

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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**Resolution No. 43: Rescinding of National Rehabilitation Non-Legislative Policy
Resolutions**

Origin: National Rehabilitation Commission

Submitted by: National Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, In accordance with resolutions of the 1959 and 1960 National Conventions, the National Executive Committee, through its Program Study Committee, has caused to be made a review of all non-legislative policy resolutions; and such action has been taken in further accordance with the action of the 1936 National Convention which established policy on the life of such resolutions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 3-4, 1961, That the resolutions attached are rescinded by reason of (1) being obsolete, (2) accomplishment of purpose, (3) being superseded by later resolutions, (4) being in conflict with later resolutions, (5) being duplicated by later resolutions, (6) having no value because of later changes in program, (7) and for other reasons.

1919

No. 1, 1919 National Convention Proceedings, page 37

Subject: Liberality should be shown in administration of War Risk Insurance Act.

No. XVIII, 1919 National Convention Proceedings, page 54

Subject: Search out widows and children of deceased comrades, and help

NEC meeting, May10, 1919, Pages 14 - 15

Subject: Appoint a committee of five to consider problems connected with rehabilitation of disabled soldiers.

1920

1920 National Convention Proceedings, Paragraph 1, page 43

Subject: Unification of all those government agencies which deal with ex-service persons

No.1, 1920 National Convention Proceedings, page 44

Subject: Urge Congress to consider matters of legislation for the benefit of the disabled ex-service persons as a first importance

No. 4, 1920 National Convention Proceedings, page 45

Subject: No reduction of compensation without prior notice

No. 5, 1920 National Convention Proceedings, page 45

Subject: Ascertain true cost of government insurance

Nos. 6, 7, 8,9, 10, 1920 National Convention Proceedings, pages 45 – 46

Subject: Duties of war risk officer

1921

No. 8, 1921 National Convention Proceedings, pages 51-52, 55

Subject: Use of national military homes as hospitals for veterans

No. 5, 1921 National Convention Proceedings, page 52

Subject: Absolute and immediate decentralization of government activities; closer contact in field

No. 6, page 52; No. 5, 1921 National Convention Proceedings

Subject: Adequate salary structure for physicians and nurses; establish training centers for doctors and nurses

No. 7, 1921 National Convention Proceedings, pages 52 – 53

Subject: Establish social service, independent of compensation and medical sections, guiding veterans and assist in adjusting veterans; aid in rehabilitation of veterans

No. 3, 1921 National Convention Proceedings, page 59

Subject: Sec. 300, War Risk Insurance Act – any man accepted into military service shall be deemed to have been physically sound when so accepted

1922

1922 National Convention Proceedings, page 29

Subject: Endorse establishment of National Rehabilitation Committee as the proper agency for carrying on work of Legion with reference to rehabilitation and hospitalization of veterans

No. 3, 1922 National Convention Proceedings, page 30

Subject: An unabated and insistent demand for NP hospitals

1923

1923 National Convention Proceedings, page 33

Subject: Discusses organization of Rehabilitation Committee

1923 National Convention Proceedings, page 33

Every effort be made to acquaint all members of American Legion with what is being done through rehabilitation service for disabled comrades, and how each member may assist

No. 76, 1923 National Convention Proceedings, page 37

Subject: Immediate coding of all regulations, general orders, special orders, legal opinions, etc., governing rating of cases, and elimination of those that are conflicting

NEC meeting, May 19-20, 1923, page 338

Subject: American Legion assist destitute American veterans in foreign countries

NEC meeting, May 19-20, 1923, pages 348-350

Subject: Survey of federal penal institutions to ascertain if ex-servicemen are receiving or entitled to receive VA benefits

1924

No. 194, 1924 National Convention Proceedings, page 24

Subject: Plan of organization for Veterans Bureau

No. 511, 1925 National Convention Proceedings, pages 28-29

Subject Provide adequate hospital facilities

No. 111, 1924 National Convention Proceedings, pages 33

Subject: Legionnaires charging for services

Exhibit 3, NEC meeting, May 1924, page 2

Subject: Issuance of orders officially recognizing the Legion and other service organizations as proper representatives before Veterans Bureau

Exhibit 3, NEC meeting, May 1924, page 2

Subject: Officially recognizing right of representatives to examine files of claimants whose cases they are presenting

Exhibit 3, NEC meeting, May 1925, page 2

Subject: Administrative changes Legion has advocated in Veterans Bureau for disallowance of claim, reduction of compensation of discontinuance of compensation

