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(3) Improve post-hospital care program by providing more nursing care facilities for elderly veterans and VA approved community care for psychiatric patients.

(4) All overseas veterans be entitled to hospitalization as a matter of right without further qualifications.

Senate Veterans Committee

The Senate has approved establishment of a committee on Veterans Affairs as a provision of a Legislative Reorganization Bill (S-355) now pending in the House. House opposition to features of the Bill other than the creation of a Senate Veterans Committee makes passage very doubtful. We believe it necessary, therefore, for the Senate to act independently to:

- (1) Create a standing committee on veterans affairs in the U.S. Senate.

V.F.W. NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS GOALS, 1967-68

Preamble

The V.F.W. believes that morally and strategically the United States has no choice but to take whatever military steps are necessary to achieve victory in South Vietnam. We believe, further that anything short of complete victory will destroy chances for ultimate peace and will undermine the security of the United States.

South Vietnam

- (1) Support whatever action is required to conclude the war with victory.
- (2) Oppose any form of truce, cease-fire, or coalition Government that could impair winning a full victory.
- (3) Oppose recognition of the so-called National Liberation Front.
- (4) Blockade North Vietnam.

Military personnel

- (1) Increase military pay, allowances, and retirement benefits.
- (2) Provide Government or commercial transportation to home for military personnel on leave prior to and upon return from overseas duty, and those on convalescent and emergency leave.
- (3) Support legislation for pay-and-a-half for military personnel while voluntarily serving in Vietnam beyond minimum required tour of duty.
- (4) Free mail for military personnel overseas or hospitalized.

Military policy

- (1) Support full-scale anti-missile defense system for U.S.
- (2) Oppose merger of and retain a strong National Guard and Reserve.
- (3) Support programs for U.S. supremacy in space and in oceanography.
- (4) Support a U.S. built enlarged and modern merchant marine as a vital element of defense.

Foreign policy

- (1) Retain full U.S. control of Okinawa.
- (2) Oppose ratification of proposed Panama Canal treaties.
- (3) Urge U.S. withdrawal from U.N. if Red China is admitted.
- (4) Retain full U.S. control of Guantanamo Bay.

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DIGEST OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 68TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, VETERANS
OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., AUGUST 20-25, 1967

Americanism and Community Service.

National Security and Foreign Affairs.

Veterans Benefits and Rights Program:

- (a) Compensation.
- (b) Hospital, Medical and Domiciliary Care, and Facilities.
- (c) Pension.
- (d) National Cemeteries, Memorials and Burial Benefits.
- (e) Civil Service and Employment.
- (f) Readjustment Benefits—Education, Insurance and Loans.