experience discrimination in the future; to include pay and benefits the same as the other armed forces receive.**