

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
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Resolution No. 28: Department Of Veterans Affairs To Provide A Wider Variety Of Sleep Apnea Equipment

Origin: Illinois

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

(As Amended)

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of wartime veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals and community based outpatient clinics provide various machines to treat sleep apnea including continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), automatic positive airway pressure (APAP) and bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP) machines; and

WHEREAS, The VA also provides replacements for masks, hoses, filters and straps; and

WHEREAS, The cleaning of these devices is the responsibility of the veteran and they are instructed to use baby shampoo and water to clean the mask, hose, tank and filter; and

WHEREAS, Many veterans may not do a good cleaning job of these machines which may cause the build-up of mold, germs and bacteria; and

WHEREAS, There are several machines on the open market that can thoroughly and effortlessly sanitize these devices; 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 shall encourage the Department of Veterans Affairs to offer a wider variety of sleep apnea machines that can be easily sanitized for veterans.