

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2307

Subject Veteran Suicide Prevention

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, Veterans Administration statistics confirm 22 veterans a day are succumbing to suicide on American soil, and

WHEREAS, The suicide rates for the active-duty individual services per 100,000 according to reports, were 23 for the Army, 23.1 for the Marine Corps, 14.4 for the Air Force, and 13.4 for the Navy, and

WHEREAS, The Citizen Soldiers of the Guard and Reserve components are killing themselves at record rates, and

WHEREAS, For over 103 years, the American Legion has been the nation's leading advocate for proper health care and earned benefits for American veterans and offers a continued sense of camaraderie and purpose, and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress should recognize and promote the inherent value that Veteran Service Organizations such as the American Legion offer and mandate the Department of Defense and all of its Service components and the Department of Veterans Affairs to educate and encourage all Veterans from initial enlistment, Basic Training, in-service, separation, and or retirement to participate as a member of Veteran Service Organizations such as the American Legion, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Legion support legislation that would educate all service members and veterans about the history and benefits of continued service and camaraderie that Veteran Service Organizations have to offer to fill the void that is left after separation from military service, and be it finally,

RESOLVED, That if approved by the Department of New York at its Convention in Westchester, New York, on July 20th-22nd, 2023, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at the National Convention, August 25th-31st, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

American Legion Department of New York

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

Approved X Rejected

Approved with Amendments

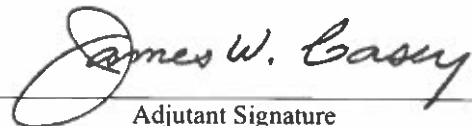
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Other Action:

Signature: Frank J. Peters
(Chairman)



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Title

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Frank J. Peters, Chairman

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