

RESOLUTION 220—\$300 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR VETERANS WEARING PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES

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, That the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, go on record to seek the passage of legislation to grant outright a sum of \$300.00 annually toward the replacement of clothing.

RESOLUTION 223—SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING FOR AMPUTATIONS OF ONE LOWER AND ONE UPPER EXTREMITY

Be it resolved, by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, That Public Law 702, which provides special housing for service connected double leg amputees and paraplegics be amended as follows: To include service connected double amputee veterans with an amputation of one lower extremity and one upper extremity.

RESOLUTION 258—RECOMPUTATION OF MILITARY RETIRED PAY

Whereas many of the career officers and enlisted men of our regular military forces entered upon their careers at a time when it was understood by active duty military personnel that when they qualified for retirement their retirement benefits would be computed on the basis of the then-existing military pay, and

Whereas current legislation provides that retirement pay benefits of former military personnel are no longer based on appropriate percentages of active duty pay but rather on another formula which serves to deprive such personnel of benefits which they had always considered to be their right: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968. That the DAV seek legislation to insure that career military personnel will have their retirement pay computed on the basis of the monthly basic pay to which they would be entitled if they were on active duty in their retired grades.

RESOLUTION 262—TO ELIMINATE THE VALUE OF JOINT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AS INCOME FOR PENSION PURPOSES

Whereas fifty percent of the value of a joint savings account which remains after death of a veteran is considered as income and counts against income received for surviving widow, and

Whereas such joint savings accounts represent many years of saving on behalf of both members of the family group and the value of the account cannot in fairness be attributed to the efforts of one party or the other, and

Whereas the addition of this money to income received for the survivor is oftentimes sufficient to cause the individual to be without pension benefits during the year in which the death occurs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, unanimously agreed to seek the necessary changes in Legislation or governing VA regulations to provide that the rights to ownership of joint savings accounts on behalf of a survivor will not be counted as income for pension purposes during the year of the veteran's death.