Sons of The American Legion Resolution
National Convention
August 23 - 25, 2013

No.: SAL Res 1 – Convention 2013
Title: VA&R 1,000,000 hours of service per year goal
Origin: The American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, One of the four pillars upon which The American Legion was founded, The VA&R Commission, actively advocates for, and exercises independence oversight for a myriad of benefits, Programs, and opportunities created to compensate and care for generations of American Veterans and their dependents: and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion supports the VA&R Commission by volunteering at the Veterans Hospitals and Homes, Through this support The American Legion Family remains a major contributor for the Department Veterans Affairs Voluntary service (VAVS) program: and

WHEREAS, over the past few years The American Legion Family has volunteered over 930,000 hours and has never reached the 1,000,000 hour goal per year: and

WHEREAS, by making 4 recommendations at each Medical Center we as The American Legion Family can achieve this goal and they are
  1) Make sure that you have active representatives for the VA Medical centers
  2) Recruit 10 regular scheduled (RS) volunteers at each medical center
  3) Host 2 occasional hour events (which can be used to recruit RS volunteers)
  4) Ensure that all the American Legion Families members serving at the National Cemeteries and State Veterans Homes are logging all of their hours with the parent VA Medical Center; and be it resolved

RESOLVED, that the Sons of The American Legion work hand in hand with the American Legion Family to help implement the 4 goals stated to the 1,000,000 hour goal; and be it finally resolved

RESOLVED, that, the Sons of The American Legion, assembled in Convention Session in Houston, Texas August 23-25 2013 supports this resolution to help achieve the American Legion Family goal of 1,000,000 hours of VAVS service,