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RESOLUTION NO. 4
National Veterans Service

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) continues to be a champion for all veterans rights regardless of their: type of service, periods of service; race; ethnicity; religion; culture; sex; sexual orientation; sexual preference; use of the left or right hand. The VFW has always seen a veteran, as a veteran.

WHEREAS, the VFW has established National Veterans Service (NVS) which addresses issues that affect a specific veteran or a specific group of veterans ensuring that all who have served are receiving adequate and equal treatment for their care and benefits commensurate with their service to this great nation; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the VFW will continue to utilize the NVS to ensure all veterans are receiving adequate and equal treatment for their care and benefits commensurate with their service regardless of their type of service, periods of service; race; ethnicity; religion; culture; sex; sexual orientation; sexual preference; use of the left or right hand.

ADOPTED unanimously at a regular members' meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3115 Wichita, KS on 9 April 2024.

Submitted by District 5 Commander Boby McCurry, Department of Kansas, V.F.W.

Committee Assigned:_____

Committee Action: Approved / Disapproved

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ARTICLE VII

DEPARTMENT VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

- SEC. 1: Composition: The Department Veterans Service Committee shall consist of the Department Commander and the four (4) immediate Past Department Commanders and four (4) members to be elected by the Department Convention, each elected to a five (5) year term, and one (1) member elected that is a serving Department Service Officer or Assistant Department Service Officer for a three (3) year term. Whenever a Department Commander shall retire at the end of his/her term, he/she shall there upon become a member of the Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee and the senior Past Department Commander shall thereupon retire from the committee. In the event of death, disability or refusal to act of any of the Past Department Commanders composing the Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee his/her place shall be filled by the Past Department Commander last retired from the committee who is ready, willing and able to serve.
- SEC. 2: Under the supervision of the Department Council of Administration and subject to provisions of the Department, National Bylaws, and orders of the Department Convention, the Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee shall supervise the rehabilitation service work of the Department of Kansas, V.F.W.
- SEC. 3: The committee shall annually submit a detailed estimate of expenses, which when approved by the Department Council of Administration shall be the expenditure budget of the Department Veterans Service for the fiscal year. The committee shall appoint and prescribe the duties of all officers and employees of the Department Rehabilitation Service. The salaries of such employees and all other expenditures shall be subject to review by the Department Council of Administration.
- SEC. 4: The Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee shall designate and prescribe the duties of all representatives of the Kansas Veterans Commission accredited to the V.F.W.
- SEC. 5: The Chairman of the Veterans Service Committee shall be the liaison between the committee, the Department Council of Administration and the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs.
- SEC. 6: The Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee shall meet regularly, two (2) times each year and other times as necessary (1) meeting shall be held in May for the purpose of approving a proposed budget and other necessary business. The second (2) meeting shall be held prior to the Department Council of Administration Mid-Winter Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the service work of the Department.
- SEC. 7: The Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee shall develop and publish a list of five (5) to seven (7) Legislative Priority Goals every year to work with the Kansas Legislature Veterans and Military Committee in the Kansas House of Representatives. Legislative Priority Goals shall be developed and approved by the Department Veterans Service Committee during the Department Convention and be publicized to the membership during the regular business session. The formalized and approved goals are to be an integral part of Department of Kansas Legislative effort in such areas as Kansas House VSO strategy session every fall and have interaction with the Kansas House Veterans and Military Committee during their Legislative sessions and similar events.
- SEC. 8: The Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee shall develop a process to educate and publicize legislative goals to the general membership that includes channels for submitting their legislative ideas and desires to the committee. The process must allow for timely submissions of proposed legislative ideas and other veterans issues which are important to the Department of Kansas VFW general membership.
- SEC. 9: The Department of Kansas National Legislative Committee member shall be given the opportunity to address the Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee during each scheduled meeting during the business year on National Legislative Committee activities as deemed necessary or relative by the Chairman, Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee.
- SEC. 10: Each guest organization be limited to ten minutes total to address the Department of Kansas Veterans Service Committee.