

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

**Resolution No. 281: Advance Appropriations for all of the Department of Veterans Affairs'
Discretionary Accounts**

Origin: Iowa

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, The American Legion supported the 2009 passage of the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act which ensures sufficient, timely and predictable funding for veterans health care by authorizing funding of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical programs one-year in advance; and

WHEREAS, Current proposals before Congress considers expanding advance appropriations to include the following discretionary programs within the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- (1) VA Construction, Research, and Information Technology;
- (2) National Cemetery Administration;
- (3) Veterans Benefits Administration; and

WHEREAS, With the federal budget and appropriations process continuing to break down, as evidenced by stalemates over debt ceilings, sequestration and proposed government shutdowns; 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 urges Congress to authorize advance appropriations for all Department of Veterans Affairs' discretionary appropriations accounts, particularly for Veterans Benefits Administration operations, construction, research, and information technology.