1925

No. 17, 1925 National Convention Proceedings, page 34

Subject: Veterans Bureau remain a separate department of the government

No. 18, 1925 National Convention Proceedings, page 34

Subject: Decentralize case files to sub-regional offices

No. 21, 1925 National Convention Proceedings, page 34
Subject: Civil Service reclassify nurses as professionals with opportunities for promotion and increased pay
No. 31, 1925 National Convention Proceedings, page 35
Subject: Grant service-connection or aggravation for chronic diseases notwithstanding absence of affirmative evidence
NEC meeting, October 1925, pages 49-66
Subject: Reorganization of National Rehabilitation Committee

1926

No. 2, 1926 National Convention Proceedings, page 29
Subject: Equitable salaries for Veterans Bureau employees
No. 3, 1926 National Convention Proceedings, page 29
Subject: No undue economy be permitted to affect decisions in cases of veterans
No. 6, 1926 National Convention Proceedings, page 30
Subject: Vigorous plan for reinstatement and conversion of government insurance
No. 16, 1926 National Convention Proceedings, page 30
Subject: Provide hospitalization for officers and enlisted men in retirement status
No. 20, 1926 National Convention Proceedings, page 30
Subject: Adequate occupational therapy for hospitalized veterans

1927

No. 1, 1927 National Convention Proceedings, page 25
Subject: No further reduction of personnel in Field Service
No. 27, 1927 National Convention Proceedings, page 26
Subject: Oppose undue economy in matter of salaries and insufficient clerical help
No. 37, 1927 National Convention Proceedings, page 27
Subject: Rating boards give veterans benefit of reasonable doubt

1928

No. 12, 1928 National Convention Proceedings, page 26
Subject: Medical standards of Veterans Bureau be improved and placed on highest plane possible
No. 24, 1928 National Convention Proceedings, page 27
Subject: Veterans receiving retirement be allowed to receive difference between retirement pay and compensation when compensation is in excess of retirement

1929

No. 9, 1929 National Convention Proceedings, page 26
Subject: Permanent ratings when compensation has been in effect for five years
No 47, 1929 National Convention Proceedings, Page 27
Permit reopening of widow's compensation award after remarriage is dissolved by death or legal dissolution
NEC meeting, January 1929, pages 295-297
Appointment of highest type executive in charge of regional or combined regional and medical activities of Veterans Bureau on basis of ability alone without regard to their having degrees of specialized training of any kind

1930

No. 107, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 38

Make all federal hospitals available for treatment of early stages of misconduct diseases and other chronic seriously disabling diseases
No. 296, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
National headquarters of American Legion encourage reinstatement of government life insurance
No. 323, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Decentralize burial claims
No. 325, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Proper method of developing claims
No. 326, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Liberalize requirement for proof of birth
No. 348, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Prohibit breaking service-connection after death except where fraud is shown
No. 394, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Eliminate delay in selection of hospital sites for construction
No. 446, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Decentralize death claims to regional offices
No. 453, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Advise patients leaving VA hospitals of their condition and requirement of home treatment
No. 481, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Do not give credence to decisions of comptroller general in TB statutory awards
No. 499, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Establish agency to anticipate hospital needs and have such facilities available when need becomes acute
No. 502, 1930 National Convention Proceedings, page 39
Accept automatic dependency of veterans at age 60
No. 1, NEC meeting, May 1930, page 33
Committee of five to survey rehabilitation situation relative to ways and means of raising sufficient funds needed to carry on work in future
NEC meeting, October 1930, page 3
Publish Service Officers Manual and make financial arrangement for cost

1931

No. 14, 1931 National Convention Proceedings, page 44
American Legion create service officers schools in various departments to review disallowed claims of disabled veterans
No. 15, 1931 National Convention Proceedings, page 45
Reiterate increase of VA personnel to expedite action on pending claims
No. 16, 1931 National Convention Proceedings, page 45
Disregard comptroller general's decision in statutory TB
No. 18, 1931 National Convention Proceedings, page 45
Replace medical member of rating board with lay member
No. 20, 1931 National Convention Proceedings, page 45
Amend rating schedule to provide P&T rating for veterans suffer with epilepsy grand mal
No. 47, 1931 National Convention Proceedings, page 46
Recommend issuance of instruction requiring VA to give detailed explanation of action taken on veterans claims
No. 58, 1931 National Convention Proceedings, page 46
VA re-examine all claims heretofore disallowed which may be affected by changes in laws since disallowance

