

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Resolution No. 2: Legislative Program for the 117th Congress

Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions

Submitted by: Subcommittee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, National Executive Committee Resolution No. 25, October 2016, titled, "Implementation of the Legislative Program" provides that, "...all resolutions with legislative intent are to be reviewed by the appropriate convention committees at the National Convention immediately preceding the convening of a new Congress" and that, "...the convention committees include in their reports to the National Convention an addendum listing those resolutions...previously approved with legislative intent that are to remain as part of the legislative program of The American Legion for the next Congress; and

WHEREAS, These requirements were unable to be fulfilled because of the cancellation of the 2020 National Convention by National Executive Committee Resolution No. 3, Mail 2020; and

WHEREAS, The legislative program of The American Legion needs to be continued; and

WHEREAS, The following, previously approved resolutions have been reviewed by the standing commissions to be included in the legislative program for the 117th Congress; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That the following resolutions previously approved by a National Convention or the National Executive Committee are hereby reiterated and remain as part of the legislative program of The American Legion through the 117th Congress.

AMERICANISM

2016	Fall	19	Flag Code Amendment
2016	Convention	301	Eliminate Damages and Attorney Fees in Establishment Clause Lawsuits
2016	Convention	303	Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Flag of the United States
2018	Convention	111	English Language Be Declared as the Official United States Language

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

2016	Fall	11	Support and Defend Veteran and Military Memorials
2017	Spring	16	National Global War on Terrorism Memorial
2017	Fall	11	National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass for Honorably Discharged Veterans
2018	Convention	50	Increase Income Tax Deduction for Volunteer Mileage
2018	Convention	86	Award Congressional Gold Medal to the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Service Company
2018	Convention	110	Support Congressional Gold Medal for Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators of WWI
2018	Fall	1	Unrecognized Armed Hostilities Recognition
2019	Convention	57	Coin Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II

NATIONAL SECURITY

2016	Convention	225	Fully Fund NASA
2016	Convention	29	Commercial Shipbuilding For Defense
2016	Convention	33	Rare Earth Elements
2016	Convention	96	Support Full Funding And Resourcing For The U.S. Navy And Marine Corps
2016	Convention	219	Support Full Funding For The Department Of The Army Budget
2018	Convention	35	National Defense Budget
2016	Convention	45	Policy On The Arctic Region
2016	Convention	90	South China Sea Island Building
2018	Convention	117	Japan Arms Sales
2019	Spring	9	Support For The Federated States Of Micronesia, The Republic Of The Marshall Islands, And Republic Of Palau
2019	Convention	41	Protection Of The POW/MIA Flag
2016	Convention	23	Support For The Department Of Homeland Security And Coast Guard
2016	Convention	24	Illegal Immigration Policy
2016	Convention	32	Support Domestic Energy Production
2016	Convention	91	Cybersecurity And Identity Theft
2016	Convention	173	Secure National Borders Against Illegal Drugs
2016	Convention	85	Support For Military Quality Of Life Standards
2016	Convention	93	Codify Burial Eligibility For Arlington National Cemetery
2016	Convention	94	Earned Military Benefits
2016	Convention	102	Oppose Tricare Fee Increases
2016	Convention	107	Support Armed Services Retirement Homes
2016	Convention	200	Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)
2018	Spring	10	Expedited Citizenship Applications For Deported Veterans
2018	Convention	98	Continuation Of Military Death Benefits During Government Shutdown
2018	Fall	15	Expedited Citizenship Through Military Service
2019	Fall	18	Funding Of The Department Of Defense STARBASE Program

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

2016	Fall	22	Surviving Families Benefits
2016	Fall	23	Add Agent Orange Component To Code Of Federal Regulations 4.16
2016	Fall	24	Improve Special Monthly Compensation (K) Award
2016	Convention	1	Department Of Veterans Affairs Quadrennial Plan For Budget
2016	Convention	2	Reinstate Enrollment Of Priority Group 8g Veterans Into The Department Of Veterans Affairs' Patient Enrollment System
2016	Convention	6	Department Of Veterans Affairs Construction Programs
2016	Convention	8	Department Of Veterans Affairs Preservation Of National Historic Properties
2016	Convention	11	Medical Marijuana Research
2016	Convention	35	Agent Orange
2016	Convention	41	State Veterans Home Funding For Construction Grants
2016	Convention	43	Department Of Veterans Affairs Child Care Program
2016	Convention	44	Department Of Veterans Affairs Rural Healthcare Program
2016	Convention	51	WWII Veterans Hospital And Medical Entitlements

