

**NINETY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 246: United States Census to Include Veterans Information

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WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of their community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, For over 225 years our brave men and women have served this country in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Every ten years the U.S. Census is taken and does not ask U.S. citizens to identify if they have served in the active military, national guard or reserves; and

WHEREAS, Veterans benefits, e.g. national cemeteries, community based outpatient clinics, are allocated to states based on veterans population which is currently estimated based on sampling; and

WHEREAS, Each census therefore does not accurately reflect true veterans, national guard and reserve populations in this country and as a result inaccuracies exist; and

WHEREAS, This is a disservice to the men and women who have served our country in times peace and war; 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 strongly support any legislation that mandates the U.S. Census Bureau to include veteran, national guard and reserve data on any future census.