

3558 RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968

veterans employment, opportunities for advancement to higher brackets and employment, and

Whereas, these veterans rated less than total because of their service connected disabilities, are unable to provide educational opportunities beyond the high school level, which is almost an absolute necessity in these times,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, recommend that Public Law 88-361 be amended to include the children of veterans rated 50 percent or more for service connected disabilities.

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(RESOLUTION No. 327, LEGISLATIVE)

CONCURRENT PAYMENT OF HOUSEBOUND ALLOWANCE AND STATUTORY AWARDS FOR LOSS OR LOSS OF USE

Whereas, Public Law 86-663, known as the housebound law, provides payment in the amount of \$350 per month to veterans rated 100 percent by schedule and whose service connected conditions are disabling to a degree rendering the veteran housebound, or if the veteran has a single condition rateable at 100 percent by schedule and sufficient other disabilities independently rateable at 60 percent or more, and

Whereas, regulations governing payment of benefits under Public Law 86-663 provide for either payment of compensation under Public Law 86-663 or under other laws, whichever benefit is the greater, and

Whereas, this discriminates against veterans who are rated 100 percent by schedule and are receiving an additional \$47.00 statutory award for loss of or loss of use of a hand, leg, eye, or both buttocks entitling him to compensation payments at the rate of \$347 per month, and

Whereas, historically, the statutory award for loss of or loss of use of a hand, leg, eye, or both buttocks was intended to be compensation in addition to any other compensation the veteran may be entitled to receive, and

Whereas, many of these veterans also meet the requirements for benefits under Public Law 86-663,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, go on record recommending that veterans who meet the requirements for benefits under Public Law 86-663 and who otherwise are entitled to a statutory award for loss of or loss of use of a hand, foot, eye or both buttocks should be entitled to receive compensation at the rate payable under Public Law 86-663 and, in addition thereto, the statutory award for loss of or loss of use of a hand foot, eye, or both buttocks.

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(RESOLUTION No. 331, LEGISLATIVE)

EXTENDING THE PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD FROM 1 TO 2 YEARS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR MALIGNANT CANCER

Whereas, the present law provides only one year presumptive period to establish service connection for malignant cancer, and

Whereas, this is a slow progressive disease, and in many instances does not manifest itself for two or three years after its inception,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, go on record requesting legislation to extend the presumptive period for granting service connection on malignant cancer from one year to two years from the date of discharge from military service.

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(RESOLUTION No. 352, LEGISLATIVE)

TO INCREASE THE RATES FOR CERTAIN STATUTORY AWARDS

Whereas, a veteran, who is so severely disabled as to qualify under the VA regulations for paragraphs above K may need the assistance of another. and

Whereas, other veterans receive allowances for aid and attendance, and