2016	Convention	52	Department Of Veterans Affairs Means Test
2016	Convention	53	Veterans Discounts On Federally Funded Public Transportation
2016	Convention	55	Radiation Exposure
2016	Convention	62	Veterans Transportation System And Benefits Travel
2016	Convention	64	Department Of Veterans Affairs Beneficiary Travel Program
2016	Convention	83	Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record
2016	Convention	117	Disability And Death Pension Program
2016	Convention	131	Recognize Operations In Lebanon (1958), Grenada (1983), And Panama (1989-1990) As Periods Of War For Department Of Veterans Affairs Pension Purposes
2016	Convention	163	Legislation To Provide Reporting, Tracking, And Actions Dealing With Sexual Assaults At Department Of Veterans Affairs Facilities
2016	Convention	181	National Cemetery Administration
2016	Convention	182	Non-Department Of Veterans Affairs Emergency Care
2016	Convention	183	Presumptive Conditions For Former Prisoners Of War
2016	Convention	185	State Veteran Home Per Diem Reimbursement
2016	Convention	186	Department Of Veterans Affairs Dental Care
2016	Convention	187	Department Of Veterans Affairs Disability Compensation
2016	Convention	188	Department Of Veterans Affairs' Role In National Emergency Preparedness
2016	Convention	238	Suicide Prevention For American Veterans Act
2016	Convention	245	Extend Eligibility For National Cemetery Administration Medallion
2016	Convention	246	Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans
2016	Convention	259	Extend Caregiver Benefits To Include Veterans Before September 11, 2001
2016	Convention	268	Urn Markers Provided By The National Cemetery Administration
2016	Convention	362	Congressional Budget Office Scoring On Department Of Veterans Affairs Leasing
2016	Convention	363	Consolidation Of Department Of Veterans Affairs Care In The Community Program
2016	Convention	367	Include Korean War Veterans In Priority Group 6 For Department Of Veterans Affairs Health Care
2016	Convention	372	Oppose Closing Or Privatization Of Department Of Veterans Affairs Health Care System
2016	Convention	375	Prosecution Of VA Employees Engaged In Fraudulent Practices In The Department Of Veterans Affairs
2016	Convention	377	Support For Veteran Quality Of Life
2016	Convention	378	United States Census To Include Veterans Information
2016	Convention	379	Veteran Caretaker Stipend
2016	Convention	380	Exempt Funds Related To Interment Services At Cemeteries From Any Future Sequestration
2017	Spring	23	Department Of Veterans Affairs Provide Mental Health Services For Veterans With Other Than Honorable And General Discharges
2017	Spring	27	Amend Title 38, United States Code, To Clarify The Treatment Of A Veteran As Adjudicated Mentally Incompetent For Certain Purposes
2017	Convention	14	Extend Allotted Time For Claims Review By Service Officers
2017	Convention	16	Department Of Veterans Affairs Automobile Allowance Program
2017	Convention	47	Research Into Hearing Loss Due To Loud Or Constant Noise Exposure In The Military
2017	Convention	74	Air Carrier Access

