

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 23: Support for Veterans Employment Through Technological Education Courses (VET TEC) Program Expansion**  
**Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission**  
**Submitted by: Veterans Employment & Education Commission**

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the longstanding high-skilled labor shortage issue; and

WHEREAS, Over 11 million jobs remain vacant as of July 2022, according to the Job Openings and Labor Turnover (JOLT) report; and

WHEREAS, Many critical and strategic industries, such as construction and manufacturing, remain vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Reskilling and upskilling opportunities can mitigate workforce gaps for employers by generating a near-term talent pool; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Employment Through Technological Education Courses (VET TEC), a five-year pilot program launched in 2019, connects eligible student veterans with training providers approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs to acquire high-demand skills and certifications in high-tech careers; and

WHEREAS, VET TEC enables quick integration of veterans into the labor market with an 88% graduation rate and a 72% employment rate; and

WHEREAS, VET TEC ensures program graduates find gainful employment in an average of 67 days with an average starting salary greater than \$59,000; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2022, That Congress renew the Veterans Employment Through Technological Education Courses (VET TEC) pilot program past the current sunset date and expand it for the continued benefit of both veterans and employers.**