

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 21

Subject VA Contract Compensation & Pension Exams

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has established contracts with non-VA entities to assist with conducting Compensation & Pension Examinations as an answer to the backlog of claims within the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), and

WHEREAS, many of these contracted compensation & pension examinations have resulted in inadequate or inappropriate examinations, and

WHEREAS, these examiners, in some cases, have not been properly qualified or trained to conduct the requested examinations, and

WHEREAS, the results of these examinations have caused delays and requests for new examinations and increased the potential for Notices of Disagreement and

WHEREAS, the overall cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Administration continues to climb now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the VA establish appropriate requirements for examiners and enforce the use of those requirements and review the effectiveness of the requirements for examiners and how that effectiveness impacts the appropriate ratings for compensation claims; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that if adopted by the American Legion, Department of New York in convention assembled July 19th-21st, 2018 in Rochester, New York that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization in Convention assembled August 24th-30th, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota for their consideration and action.

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