

RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968 3563

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 law be amended to include a presumptive period of seven years for the progressive muscular atrophies, the same as now applicable to multiple sclerosis.

* * * * *

(RESOLUTION No. 444, LEGISLATIVE)

PROVIDE 7-YEAR PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD FOR AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS

Whereas, the Veterans Administration has seen fit to provide for a presumptive period of 7 years for multiple sclerosis, and

Whereas, the present presumptive period of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is only one year,

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 a seven (7) year presumptive period be provided for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

* * * * *

(RESOLUTION No. 445, LEGISLATIVE)

SPECIAL HOUSING FOR VETERANS HAVING AMPUTATION OF ONE LOWER AND ONE UPPER EXTREMITY

Whereas, present law provides special housing for service connected double leg amputees and paraplegics, and

Whereas, no such provision is made for service connected veterans who have suffered loss or loss of use of one upper and one lower extremity,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, that Public Law 702, which provides specially adapted housing for disabled veterans be amended as follows: To include service connected double amputee veterans with an amputation of one lower and one upper extremity.

* * * * *

(RESOLUTION No. 457, LEGISLATIVE)

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE INCREASED BENEFITS FOR MILITARY RETIREES

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans has over the years fought for benefits for all service connected disabled veterans, and

Whereas, since 1950 military personnel who are disabled in excess of 30% are placed on the temporary retired list for five years, and

Whereas, depending on rank it may be more beneficial for these personnel to receive benefits and pay from the military service, and

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans' legislative program has not been enlarged to cover benefits for these veterans, and

Whereas, no other veterans organization has taken action in the area of military retirement benefits for service connected disabled veterans, and

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans, because of their lack of action, is in effect discriminating against these veterans who they are also seeking for membership under the recently revised membership qualifications,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, add the following items to the permanent legislative program to be presented annually to the Armed Services Committees of the House and Senate:

1. Provide for beds to care for retired veterans and their dependents in military hospitals and, after enabling legislation is adopted, to legislate appropriations to cover the expense of these beds.

2. Elimination of the great differential between the percentage of retirement versus current rate of military pay.

3. Request the Armed Services Committees to increase the allowance for commissary and to increase the number of commissaries in the United States.