

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

Resolution No. 305: Support the Development of Veterans On-The-Job Training Opportunities

Origin: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education

WHEREAS, In years past there have been special employment initiatives for employment of veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA) was one, and the other was the Veterans' Job Training Act (VJTA); and

WHEREAS, These programs were designed to provide financial incentives for employers to hire certain categories of veterans; and

WHEREAS, These were highly successful programs because employers were able to defray some costs associated with training eligible veterans; and

WHEREAS, There have been numerous changes to GI Bill benefits making it easier for veterans to obtain higher education and even a license or certification; and

WHEREAS, GI Bill benefits can be a useful tool to help employers defray the costs of training veterans by developing an on-the-job training program thereby benefiting both the veteran and employer; 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 support the development and implementation of on-the-job (OJT) training programs for eligible veterans in the public and private sectors; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion support the development of joint projects to enhance OJT opportunities for eligible veterans through any GI Bill benefit.