

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

Resolution No. 367: Include Korean War Veterans in Priority Group 6 for Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care

Origin: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, Mexican War and WWI veterans were provided priority medical care on reaching advance age; and

WHEREAS, There are no surviving Mexican and WWI veterans; and

WHEREAS, As of 2014, the US Census Bureau reports that there are less than two million living Korean War veterans; and

WHEREAS, As of 2016, the average age of the Korean (forgotten-war) veteran is 84 years; and

WHEREAS, Title 38, United States Code (USC) fails to provide reasonable care to Korean (forgotten-war) veterans who are passing away at a high rate per day; 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 legislation to amend Title 38, USC, to give the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) the authority to enroll Korean (forgotten-war) veterans in "Priority Group 6" unless already enrolled in a higher Priority Group, for the purpose of receiving VA health-care services; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion strongly supports this legislation, asking Congress to amend Title 38 to include Korean veterans.