NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 2: Oppose the Privatization of State Veterans Home Inspections
Origin: Veterans affairs and Rehabilitation Commission
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, State Veterans Homes operate under the jurisdiction of their local Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs conducts annual facility-wide inspections of all State Veterans Homes to assess quality of care, patient safety, facility condition, etc; and

WHEREAS, Historically, inspections of State Veterans Homes have been conducted by staff of the VA Medical Center of jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking to hire private contracting firms to conduct future inspections of all State Veterans Homes; and

WHEREAS, Removing VA from the inspection process would ignore the historical knowledge and familiarity of the system possessed by VA staff; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Phoenix, Arizona, on August 25, 2008, That The American Legion adamantly opposes the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting out of inspections of State Veterans Homes.