

**FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Denver, Colorado  
August 23, 24, 25, 1977**

**Resolution No. 16: Armed Forces Discharge Review Boards**

**Origin: Florida**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

WHEREAS, There are many deserving veterans with discharges or releases from military service that need and require changes; and

WHEREAS, Such discharges or releases must be considered by the Discharge Review Boards of the various Service Departments (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard); and

WHEREAS, There exists an average time of eleven (11) to sixteen (16) months between the date of receipt of requests and the final decision; and

WHEREAS, There have been additional arrangements made to accommodate the Vietnam Era Discharge upgrading including additional personnel; and

WHEREAS, This expansion of personnel and facilities could be continued and be further trained to not only conclude the discharge up-grading program, but also effectively reduce the long delay in considering the regular discharge reviews; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Denver, Colorado, August 23, 24, 25, 1977, That The American Legion exert every effort to cause the President of the United States or other authority to expand the Discharge Review Boards to accomplish a more rapid process in the consideration of discharge which will reduce the time frame to approximately six months or less; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion urge, through the proper authorities, more expedient action by the National Personnel Records Center and the United States Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Centers, as well as the agencies involved in handling the records for the other branches of service, in transferring the necessary record to the proper Discharge Review Board.**