

**NINETY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Cincinnati, Ohio
August 30, 31, September 1, 2016**

**Resolution No. 209: Space-A Travel for Unemployed and Disabled Veterans and Dependents
Origin: North Carolina
Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security**

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense (DoD) in DoD Regulation 4515.13R has established a program of travel known as Space Available Travel to allow authorized passengers to occupy DoD aircraft seats that are surplus after all required passengers have been accommodated; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this privilege was to provide uniformed servicemembers with a respite from the rigors of military service, and to provide retired uniformed service members with recognition for a career of rigorous duty; and

WHEREAS, The privilege is also extended to other categories of passengers, to include dependents, in support of the mission of the Uniformed Service members; and

WHEREAS, DoD regulation 4515.13-R does not provide for 100% disabled veterans, or 100% Individually Unemployed (IU) veterans, or dependents of 100% disabled veterans, or dependents of 100% IU veterans, to be eligible for Space Available Travel; and

WHEREAS, One hundred percent disabled veterans and 100% IU veterans may not have fulfilled the requirements for retirement, but have shown dedication to the DoD and a desire to retire by serving ten or more years of active duty service and separated due to their great sacrifice in the line of duty that resulted in a 100% disability rating or 100% IU; and

WHEREAS, Dependents of 100% disabled veterans and 100% IU veterans continue to faithfully support their disabled spouses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion urges Congress to authorize the Department of Defense to offer space available worldwide travel on military aircraft to 100% disabled veterans and 100% individually unemployed veterans who served ten or more years on active duty, and their dependents, be authorized to participate in Space Available Travel.