

*Resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, That Congress be petitioned to pass legislation eliminating social security benefits of minor children as a factor in the payment of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation to a widow and that she be granted an additional dependency allowance for each of her minor children.*

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RESOLUTION 490—SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE INCREASE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY RETIREES

Whereas resolution No. 457 set forth on page 229 of the 47th National Convention Report was readopted by the 48th National Convention, and

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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, 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.

4. Provide increased availability of out-patient care for retired military and their dependents.

5. Promote the maintenance of military PXs throughout the continental limits of the United States; and be it further

*Resolved, That the National Director of Legislation appear before the Armed Services Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives to present the DAV position on these matters.*

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RESOLUTION 42—REOPEN GI INSURANCE FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED VETERANS

Whereas many veterans are unable to obtain commercial life insurance solely because of their service connected disabilities, and

Whereas such veterans may not have needed life insurance during the optional period when they could have obtained National Service Life Insurance, and

Whereas such veterans now have a greater need for insurance because of an increase in the number of their dependents: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, seek and recommend legislation that would grant service connected disabled veterans the opportunity to obtain National Service Life Insurance at any time during their lives at no increase in insurance premiums on account of any service connected disability.*