1932

No. 19, 1932 National Convention Proceedings, page 46
Judicial tribunal for disposition of contested claims
No. 20, 1932 National Convention Proceedings, page 46
Condemn need clause in veterans legislation
No. 22, 1932 National Convention Proceedings, page 22
Apply presumptive clause for constitutional disabilities
No. 25, 1932 National Convention Proceedings, page 46
Administrator be given authority to overrule decisions of comptroller general where decision adversely affects claims once favorably adjudicated
No 69, 1932 National Convention Proceedings, page 47
Creation of office of service officer in National Service Plan for county and other departmental divisions
NEC meeting, May 1932, page 11
Condemn inclusion of needs clause of recently passed widows' and orphans' pension bill which discriminates unjustly against widows and orphans of WWI

1933

No. 43, 1933 National Convention Proceedings, page 45
VA furnish complete brief to claimant, giving reasons for denial
No. 154, 1933 National Convention Proceedings, page 45
American Legion policy that care and treatment of war veterans is responsibility of federal government
No. 382, 1933 National Convention Proceedings, page 45
Protection of service-connection; protection of rating; hospitalization; protection of widows and children of deceased veterans (four-point program of American Legion)
No. C-6, 1933 National Convention Proceedings, page 46
National Finance Commission increase appropriation to National Rehabilitation Committee

1934

No. 210, 1934 National Convention Proceedings, page 60
Rehabilitation Committee publish a Service Officers Manual for department, post and other service officers
No. 626, 1934 National Convention Proceedings, page 61
Hold area rehabilitation meeting as annual policy
No. 273, 1934 National Convention Proceedings, page 61
Urge VA to avoid delay in issuing instructions to new legislation
No. 104, 1934 National Convention Proceedings, page 61
Rescind requirement that doctor's statement be submitted under oath
No. 479, 1934 National Convention Proceedings, page 61
Decentralize Board of Veterans Appeals

1935

No. 128, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, pages 34-35
Adopt program as adopted by Area Rehabilitation Conferences, 1935, as follows:
A—Clarify and codify VA issues; issue interpretations to insure uniform procedure throughout VA
B—Decentralize all claims, including payment of benefits after veteran's death
C2—Increase number of Board of Veterans Appeals
C3—Board of Veterans Appeals be decentralized
C4—Decisions of Board of Veterans Appeals be set forth in detail as to reasons for denial, and made available to claimant or accredited representative
C5—BVA decisions, especially as to problem cases, be published for general guidance

- D—Continue field services of VA and American Legion**
- G—Service-connection established during veteran’s life not be discontinued after death, except for fraud**
- H—Claimants and representatives be informed as to administrative appeal and of right to join in such appeal**
- I—Decentralize authority to make certain special appointments of compensation**
- J—Rating boards be composed of at least three members**
- K—VA develop leads contained in social service reports having to do with possible entitlement to service-connection**
- L—Social service report be obtained before change in diagnosis from psychosis or psychoneurosis to constitutional psychopathy or mental deficiency**
- M—Claimant’s testimony be taken in form of questions and answers, and claimant, and representative be furnished copies**
- P—Expand list of constitutional diseases for presumptive service-connection**
- Q—General review of claims rated less than 10 percent, or disallowed under P.L. 2 and 78**
- R—Extend time of appeal under special circumstances**
- S—Total rating for all classes of TB**
- T—Increase rates of death compensation**
- U—Study advisability of limitation on estates of incompetent dependents same as of incompetent veterans**
- V—Compensation not be denied service-connected cases permanently and totally disabled from misconduct diseases.**

No. 704, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 35

Funds be made available to continue Field Service

No. 171, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 35

Same rate of compensation for both direct and presumptive service-connection

No. 158, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 35

Reaffirm fourth point of Legion’s four-point program

No. 257, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 35

Reenact Sec. 214, World War Veterans Act

No. 679, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 35

Oppose further consolidation of VA facilities

No. 609, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 36

Burial flags be available in every post office

1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 36

Hospitals be provided in suitable localities so as not to necessitate undue expense or travel by veterans;

Legion keep constantly before VA and Congress need for such beds while the need exists.

