

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 30, 31, September 1, 2022**

**Resolution No. 6: Increase Cancer Screenings by the Department of Veterans Affairs
Origin: Montana
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS, Early detection of cancer improves the likelihood of surviving it; and
WHEREAS, Virtually 50,000 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) enrolled veterans are diagnosed with cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, If VA enrolled veterans were a state in the U.S. it would rank 10th in the nation for cancer diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, Eight cancers were the most frequent among veterans in 2010: prostate, lung, colorectal, melanoma, kidney, bladder, liver and intrahepatic bile duct; and

WHEREAS, All veterans have a 40 percent increased rate of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, “Beating cancer starts with knowing you have it” and “71% of cancer deaths are caused by cancers not commonly screened for”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 30, 31, September 1, 2022, That The American Legion urge the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase cancer screenings including novel screenings; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion urge the Department of Veterans Affairs to add liquid biopsies for cancer screening to annual physicals for all veterans with a preference on those with Food and Drug Administration approval.