

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
MAY 6 - 7, 2015**

**Resolution No. 26: Veterans Benefits Center**

**Origin: Register Resolution No. 2724 (AK) Department Convention**

**Submitted By: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

WHEREAS, Both The American Legion's System Worth Saving (SWS) Program and Regional Office Action Review (ROAR) visits have been successful, yet, The American Legion is often asked what more can be done to assist our Nation's veterans and their families during town hall meetings with veterans and meetings with congressional representatives; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Crisis Command Centers (VCCC's) were established to ensure veterans in need of immediate assistance have a place they can turn to for the help and assistance needed; and

WHEREAS, The VCCC combines the town hall meeting concept from the SWS program where The American Legion visits Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals and Community Based Outpatient Centers, to include a follow-up meeting with the medical center director; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion national staff, Legion volunteers, VA staff, American Red Cross volunteers, and other community partners staff the VCCC to assist veterans and their families with scheduling outpatient appointments, enrolling in the VA health care system, and applying for compensation, pension, disability indemnity compensation benefits; and other services veterans need assistance with; and

WHEREAS, Since June 2014, The American Legion has provided assistance to 2,357 veterans and their families by offering immediate assistance in obtaining health care, compensation, pension and disability indemnity compensation payments; and

WHEREAS, This approach has proven to be highly successful and has touched the lives of thousands of veterans and their families; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 6 - 7, 2015, That The American Legion, through the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, combine the System Worth Saving (SWS) Program with the Regional Office Action Review visits to establish Veterans Benefits Centers to replace the SWS Program; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That an annual final report be compiled and submitted to the Congress of the United States, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, and the President of the United States.**