

3562 RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968

(RESOLUTION No. 392, LEGISLATIVE)

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR SERVICE CONNECTED AMPUTEE VETERANS

Whereas, a grateful government has spent millions of dollars to produce new devices which will help to rehabilitate the handicapped, and

Whereas, these devices in many instances are a lot more complicated than those devices furnished severely disabled veterans at the close of World War I and World War II, and

Whereas, some of these devices contain certain gadgets which wear out and tear clothing faster than the uncomplicated prosthetic devices previously furnished,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, that we go on record to seek the passage of legislation to grant outright a sum of \$300.00 annually toward the replacement of clothing.

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(RESOLUTION No. 421, LEGISLATIVE)

PROPOSE INCREASE IN BURIAL ALLOWANCE

Whereas, the Veterans Administration has been paying \$250.00 towards the burial of veterans for a number of years, and

Whereas, to keep in line with the ever-increasing cost of funerals, we believe that the burial allowance should be increased substantially,

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 that the Congress of the United States enact legislation to increase the burial allowance paid by the Veterans Administration to \$350.00.

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(RESOLUTION No. 436, LEGISLATIVE)

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS RATED 40 PERCENT OR MORE

Whereas, existing law provides for additional compensation for dependents for service connected disabled veterans rated 50 percent or more, and

Whereas, this creates inequity under existing laws and the majority of service connected veterans are evaluated at less than 50 percent disabled, and

Whereas, many of these veterans evaluated less than 50 percent disabled are seriously handicapped in earning a livelihood, are severely restricted in advancement or promotion in their social activities and are handicapped in providing adequate care of their families, and

Whereas, by enacting PL 499, Congress recognized the need for additional compensation for veterans with dependents when they granted additional compensation for more than three children to veterans 50 percent or more disabled,

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 urging Congress to enact legislation for dependency allowances for those veterans with a disability rating of 40 percent or more.

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(RESOLUTION No. 437, LEGISLATIVE)

INCREASE PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD FOR PROGRESSIVE MUSCULAR ATROPHY FROM 1 TO 7 YEARS

Whereas, present laws do not provide for the establishment of service connection for insidious diseases such as those in the category of progressive muscular atrophy beyond one year from the date of separation from service, and

Whereas, these diseases are of obscure origin and at times the most difficult conditions even for the expert in disorders of the central nervous system to diagnose, and

Whereas, there is marked variability in the clinical manifestations among patients in the course of the disease in each individual,