

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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**Resolution No. 23: Department of Veterans Affairs Quadrennial Plan for Budget
Origin: Register Resolution No. 2721 (AK) Department Convention
Submitted By: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has always believed in the quality of care that our nations veterans are receiving at VA medical centers throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion remains committed to assuring that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care delivery system continues to perform as the role model for the health care industry in both the public and private sector; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion opposes any effort through the Administration, members of Congress or VA proposal, policy, or law to reduce VA's budget due to sequestration; and

WHEREAS, Recent legislation has introduced the use of a "Future-Years Veterans Program," which would be similar to the budget, but would also cover expected expenses over a five year period; and

WHEREAS, The VA needs a robust budget for the purpose of providing the veterans of all wars the proper health care needs and benefits they need during a difficult fiscal time in the country; and

WHEREAS, With better tools to see the discrepancies, Congress will also be able to recognize shortfalls and help adjust VA's budget upwards when critical goals are in danger of not being met; 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 support legislation that would require Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit annually to Congress a future-years veterans program reflecting expenditures and proposed appropriations included in the budget for that fiscal year; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The VA conduct a quadrennial review of the strategy for meeting the commitment of our Nation's veterans and the resources necessary to meet that commitment.