SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 54: Oppose Those Reorganization Plans that Would Transfer from the Veterans Administration Sole Jurisdiction of Any Veterans Benefits and Service Programs
Origin: Nebraska
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
(Consolidated with Resolution Nos. 180 (MA), 214 (IL) and 246 (AL))

WHEREAS, The Veterans Administration was especially created for or concerned in the administration of all laws relating to the relief and other benefits provided by the law for veterans, their dependents, and their beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, legislative or administrative reorganization plans are presented to merge jurisdiction and administration of veterans programs with those provided for non-veterans and under the administration of another Federal agency; and

WHEREAS, It is the consensus of The American Legion that the Veterans Administration must be continued as the one independent agency in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government for the administration and execution of veterans benefits and services programs provided by law for veterans, their dependents and their survivors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Chicago, Illinois, August 24, 25, 26, 1982, That The American Legion shall continue to exert every effort, influence, and resource to assure rejection of those reorganization plans that would transfer from the Veterans Administration sole jurisdiction of any veterans benefits and service programs; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion shall support continuation of the Veterans Administration as the sole independent agency in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government responsible for the administration and execution of benefits and services programs provided by law for veterans, their dependents, and survivors.