2017	Convention	75	Department Of Veterans Affairs Rural Health Care Program
2017	Convention	76	Veterans Emergency Room Or Urgent Care Facility Relief
2018	Spring	18	Furnish Hospital Care And Medical Services To Veterans And Family Members Who Were Stationed At Military Installations At Which The Veterans And Dependents Were Exposed To Per- And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
2018	Spring	19	Helping Veterans Exposed To Burn Pits
2018	Convention	11	Agent Orange And Kidney Disease
2018	Convention	49	Exempt Certain Income From VA Pension Rate Determination
2018	Convention	53	Means Test For Married Veterans
2018	Convention	58	Compensation For Veterans Requiring Hearing Aids For Service Connected Hearing Loss
2018	Convention	59	Automatic Waiver For Over-Payment Of \$300
2018	Convention	64	Department Of Veterans Affairs Dental Care For Ratings Of 50% Or More
2018	Convention	74	Amend The Eligibility Requirements And Extend The Eligibility Time Period For Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance
2018	Convention	79	Improve Special Monthly Compensation (K) Award
2018	Convention	85	Designate Prisoner Of War, Purple Heart And Medal Of Honor Recipients As Priority Group 1 Veterans
2018	Convention	93	Agent Orange
2018	Convention	115	Outdoor And Adaptive Sports Programs For Veterans
2019	Convention	11	Environmental Exposures At Fort McClellan
2019	Convention	32	Veterans Burial/Plot Allowance Payment
2019	Convention	52	Antidepressant Harms Analysis
2019	Convention	58	Department Of Veterans Affairs Accreditation Of Individual Claims Agents
2019	Convention	59	Establish Green Alert System Interagency Group Or Committee For Veterans In Crisis
2019	Fall	11	Abolish Premium For Delayed Enrollment In Medicare Part B For Veterans Eligible For Medical Benefits From The Department Of Veterans Affairs
2019	Convention	18	Payment For Emergency Transportation To A Department Of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

2019	Fall	13	Tracking of Veteran Unemployment in all U.S. Territories
2019	Fall	14	Reauthorize and Fund the U.S. Small Business Administration's Patriot Express Loan
2019	Fall	15	Support Greater GI Bill Outcomes by Closing 90-10 Loophole
2019	Convention	54	GI Bill Eligibility for Reserve and National Guard Service
2019	Convention	55	Mandatory use of the Veterans First Contracting Program
2019	Spring	13	Support Robust Enforcement of the Military Lending Act
2018	Fall	21	Support Reasonable Set-Aside of Federal Procurements and Contracts
2018	Fall	22	Expanding Post-9/11 GI Bill for Student Loan Repayments
2018	Fall	23	Close the GI Bill Flight School Loophole
2018	Fall	24	Support Funding and Changes to the Department of Veterans Affairs Grant and Per Diem Program
2018	Fall	26	Eliminate GI Bill Transferability Maximum Year Caps

2018	Convention	100	Accountability of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP)
2018	Convention	101	Support for Continuation of Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program
2018	Convention	102	Expansion of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP) to include Ancillary Programs and Services
2018	Convention	103	Support and Expand Department of Defense Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
2018	Convention	104	GI Bill Fairness for Activated National Guard Servicemembers
2018	Convention	105	Support and Expand Warrior Transition Advancement Course (WARTAC)
2018	Spring	11	Support Veteran and Reserve Servicemember Financial Protections
2018	Spring	12	Accountability and Enhancements of Transition Assistance Program; Outcomes and Delivery for Today's Digital Transitioning Servicemembers
2017	Fall	20	Support of An Acting Operator for Deployed Servicemember's Small Business
2017	Convention	26	Support Effort of the Small Business Administration's Office of Veterans Business Development and Veterans Business Outreach Centers
2017	Convention	81	Military Spouse Employment
2017	Convention	82	Preserve Veteran and Servicemember Rights to Gainful Employment and Borrower Defense Protections
2017	Convention	83	Protect Veteran and Servicemember Rights to Fair Consumer Arbitration
2017	Convention	84	Support and Strengthen the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)
2017	Convention	85	Support Employment and Reemployment Rights of National Guard and Reservists Returning from Deployment
2016	Fall	20	Oppose Efforts to Downgrade Low-Level Wage Positions within the Department of Veterans Affairs
2016	Convention	58	Support Legislation that Prohibits Discrimination against Veterans in Federal Contracts
2016	Convention	60	Support Full Funding of Local Veterans Employment Representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist (DVOPS) Positions
2016	Convention	68	Support the Increased Funding of Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist and Local Veterans' Employment Representative Programs
2016	Convention	70	Improve Transition Assistance Program
2016	Convention	71	Oppose Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service Hiring of Non-Veterans
2016	Convention	73	Oppose the Transfer of Veterans' Employment and Training Service to the Department of Veterans Affairs
2016	Convention	75	Support Legislation that Ensures that all Agencies that Receive Funding from the U.S. Department of Labor or the Workforce Investment Act Meet the Mandatory Compliance Standards for Veterans Preference
2016	Convention	76	Support Improvements in the Reporting Programs available to and Administered by Veterans' Employment and Training Service
2016	Convention	77	Support for the Military Transition Program
2016	Convention	80	Support Legislation that would return Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist and Local Veterans' Employment Representative Funding to a Staffing Grant
2016	Convention	81	Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshops for National Guard and Reserve Members
2016	Convention	149	Support "Buy American" Policy at the Department of Veterans

