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Resolution No. 44: Compensation and Pension Examination Training Include the Unique Experiences and Culture of the United States Military
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Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
(As amended and Consolidated with Resolution No. 14 (VA))

WHEREAS, The Compensation and Pension (C&P) contract examiners systematic failures, as demonstrated in responses, to understand the unique experiences and culture of those who have sacrificed and served in the United States of America Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Disabled United States of America Armed Forces veterans that have suffered injuries and conditions and/or instigated from injuries and/or disabilities unique to their service in military service unlike those that have not served in the military; and

WHEREAS, There is a distinct lack of specialized training in the unique experiences and culture of military service that can result in incomplete or inaccurate exams of American military veterans with disabilities caused by their service for both C&P contract examiners and on staff physicians within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and

WHEREAS, It is known that staff physicians and medical personnel within the Department of Veterans Affairs are required to complete Veterans Health Administration Training for Trainees and this is crucial for maintaining good standing that includes VA mission, safety, information security and ethics; and

WHEREAS, Compensation and Pension contract examiners are encouraged to complete disability management and appeals training courses, which cover general overview of certification, Military Sexual Trauma, medical opinions, aggravation opinions and Gulf War general medical exams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, September 1, 2, 3, 2026, That the Department of Veterans Affairs, to better serve American disabled veterans, create and institute training for both on staff physicians, on staff medical personnel and Compensation and Pension (C&P) contract examiners that include training on the unique experiences and culture of the United States military; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this training be completed on a reoccurring basis.