

**ONE-HUNDREDTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 28, 29, 30, 2018**

Resolution No. 18: Amend Set Dates Of Agent Orange Illness

Origin: Connecticut

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS: The American Legion is a national organization of wartime veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of their community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Veterans Affairs annually adds to or amends illness-related diseases on Agent Orange; and

WHEREAS: The list of 15 Agent Orange illnesses are listed affecting 2.2 million veterans who served “boots on the ground” in Vietnam from 1961-1971 and thousands more veterans in Korea from April 1, 1968 to August 31, 1971; and

WHEREAS: Chloracne, acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy, and porphyria cutanea tarda, all on the list of 15 Agent Orange illnesses, currently have a cutoff date of only one year following exposure to Agent Orange; and

WHEREAS: Certain limitations were place on the aforementioned diseases, establishing unreasonable and punitive onset dates resulting in the loss of earned disability compensation, and in some cases treatment; and

WHEREAS: Many of these veterans now have health problems commonly associated with herbicide exposure and have endured lengthy legal struggles to prove that these problems are service-related; 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 hereby address the Congress of the United States, the National Institute of Health, and president of the United States, to amend those three above-listed illnesses (Chloracne, acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy, and porphyria cutanea tarda) on set dates, to award earned benefits and treatment through the Department of Veteran Affairs.