

**NINETY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
August 26, 27, 28, 2014**

**Resolution No. 107: Prosecution of VA Employees Engaged in Fraudulent Practices in the  
Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Origin: Minnesota**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation  
(As amended)**

WHEREAS, The American Legion National Commander, Dan Dellinger, called for a leadership change at the Department of Veterans Affairs and specifically called for the resignations of Eric Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Under Secretary of Health Robert Petzel and Under Secretary of Benefits Allison Hickey due to poor oversight and failed leadership; and

WHEREAS, It is widely reported that a number of VA Hospitals have engaged in various waiting list schemes and procedural bypasses for the specific purpose of overstating organizational effectiveness and hence awarding bonuses or other consideration to specific employees; and

WHEREAS, An undetermined number of veterans have been denied timely medical care resulting in death or unnecessary deterioration of their health; and

WHEREAS, A culture of indifference and fraud permeates some VA facilities in violation of medical oaths, fiduciary responsibility and moral codes; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26, 27, 28, 2014, That the American Legion continues to advocate for the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress to press for a special prosecutor to be assigned to investigate and vigorously prosecute any VA employees engaged in fraudulent practices designed to improperly award bonuses or other financial or meritorious awards to the perpetrator.**