

3600 RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968

Death gratuity benefit

1966 Convention Resolution No. 420 (Ohio) seeks legislation to amend PL 89-214 to provide that beneficiaries not be required to renounce their rights to death compensation, and dependency and indemnity compensation, and that the death gratuity not be reduced by any death compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation received; and, that the death gratuity not be reduced by the receipt of an USGLI or NSLI, but, that the aggregate of the death gratuity and USGLI and NSLI payable shall not exceed \$10,000. (HR-3959 introduced by Congressman Everett (Tenn.)).

Improve the disability compensation program

1. *Increase statutory awards.*—1966 Convention Resolution No. 202 (Wash.) seeks legislation to provide that the statutory awards under 38 USC 314 (k) be increased to \$60 monthly and under 38 USC 314 (q) to \$80 monthly. (HR-3772 introduced by Congressman Kornegay (N.C.)).

2. *Seven-year presumption for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.*—1966 Convention Resolution No. 450 (Va.) seeks legislation to provide that amyotrophic lateral sclerosis existing to a compensable degree within 7 years following separation from wartime service shall be presumed to have been incurred in military service. (HR-3307 introduced by Congressman Haley (Fla.)).

3. *Extend chronic disease period for progressive muscular atrophy.*—1967 Convention Resolution No. 51 (N.D.) seeks legislation to provide that progressive muscular atrophy developing to a compensable degree within seven years of separation from wartime service shall be considered to have been incurred in or aggravated by such service. (HR-14668 introduced by Congressman Teague (Tex.)).

4. *Extend chronic disease period for psychosis.*—1967 Convention Resolution No. 173 (Ohio) urges legislation to provide that a psychosis developing to a ten percent degree of disability or more within two years from the date of separation from wartime service shall be considered to have been incurred in or aggravated by such service. (HR-14667 introduced by Congressman Teague (Tex.)).

5. *Additional dependents allowance for those rated below 50%.*—1966 Convention Resolution No. 459 (Va.) seeks legislation to provide that those veterans rated less than 50 percent for compensation purposes be entitled to additional allowance for dependents. (HR-8058 introduced by Congressman Helstoski (N.J.)).

6. *Increased rates and equalization.*—1967 Convention Resolution No. 146 (Nebr.) seeks legislation to increase the disability compensation payable each month for 100 percent disability to \$400 and to provide that the compensation payable for disability or disabilities rated less than 100 percent shall bear the same ratio to that payable for 100 percent disability as the percentage of disability bears to 100 percent. (HR-14666 introduced by Congressman Teague (Tex.)).

Improve the dependency and indemnity compensation program

1. *Service-connected death.*—1967 Convention Resolution No. 192 (Colo.) urges legislation to provide that where a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 100 percent dies from causes not related to service, his death will be presumed to be service-connected for the purpose of the widow's eligibility to dependency and indemnity compensation. (HR-7118 introduced by Congressman Teague (Tex.)).

2. *Increased amounts of DIC to widows with children.*—1967 Convention Resolution No. 193 (Colo.) seeks legislation to provide that the monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation payable to a widow shall be increased by \$25 for each child. (HR-14939 introduced by Congressman Teague (Tex.)).

3. *Rates for dependent parents.*—1967 Convention Resolution No. 533 (Texas) seeks legislation to improve the rates as well as the corresponding annual income limitations in the dependency and indemnity compensation program for dependent parents. (HR-12553 introduced by Congressman Teague (Tex.)).

4. *Increased awards to widows in need of regular aid and attendance.*—1967 Fall NEC Resolution No. 28 seeks legislation to provide that any widow entitled to dependency and indemnity compensation and who is in need of the regular aid and attendance of another person shall have her monthly rate of DIC increased by \$75. (HR-15258 introduced by Congressman Teague (Tex.)).