

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
May 4-5, 2022  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 27: Support Establishment of 24-Hour Child Development Centers on all Military Installations**

**Origin: Register Resolution No. 2820 (FR) Department Executive Committee**

**Submitted by: National Security Commission**

WHEREAS, Seven percent of all married active-duty U.S. Armed Forces personnel are dual-military couples, and those same dual-military couples represent 12 percent of the United States Air Force, five percent of the Army, five percent of the Navy, and four percent of the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Affordable, accessible child care services present themselves as one of the most daunting challenges facing married military members when one parent is serving on active duty; even more so when both couples are in uniform, recognizing long work hours, deployments, and temporary geographic separations pose significant challenges for members at all levels; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense oversees approximately 800 Child Development Centers (CDCs) on its installations worldwide, and the typical CDC operates from Monday to Friday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., acknowledging several CDCs have implemented extended hours and other CDCs may be open around the clock; and

WHEREAS, Limited or restricted CDC services create ongoing scheduling hardships for dual-military spouses in obtaining child care services, leading to deployment-related issues; and

WHEREAS, The sole, viable alternative for dual-military couples not having access to a 24-hour CDC are cost-prohibitive, civilian off-base equivalent childcare services, placing undue financial stress on those same members of the United States Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2022, That The American Legion strongly urges the Department of Defense (DoD) and Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) to establish affordable 24-hour Child Development Centers or equivalent services to authorized family members at all installations worldwide, to eliminate scheduling and financial hardships facing dual-military couples.**