Resolution No. 105: Support and Expand Warrior Transition Advancement Course (WARTAC)
Origin: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education
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WHEREAS, The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs (VA) offer servicemembers a career skills training opportunity to help them become VA employees through the Warrior Transition Advancement Course (WARTAC); and
WHEREAS, Successful completion of this training program leads to an opportunity for servicemembers to be interviewed and hired at one of Veterans Benefits Administration's 56 regional offices around the country; and
WHEREAS, VA encourages disabled veterans and those eligible for the Veterans’ Recruitment Appointment (VRA) to apply; and
WHEREAS, WARTAC is open to wounded warriors and active-duty servicemembers in the transition process (generally within 90 to 120 days of discharge) and provides participants with an opportunity to learn the skillset of a VA Veteran Service Representative; and
WHEREAS, VRA is an exempted authority that allows agencies, to appoint eligible veterans without competition if the veteran/servicemember is: in receipt of a campaign badge for service during a war, or in a campaign or expedition, or a disabled veteran, or in receipt of an Armed Forces Service Medal for participation in a military operation, or a recently separated veteran (within the past three years), and separated under honorable conditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 28, 29, 30, 2018, That The American Legion urges Congress to mandate both the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to support and expand its Warrior Transition Advancement Course (WARTAC); and, be it finally
RESOLVED, That The American Legion request that both the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs continue to offer its WARTAC program to all servicemembers, in particular to those in areas where unemployment or underemployment is high.