NINETY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Cincinnati, Ohio
August 30, 31, September 1, 2016

Resolution No. 76: Support Improvements in the Reporting Programs Available to and Administered by Veterans' Employment and Training Service
Origin: Texas
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is an agency within the Department of Labor (DOL) dedicated to providing America's veterans with quality employment and training services; and

WHEREAS, The Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (ASVET) is responsible for ensuring that the agency continues to meet its mission; and

WHEREAS, The ASVET is committed to taking aggressive actions to improve the quality, timeliness, and accessibility to veterans' employment and training services within every state; and

WHEREAS, VETS programs must meet the needs of veterans facing employment barriers; and

WHEREAS, Members of The American Legion continue to work closely with Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist (DVOPs) in local communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, Although Title 38, United States Code, identifies duties and responsibilities of LVERs and DVOPs, the ASVET cannot accurately capture necessary local, state and national data to adequately assess performance outcomes or hold the various states accountable for providing priority services to veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion strongly support improvements in the reporting programs available to and administered by Veterans' Employment and Training Service; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion petition Congress to enact legislation that will require the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training Service to initiate and implement a real-time data collection system, which would allow the Veterans' Employment and Training Service to properly measure performance at the local, state, and national level.