

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2215

Subject 24-Hour Child Care at Military Bases

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

**WHEREAS**, Affordable, accessible childcare services present themselves as one of the most daunting challenges facing married military members when one parent is serving on active duty, even more so when both parents are in uniform, recognizing long work hours, deployments, and temporary geographic separations pose significant challenges for members at all levels, and

**WHEREAS**, 7 percent of all married active-duty U.S. Armed Forces and Coast Guard personnel are dual-military parents, and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Department of Defense oversees approximately 800 Child Development Centers (CDCs) on its installations worldwide, and the typical CDC operating from Monday to Friday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., acknowledging several CDCs have implemented extended hours and other CDCs may be open around the clock; and

**WHEREAS**, Limited or restricted CDC services create ongoing scheduling hardships for dual-military spouses in obtaining childcare services, leading to deployment-related issues; and

**WHEREAS**, The sole, viable alternative for dual-military parents not having access to a 24-hour CDC are cost-prohibitive, civilian off-base equivalent childcare services, placing undue financial stress on those members of the United States Armed Forces, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the National Organization strongly urge the Department of Defense to establish affordable 24-hour CDC services on all installations worldwide to eliminate scheduling and financial hardships facing dual-military couples, and, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, That the Department of New York at Department Convention, July 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Binghamton, New York, recommends this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at the National Convention, August 26<sup>th</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

American Legion Department of New York

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