No. 522, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 36

Oppose conversion of any VA hospital in Virginia for exclusive use of Negroes

No. 336, 1935 National Convention Proceedings, page 37

Women veterans be given allowance of not less than \$50 per month, in lieu of domiciliary care, upon their request

1936

No. 185, 1936 National Convention Proceedings, page 53

VA define misconduct disease as one resulting from veteran’s own willful misconduct

No. 222, 1936 National Convention Proceedings, page 54

Medical examinations be made at station other than one having jurisdiction of files

No. 226, 1936 National Convention Proceedings, page 54

**Creation of medical council of The American Legion
No. 143, 1936 National Convention Proceedings, page 54
Each department appoint hospital chairman**

1938

**No. 368, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Rate active pulmonary TB permanent and total on hospitalization
No. 339, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Review and rerate cases evaluated less than 10 percent
No. 594, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Minimum 10 percent compensation for gunshot wound
No 175, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Expand VA contact service
No. 156, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Field investigation testimony be considered literally and liberally by VA
No. 154, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 27
Permit hearings on all administrative reviews and appeals
No. 153, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Board of original jurisdiction have authority to allow claim on new and material evidence without
referral to central office
No. 157, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Rating policy expressed on page 11, 1925 Rating Schedule, be observed
No. 98, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
VA remain an independent agency
No. 290, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Reaffirm fourth point of Legion's four-point program
No. 195, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Same rates of compensation for direct and presumptive service-connection
No. 507, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Reaffirm 29 resolutions urging decentralization of death claims
No. 14, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Reaffirm Legion policy that misconduct clause be eliminated from World War veterans legislation
No. 152, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Reaffirm policy that constitutional psychopathic state be considered a disability for compensation
No. 7, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Chronic non-tuberculous respiratory diseases be classed as chronic constitutional diseases for one-year
presumption
No. 2, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 37
Form and continue medical council of American Legion
No. 458, 1938 National Convention Proceedings, page 38
Reaffirm Legion policy that compromise of government (converted insurance suits be permitted
NEC meeting, May 1938, page 5
National rehabilitation service only to members of Legion or such individuals as may be sponsored or
recommended by local Legion posts
NEC meeting, November 1938, page 14
Urge federal government to have sufficient supply of flags stored at each post office; also sufficient
ammunition for the firing of proper salutes to deceased veterans**

1939

No. 145, 1939 National Convention Proceedings, page 59

Reaffirm policy asking continuance of insurance awards secured through judgment against U. S. unless discontinued by a competent court

No 147, 1939 National Convention Proceedings, page 59

Reaffirm policy for immediate decentralization of insurance claims

No. 383, 1939 National Convention Proceeding, page 60

Grant Contact Service an increase in authority to serve more completely claimants and beneficiaries of VA

1940

No. 488, 1940 National Convention Proceedings, page 47

Reaffirms fourth point of Legion's four-point program

No. 501, 1940 National Convention Proceedings, page 47

Seeks government cooperation in supplying tools and materials to vocational trainees under state programs

1941

No. 313, 1941 National Convention Proceedings, page 53

Reaffirms fourth point of Legion's four-point program

No 530, 1941 National Convention Proceedings, page 53

Reaffirms Legion's policy to assure protective benefits for veterans with service-connected disability

No 528, 1941 National Convention Proceedings, page 53

Reorganization and improvement in VA medical service

1942

No. 119, 1942 National Convention Proceedings, page 95

Reaffirms Legion's policy of giving service to veterans of WWII and to their dependents

No.345, 1942 National Convention Proceedings, page 96

Reaffirms policy that widows and orphans of World War veterans shall not be without federal protection

No. 514, 1942 National Convention Proceedings, page 96

Reaffirms Res. 528, 1941, reorganization and improvement of VA medical service

No. 2, NEC meeting, November 1942, page 26

Reaffirms Legion policy that VA be maintained as single agency accountable to Chief Executive and Congress only

1943

No. 455, 1943 National Convention Proceedings, page 85

Decentralization of all NSLI activities

No. 558, 1943 National Convention Proceedings, page 85

Reaffirms policy that full compensation payments be granted for presumptive service-connected disability

No. 562, 1943 National Convention Proceedings, page 85

Reaffirms policy that under no circumstances should widows and orphans of World War I be without federal protection

1944

No. 125, 1944 National Convention Proceedings, page 81

Legion policy requesting decentralization of all death and insurance claims

No. 178, 1944 National Convention Proceedings, page 82

Oppose practice by American Red Cross of releasing nature of dischargee's disabilities to local chapters

No. 552, 1944 National Convention Proceedings, page 82

Recommends abolition of present Board of Veterans Appeals and establishment of area boards and an Administrator's Board of Review

