

**NINETY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Louisville, Kentucky  
August 25, 26, 27, 2009**

**Resolution No. 115: Military Families and Modernizing the Family Readiness Group (FRG)**

**Origin: Convention Committee on National Security**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security**

WHEREAS, For the interest of clarity, this Resolution will refer to all DOD family support models as Family Readiness Groups (FRGs); and

WHEREAS, The United States has been at war with either Afghanistan or Iraq or both since 2001; and

WHEREAS, The operational tempo required to fight in these overseas contingency operations has not only put tremendous burdens on our service members but also their families; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion supports military families; and

WHEREAS, In supporting military families, The American Legion has obtained a clear understanding that military families need more support; and

WHEREAS, In supporting military families, The American Legion has also obtained a clear understanding that the current family military support models in the Army and the Navy are not meeting the needs of families; and

WHEREAS, Consistent professionalism, accountability, and dependability are missing from the current volunteer-spouse system; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, August 25, 26, 27, 2009, That The American Legion, increase its support for military families by actively reaching out to military families; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion urge the Department of Defense (DOD) to make the necessary changes to the Family Readiness Group support model that increases professionalism, accountability, and dependability of all involved; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That DOD consider the following suggestions to improve professionalism, accountability, and dependability in the FRG support model by:**

- **Establishing sufficient, qualified, paid civilian positions to manage and supervise all FRGs; and that such persons be qualified in the areas of social work and psychology; and that they work in tandem with unit Officers and Noncommissioned Officers.**
- **Create a military operational specialty (MOS) to effectively develop the training and specific job requirements of rear detachment leaders who would work with their civilian counterparts and the military families; and DOD create a detailed rating system for FRG supervisors and rear detachment leaders establishing accountability for their performance.**