

3560 RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968

that these provisions should be changed to seven days of continuous hospital treatment to meet the requirements of the 100% rating, and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be made a part of our legislative program for the year 1967-68.

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(RESOLUTION No. 375, LEGISLATIVE)

PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTION FOR MANIFESTATIONS OF CHRONIC DISEASES
WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE DISCHARGE OF A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR

Whereas, the veteran who had been a prisoner of war of our nation's wartime enemies has suffered experience unique to that of the average ex-serviceman, and, in many instances, was subject to disease, malnutrition, exposure or brutality sufficient in nature to weaken his mental and physical resistance to such an extent that he was prone to have lowered resistance to physical and mental hazards for many years after his release from military service, and

Whereas, the former prisoner of war's plight has not been recognized by the passage of any significant legislation to acknowledge the fact that his ordeals precipitated a physical or mental breakdown beyond the presumptive periods for establishment of service connection for chronic diseases granted all wartime veterans,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31, through August 4, 1967, that the Congress of the United States be petitioned to pass legislation granting veterans who were prisoners of war for 90 days or more, service connection for any of the chronic diseases now recognized on a one-year presumptive basis if such diseases are shown to be disabling to a compensable degree within five years after his discharge from military service, and

Be it further resolved that chronic bronchitis and chronic bronchial asthma be included as presumptive disabilities in reference to former prisoners of war.

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(RESOLUTION No. 376, LEGISLATIVE)

FULL WARTIME BENEFITS FOR EXTRA HAZARDOUS SERVICE

Whereas, veterans classified as having peacetime service who incur disabilities under extra hazardous conditions or conditions simulating war are paid wartime compensation rates by the Veterans Administration, and

Whereas, peacetime veterans who qualify for wartime compensation rates based on disabilities incurred under extra hazardous duty or conditions simulating war are not eligible for other benefits to which a wartime veteran may be entitled, and

Whereas, dependents of peacetime veterans receiving wartime compensation rates based on a disability incurred during extra hazardous duty or conditions simulating war are not eligible to any Veterans Administration benefits unless the veterans dies as the result of his service incurred disability,

Now, therefore be it resolved, by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, that the Congress of the United States be petitioned to pass legislation granting eligibility to full wartime benefits to any peacetime veteran who is receiving wartime disability compensation rates based on a disability incurred during extra hazardous duty or under conditions simulating war, and

Be it further resolved, that eligibility to full wartime benefits also be extended to the widow and orphan children of deceased veterans who received wartime compensation rates based on disability incurred during extra hazardous duty or under conditions simulating war.

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(RESOLUTION No. 377, LEGISLATIVE)

TO EXTEND THE PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD FOR SERVICE CONNECTION FOR PSYCHOSIS FROM
1 TO 2 YEARS

Whereas, service connection has been recognized for many years so that VA hospitalization and treatment could be afforded wartime veterans who develop