

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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**Resolution No. 25: Code of Procedures for Accredited Representatives
Origin: Register Resolution No. 2718 (AK) Department Convention
Submitted By: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has more than 3,000 accredited representatives located throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Accredited representatives include county service officers, department service officers, and national headquarters staff; and

WHEREAS, Accredited American Legion service officers are specially trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, While the majority of a service officer's work involves application for the Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits, service officers also provide information, referrals, and resources on education, employment and business, death benefits and other important topics; and

WHEREAS, The adopted Code of Procedures continues to provide The American Legion's accredited representatives a working manual as well as an understanding of The American Legion's positions pertaining to the representation of claimants; 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's accredited representatives continue to utilize the Code of Procedures when representing claimants.