



This Resolution was properly presented to the Department Resolutions Committee prior to the 2021 Department of California Convention held virtually in Sanger, CA on 26-27. This is the result of the Resolution:

Resolution Number: 2021-004

Title of Resolution: Support Funding to Expand Vet Centers

Subject Matter: This resolution is to support increased funding to further expand services at Vet Centers, Mobile Vet Centers, and Vet Center Outstations.

Convention Standing Committee Assignment: VA&R

Committee Recommendations: Recommend it be passed on the floor of the convention.

Action on the Floor: The Resolution was presented on the floor by a member of the VA&R Committee. It was adopted and is being forwarded to National for consideration

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THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN TRIPLICATE

Resolution No. 2021-004
Subject: VET CENTERS FUNDING

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RESOLUTION

SUPPORT THE FUNDING AND EXPANSION OF VET CENTERS, MOBILE VET CENTERS, AND VET CENTER OUTSTATIONS

WHEREAS, Vet Centers, Mobile Vet Centers, and Vet Center Outstations across the country provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services and these community-based counseling centers provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional readjustment counseling to eligible Veterans, active duty service members, including National Guard and Reserve components, and their families, and Readjustment counseling is offered to make a successful transition from military to civilian life or after a traumatic event experienced in the military, and individual, group, marriage and family counseling is offered in addition to referral and connection to other VA or community benefits and services, and Vet Center counselors and outreach staff, many of whom are Veterans themselves, are experienced and prepared to discuss the tragedies of war, loss, grief and transition after trauma; and

WHEREAS, 298,576 Veterans, active duty service members (including Guard and Reservists) and their families received readjustment counseling at VA's 300 Vet Centers, totaling more than 1.9 million visits in Fiscal Year 2018, and across the nation, town hall meetings (including the one in Fairfield, CA on May 23, 2019 attended by nearly 200 concerned Veterans and stakeholders) clearly indicate the need to place additional Vet Center Outstations and/or Mobile Vet Centers in under-served metropolitan and/or rural areas,

WHEREAS, Two of the most concerns for single fathers and mothers is that the "Veterans Affairs should provide child care to veterans at Vet Centers in the same manner as the Secretary provides child care to veterans at other Department of Veterans Affairs facilities" and to have VA transportation to fixed Vet Centers and Outstations similar to transportation to VA Medical Centers, Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs); therefore

RESOLVED, by the Department of California during their Virtual Convention that The American Legion urges the VA to fund and expand Vet Centers, Mobile Vet Centers, and Vet Center Outstations, to provide child care at Vet Centers just like other VA facilities, and to provide VA transportation to fixed Vet Centers and Outstations.

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This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted

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