

PREPARING A RESOLUTION

The Policy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is established by resolutions adopted by the delegates attending Department and National Conventions. Most such resolutions originate at the Post level and are passed through the District and Department before being acted upon at a National Convention. Many times, an otherwise worthy idea gets nowhere merely because it is not correctly presented.

Generally speaking, a resolution contains two (2) separate parts; a statement of the problem to be solved, and the proposed solution to the problem. The problem is outlined in the "WHEREAS" clauses, and the proposed solution is given in the "RESOLVED" section.

The "RESOLVED" section of a resolution should be complete in itself without depending on the "WHEREAS" clauses to give it meaning.

HOW NOT TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the rising cost of living has created an intense hardship on those disabled veterans whose only income is a meager pension check; and

WHEREAS, non-service connected pensions should be increased accordingly; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we petition Congress to do so immediately.

(Note: The "RESOLVED" says nothing when it is separated from the "WHEREAS" clauses.)

HOW TO CORRECTLY PREPARE A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the rising cost of living has created an intense hardship on those disabled veterans whose only income is a meager pension check; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we petition Congress to enact legislation which would provide a substantial increase in non-service connected pension rates.

(Note: The "RESOLVED" section now has a proposed solution that makes sense and can stand alone without the "WHEREAS" clause having to give it meaning.)

A resolution may deal with a local problem, in which case it needs no action on a level higher than that of the Post. If the problem concerns an area larger than that served by the Post, it should, after Post approval, be presented before the District or County Council. All resolutions of statewide, regional or national concern must be acted upon by the Department Convention. Those resolutions approved by a Department Convention, which affect persons or matters outside the state boundaries, must be forwarded to the National Convention for final disposition.

When submitting resolutions to the Department Convention, a notation on the bottom should show the previous action taken.... approval by Post and, if applicable, by the District or County Council.

Since the Department and National Conventions are held only once a year, it is of prime importance that Post resolutions be acted upon and submitted to the Department Adjutant at least a month prior to the opening of the Department Convention.

Resolutions not in proper form, unclear as to meaning, or concerning matters clearly not within the scope and purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars cannot be considered by the National Convention.

HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS

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Resolutions may also be originated by Department officers or by the Department Convention itself and acted upon by the Department Convention. A National Officer may originate a resolution concerning National affairs and submit it directly to the National Convention without Department action. Likewise, a National Convention Committee may originate a resolution and present it for approval during the National Convention.

Policy set by the National Convention is binding upon all subordinate units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. No Post or Department is permitted to take any individual action or espouse any cause contrary to the National By-Laws or to the actions of the National Convention EXCEPT that it may propose changes in policy by the preparation of a resolution for consideration as outlined in PREPARING A RESOLUTION.



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PREPARING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS

Proposed amendments to the National By-Laws must have Department approval if submitted by a Post, District or County Council, and must be received by the Adjutant General by the first working day in July in order that they may be publicized as required by Article XIII of the National By-Laws.

If you want to propose a change to the By-Laws, Manual of Procedure & Ritual or Congressional Charter, it must be submitted as such, ***not as a resolution.***

Such proposed amendments **must be definite and specific** as to the material to be deleted or added, containing the **exact wording** of the proposed change.

****** By-Law changes not in proper form, unclear as to meaning, or concerning matters clearly not within the scope and purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars cannot be considered by the National Convention.***

Dept. Use Only: RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____; VFW DISTRICT/POST: _____ DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, _____

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____

ADOPTED unanimously at a regular members meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post/District _____
City _____, Florida, on _____, 20____.

Signature _____
Position _____