

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

**Resolution No. 244: Exempt Purple Heart and Medal of Honor Recipients from VA
Prescription Co-Payment**

Origin: Illinois

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Under the priority category system at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, those who were awarded the Purple Heart have been singled out as a special group of veterans deserving special consideration for their service and sacrifice to their country; and

WHEREAS, This special group of Purple Heart recipients has been placed in Priority Group Three; and

WHEREAS, Under the Caregiver Bill, veterans that were awarded the Medal of Honor were placed into Priority Group Three; and

WHEREAS, Priority Group Three veterans do not have to make any copayments for any of their inpatient or outpatient care; and

WHEREAS, These same veterans, if they are rated under 50% service-connected disabled or receive prescriptions for a non-service connected condition are charged an \$8 copayment for each 30 day supply of medication; 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 shall sponsor and support legislation to exempt all those who were awarded the Purple Heart and/or the Medal of Honor and are enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs health-care system, from any copayment for prescription drugs.