No. 137, NEC meeting, April-May 1944

VA decentralization

No. 41, NEC meeting, November 1944, page 48

Expand Field and Rehabilitation Services

No. 42, NEC meeting, November 1944, page 49

Joint Area Rehabilitation and World War II Liaison Conference in 1945

No. 43, NEC meeting, November 1944, page 49

Training of veterans

1945

No. 5, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Free distribution to VA and service hospitals of undeliverable reading matter

No. 208, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Veterans' laws and regulations be codified

No. 278, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Continue 1944 National Rehabilitation program

No. 319, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

National Rehabilitation Commission initiate and support research program in rheumatic fever and heart diseases

No. 372, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Abolish VA are offices

No. 591, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Create disbursing sections of finance divisions in VA regional offices

No. 594, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

World War II benefits be equal with those of World War I

No. 617, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

VA furnish necessary space for representatives of recognized organizations

No. 639, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Continue support of Medical Advisory Board

No. 105, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

VA procure vital statistics records for claimants

No. 148, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Expedite payment by VA of awards to dependents of deceased veterans

No. 344, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Regional offices determine non-service-connected pension of World War II veterans, regardless of age

No. 545, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Government checks to veterans or dependents show purpose

No. 589, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

VA procure necessary personnel to provide efficient and speedy claims settlement

No. 630, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Accept constitutional psychopathic inferiority diagnosis for rating purposes only when made by board of three psychiatrists

No. 635, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Eliminate notarization on all VA claims

No. 637, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 62

Schedular total rating be provided for psychoneurosis

No. 373, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 63

Decentralize insurance and death claims

No. 501, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 63
Continue program of information to World War II veterans on benefits of retaining NSLI
No. 656, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 63
Correct delay in payment of subsistence allowance and tuition
No. 2, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 63
VA establish convalescent facilities for service-connected NP tuition
No. 39, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 63
Eliminate statement on application for hospital or domiciliary care as to ability to defray costs of treatment and transportation
No. 245, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 63
VA provide treatment of malaria pending claim settlement
No. 490, 1945 National Convention Proceedings, page 63
VA provide osteopathic and chiropractic treatment when desired by veterans eligible to treatment for service-connected disability
No.17, NEC meeting, July 1945, page 68
American Legion Rehabilitation Service
No. 19, NEC meeting, July 1945, page 69
Reorganization of Veterans Administration

1946

No. 363, 1946 National Convention Proceedings, page 148
Maintain integrity of NSLI and USGLI contracts
No. 843, 1946 National Convention Proceedings, page 148
Oppose compulsory health insurance
No. 19, NEC meeting, November 1946, page 77
Issuance of loose-leaf post service officers manual
No. 45, NEC meeting, November 1946, page 78
Study of VA contractual medical program

1947

No. 670, 1947 National Convention Proceedings, page 69
Encourage national program of recruitment and training of nurses of VA
No. 216, 1947 National Convention Proceedings, page 69
Oppose extension of G.I. Bill to those who served in civilian capacity
No. 409, 1947 National Convention Proceedings, page 69
Participation of VA employees in veterans' organizations
No. 131, NEC meeting, May 1947, page 113
Uniform certificate of death
No. 43, NEC meeting, October-November 1947, page 40
Omnibus insurance resolution
No. 84, NEC meeting, October-November 1947, page 158
Uniform certificate of death

1948

No. 348, National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Return disbursing functions to VA
No. 565, National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Judicial review of VA decisions in U.S. Courts
NEC meeting, November 1948, pages 129-130
Sale of service officers' manual

NEC meeting, November 1948, page 130
Continuance of National Medical Advisory Board

1949

No. 11, NEC meeting, May 1949, page 178
Permit administrator to contract for services of firms, etc., to furnish investigation reports in claims under insurance contracts

No. 14, NEC meeting, May 1949, page 180
Combat attach upon non-service-connected hospitalization

No. 9, NEC meeting, November 1949, page 207
National Medical Advisory Board

No. 16, NEC meeting, November 1949, page 209
Director nursing service of VA

1950

No. 11, NEC meeting, May 1950, page 113
Oppose certain portions of report of Commission on Organization of Executive Branch of the Government

NEC meeting, October 1950, page 22
Reaffirms policy of VA benefits to Korean veterans

No. 13, NEC meeting, November 1950, page 73
Orders study and declares four-point program to assure adequate numbers of doctors and beds for VA program

1951

No. 339, 1951 National Convention Proceedings, page 94
Amend laws and regulations which now preclude retroactive pension awards where waiting period is required to establish permanency