			Affairs to Create Jobs and Opportunities for Veterans
2016	Convention	150	Expanding Post 9/11 GI Bill for Entrepreneurship
2016	Convention	151	Status of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business after the Death of the Veteran Owner
2016	Convention	153	Support Effort of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Veterans Business Development
2016	Convention	155	Support Verification Improvements for Veterans' Business
2016	Convention	156	Veterans Entrepreneur Training Program
2016	Convention	170	Oppose the Department of Labor's Restructuring of Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist and Local Veterans Employment Representative Roles
2016	Convention	254	Raise on VA Home Loans for Two Legally Married Eligible Veterans
2016	Convention	274	Support Employment Services for Spouses of Servicemembers Killed in the Line of Duty
2016	Convention	311	Federal and State Incentive for Employers to use Veterans' Preference
2016	Convention	313	Support Elimination Funding Fees for Government Guaranteed Loans
2016	Convention	314	Support Elimination of The VA Home Loan Funding Fee
2016	Convention	316	Support Employment of Veterans in the Public and Private Workforce
2016	Convention	317	Enforcing Veterans' Preference Hiring Practices in Federal Civil Service
2016	Convention	318	Ensuring the Quality of Servicemember and Veteran Student's Education at Institutions of Higher Education
2016	Convention	319	Expanding Veterans Employment and Homeless Services within The Department of Veterans Affairs
2016	Convention	327	Support further Assessment and Evaluation of Institutions of Higher Learning to Enable Veterans to make Informed Education Choices
2016	Convention	328	GI Bill Medical Transferability Rights
2016	Convention	329	Support Home Loan Guaranty Program
2016	Convention	330	Homeless Veterans Assistance
2016	Convention	331	Support Housing Preference for Low-Income Veterans in The Department of Housing and Urban Development
2016	Convention	332	Support Funding for The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Homeless Program
2016	Convention	333	Support Increase in Reporting Fees for Educational Institutions
2016	Convention	334	Support Legislation to Increase Telework (Telecommuting) Opportunities for Service-Disabled Veterans and Military Spouses
2016	Convention	335	Support Major Enhancements for The Montgomery GI Bill
2016	Convention	336	Support Legislation that would Change The 12-Year Delimiting Date for Eligibility to Chapter 31 Benefits (VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program)
2016	Convention	339	Support the Rollover of Ira Account Penalty of Tax Liability of a Permanent and Total 100 Percent Service-Disabled Veteran with Individual Unemployability
2016	Convention	340	Support Permanent Authorization for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program
2016	Convention	341	Support Recognition of Military and Pay when Calculating Starting Federal Civilian Salaries
2016	Convention	344	Support Federal Legislation that Protects the Employment of Veterans in the

			U. S. Postal Service Mail Processing Facilities that are Slated for Closure
2016	Convention	346	Support an Investigation of Hiring Practices in the Federal Government
2016	Convention	348	Support Legislation that Bolsters the Hiring of Veterans in the Public and Private Sectors
2016	Convention	349	Support Legislation to improve the Post-9/11 GI Bill
2016	Convention	351	Support Tax Credit for certain Employers
2016	Convention	352	Transitional Housing Allotments for returning Combat Veterans
2016	Convention	353	Support a Veteran-Centric Website for Employment
2016	Convention	354	Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program
2016	Convention	355	Veterans Employment Initiative
2016	Convention	356	Veterans Home Loans
2016	Convention	357	Support Veterans Housing Repair and Modification for Pilot Program
2016	Convention	358	Support Veterans' Preference in Public Employment