

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 17-18, 2018**

**Resolution No. 23: Close the GI Bill Flight School Loophole  
Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission  
Submitted By: Veterans Employment & Education Commission**

WHEREAS, The Post-9/11 GI Bill does not have a cap on tuition and fees allowable for flight training at public institutions of higher learning (IHLs); and

WHEREAS, Some private flight training companies have exploited this loophole by overcharging contract services to IHLs; and

WHEREAS, The absence of firm requirements have resulted in years of fraud, waste, and abuse within flight programs that take advantage of the GI Bill, including reports of schools that have charged over \$130,000 on average, and one case where the Department of Veterans Affairs paid over \$534,000 in tuition and flight payments for one student; and

WHEREAS, Even specialized aviation education at private aviation universities such as Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University have demonstrated effective and successful flight training and education to veterans under existing flight caps for private IHLs programs; and

WHEREAS, The Post-9/11 GI Bill must remain an honorable and fair investment of public dollars in order to safeguard its existence for future generations; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 17-18, 2018, That The American Legion support legislation to align the cost of Post-9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33 tuition and fees allowable for flight training at a public institution of higher learning with the existing rate on tuition and fees for private and nonprofit schools; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion support legislation that provides veterans the option of accelerated Post-9/11 GI Bill payments in order to afford flexibility to pay for additional flight training; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That all cost-savings projected by these measures be reallocated to Department of Veterans Affairs education programs.**