

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

**Resolution No. 69: Support the Elimination of Department of Labor's Veterans'  
Employment and Training Service Regional Offices**

**Origin: Texas**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education**

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is one of the smallest divisions of the Department of Labor which severely limits the number of staff available to investigate Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and veterans' preference complaints; and

WHEREAS, The President's Management Agenda calls for elimination of the middle level of management of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The current system of management within the Veterans' Employment and Training Service includes regional offices who continue to increase the number of staff that do not provide direct services to veterans, conduct investigations or provide any identifiable services or products that directly benefit veterans; and

WHEREAS, This continued growth of staff in the regional offices of VETS has had a negative and adverse impact on the delivery of services to veterans seeking and needing assistance with their complaints by reducing the number of assistant directors located in the various states; 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 seek and support legislation that will eliminate the regional offices of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service and return the organization to its original purpose of advocating and providing direct oversight services to veterans' programs.**