

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 16: Veteran Caretaker Stipend

Origin: Resolution No. 71 (IL) 2015 National Convention

Submitted By: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

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

WHEREAS, After veterans are released from service they are able to apply for Department of Veterans Affairs compensation for their injuries and illnesses related to their active duty service; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women who become disabled while serving their country and grants them compensation for their injuries; and

WHEREAS, The majority of our disabled veterans who receive compensation usually continue to work and those that have difficulty finding employment can ask to be retrained under the Vocational Rehabilitation program; and

WHEREAS, Veterans who are rated permanently and totally disabled due to unemployability at the 100% rate can have their spouses go back to school to get an education which hopefully will lead to gainful employment for them; and

WHEREAS, For those veterans rated 100% unemployable, their spouse may have to find employment to help supplement the household income and in cases if they have minor children may have to pay for child care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 14-15, 2015, That The American Legion will support legislation to grant a \$1,000.00 monthly stipend to the working spouses of veterans determined to be unemployable due to service connected conditions requiring spouses to forgo work to stay at home to care for their veteran requiring aid and attendance.