No. 12, NEC meeting, May 1951, page 97
Instructs Legislative and Rehabilitation Commissions to make known to 82nd Congress position of American Legion on economy at the expense of the disabled

1952

No. 88, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Protests curtailment of VA services and offices

No. 116, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Urges Department of Defense to advise discharges re rights

No. 169, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Publication of loose-leaf service officers' manual

No. 270, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Declare VA an essential defense agency

No. 404, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Protest VA appropriations cut

No. 565, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Study of Booz, Allen, Hamilton report

No. 578, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 73
Directs National Rehabilitation Commission to make certain recommendations to the Congress, Bureau of Budget and VA with respect to funds and personnel

No. 99, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 74
More beds for mental and TB cases

No. 273, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 74
Medical services at Hines, Illinois, VA hospital
No. 322, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 74
Institute program of Rehabilitation for veterans afflicted with Hansen's disease
No. 432, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 74
Directs National Rehabilitation Commission to take steps to encourage establishment of Legion liaison committee with medical, dental and hospital societies and associations
No. 552, 1952 National Convention Proceedings, page 76
Decentralization of death claims

1953

No. 84, 1953 National Convention Proceedings, page 67
VA managers be given more authority and latitude in running their own stations
No. 85, 1953 National Convention Proceedings, page 67
VA survey its whole system for purpose of effecting consolidations of management in those localities where there are two or more VA installations
No. 482, 1953 National Convention Proceedings, page 68
No. 84, 1953 National Convention Proceedings, page 67
Discontinue VA Form 9-4337 and amend Form 2-22 so that latter will also serve for purpose of release of insurance information

1955

No. 43, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 78
Rehabilitation staff continue studies of all commissions of Executive Branch of government (Hoover, etc.) which may adversely affect veterans' benefits
No. 417, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 78
Prevent elimination of guardianship service of VA
No. 434, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 78
Oppose curtailment of service at VA Regional Office, Kansas City, Missouri; consolidation of workloads be carefully studied before accomplished; Legion be given opportunity to be heard before any action taken
No. 149, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 78
Reactivate Army-Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas, if necessary to care for veterans
No. 153, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 78
Reaffirms Legion policy on hospitalization of non-service-connected veterans unable to pay and when beds are available
No. 223, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 79
Reaffirm Legion policy on hospitalization and domiciliary care of nonservice-connected veterans
No. 273, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 79
Maintain VA contact offices with adequate staffs in VA hospitals
No. 306, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 79
Complete plans for recreational facilities at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, VA hospital
No. 80, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 80
VA notify claimant on original claim of any statutory bar so that if there is change at a later date veterans will become eligible
No. 115, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 80
VA use understandable language in forms for reporting income in pension cases
No. 140, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 80
VA resolve all reasonable doubt in favor of veteran
No. 266, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 80

**VA insert paragraph in notification letter that Legion or other organization represented veteran
No. 433, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 80
VA adopt more liberal attitude in determining line of duty death
No. 577, 1955 National Convention Proceedings, page 80
Decentralize death claims to regional offices
No. 15, NEC meeting, November 1955, page 99
Rescind VA Circulars 19 and 19a**

1956

**No. 128, 1956 National Convention Proceedings, page 62
Legion policy to maintain present veterans' legislation except for clarification and improvement of
present laws
No. 5128, 1956 National Convention Proceedings, page 63
Outlines positions and responsibilities of National Rehabilitation Commission
No. 49, 1956 National Convention Proceedings, page 64
Support veterans' hospitalization program
No. 58, 1956 National Convention Proceedings, page 64
Hospitalization for non-service-connected disabilities
No. 216, 1956 National Convention Proceedings, page 65
Decentralize death claims to Honolulu region office
No. 258, 1956 National Convention Proceedings, page 65
VA change regulations to provide effective date of dependency as date of receipt of evidence
No. 6, NEC meeting, May 1956, page 168
Areas of tentative understanding between American Legion and American Medical Association
No. 42, NEC meeting, page 107
Admitting procedures of VA hospitals undergo close study**

1957

**No. 594, 1957 National Convention Proceedings, page 75
Rehabilitation in community service—policy statement of Legion responsibilities**

1958

**No. 110, 1958 National Convention Proceedings, page 50
Study of problems of older veterans**

1959

**No. 27, NEC meeting, October 1959, page 116
Information campaign to appraise war veterans, widows and orphans of right to benefits under present
legislation and new program (P.L. 86-211)**