

3566 RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968

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 veterans allowance for travel be increased to 10¢ a mile, and

Be it further resolved, to pay the veteran a night's lodging and meals if he has to travel 100 miles or more and arrive before 10:00 in the morning.

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(RESOLUTION No. 208, LEGISLATIVE)

TO PROVIDE INDEFINITE NURSING HOME CARE FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED CASES

Whereas, under present conditions a totally disabled service connected veteran receiving maximum compensation benefits including aid and attendance allowance of \$250, who is in need of convalescent care, generally is transferred from a VA Hospital to a private convalescent home and the Veterans Administration bears the total cost for a period of only six months, during which period the veteran's \$250 is withheld from his compensation, and

Whereas, when at the end of the six months period the Veterans Administration terminates their obligation of cost, the \$250 is again restored to the veteran, and he must assume the convalescent cost at his own expense, and

Whereas, the minimal convalescent cost in these facilities ranges from \$350 on up and the veteran must pay the difference between the \$250 the Veterans Administration provides and the cost, and

Whereas, it imposes a financial hardship upon his wife and children to sustain a reduction in compensation benefits in order to pay this convalescent need, and

Whereas, it should be the responsibility of the Government to cover the entire cost of convalescent care since their hospital facilities are inadequate to provide it,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, requests the National Legislative Department to urge the adoption of such a law through the United States Congress at their next session.

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(RESOLUTION No. 431, LEGISLATIVE)

PROVIDE COMPLETE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED SERVICE-CONNECTED VETERANS

Whereas, the VA Out-Patient Program for veterans is limited primarily to VA recognized service connected disabilities, and

Whereas, the cost of medical, dental, optical, and other expenses for disabilities unrelated to the service of the serious disabled veterans often takes most of, or the best part of, their income which, in most instances is limited to their VA compensation,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, urge the Congress of the United States to pass a bill to provide complete in-patient and out-patient services, including drugs, medicine, appliances, etc., for any disability or condition of a veteran who is rated as totally disabled from a service connected disability.

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(RESOLUTION No. 471, LEGISLATIVE)

SUPPORTING A 4,000 BED VA NURSING CARE PROGRAM

Whereas, the ever present need for nursing care beds becomes more prevalent each day, and

Whereas, the daily influx of new Cold War Veterans makes it more evident that the continuation of such a program is necessary, and

Whereas, it has been statistically proven that such a program needs to be expanded, due to the increasing demands and lack of available space, and

Whereas, it has been said by many of our Executive Members to be the duty of the government to take care of its veterans and that a grateful country owes this much to them,