



DAV & THE RESOLUTION PROCESS

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RESOLUTIONS

OPERATION:

**KEEP THE
PROMISE**

- Importance
- Re-Introduce current Resolutions
- Write New Resolutions

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“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to **petition the Government for a redress of grievances.**” --1st Amendment

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All American citizens, acting individually or collectively, have the constitutionally guaranteed right to petition their government for a “redress of grievances.”

THE FIRST AMENDMENT
CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.
PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT, SUPPORT THE GBLDF

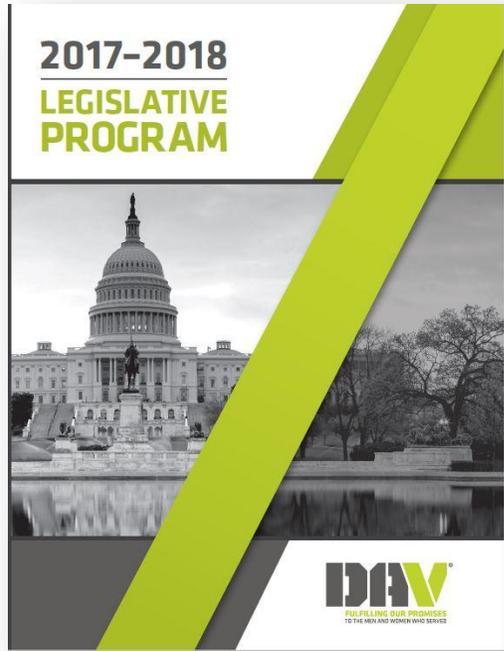
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Simply speaking, the First Amendment to our Constitution gives a course of action to anyone who has ever thrown up their hands in frustration and disgust and cried, “There ought to be a law!”

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This means that you and your fellow DAV members can petition our government in Washington, D.C. to take a course of action that we feel to be in the best interests of America's service-connected disabled veterans, their dependents and survivors.

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“Petition the government” or in other words, a **DAV RESOLUTION**

<https://www.dav.org/learn-more/legislation/resolutions/>

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*Who Can
Write and
Introduce
Resolutions?*



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Chapters, Committees and each Department can write resolutions. Resolutions can involve **issues locally, within each state or federal/national issues.** They require approval at each level.

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*What is the difference
between a local
Resolution and a
federal or national
Resolution?*

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A local issue Resolution will be one that deals solely within a local or state jurisdiction. These **should not** be submitted to the National Legislative Director.

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- Property tax exemption
- License plates, disabled vet or handicapped
- Hunting and/fishing licenses
- Reduced/free tolls or express passes

These **should not** be submitted to the
National Legislative Director.

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A federal or national Resolution will be one that relates to federal programs under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, specifically the VA.

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- VA Compensation Benefits
- VA Education & Employment
- VA Health Care
- VA National Cemeteries

After Department approval, these **must be submitted** to the National Legislative Director.

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*Why are
Resolutions
important?*



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Resolutions on federal or national issues, create our National Legislative Agenda, annually at the National Convention. Our Legislative Team can only support or oppose legislation/policy on issues that have approved Resolutions.

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In 2017, out of the 52 Departments that make up DAV, only 12 Departments wrote, introduced, approved and submitted Resolutions!

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*How Can You,
Your Chapter and
Your Department
Help?*

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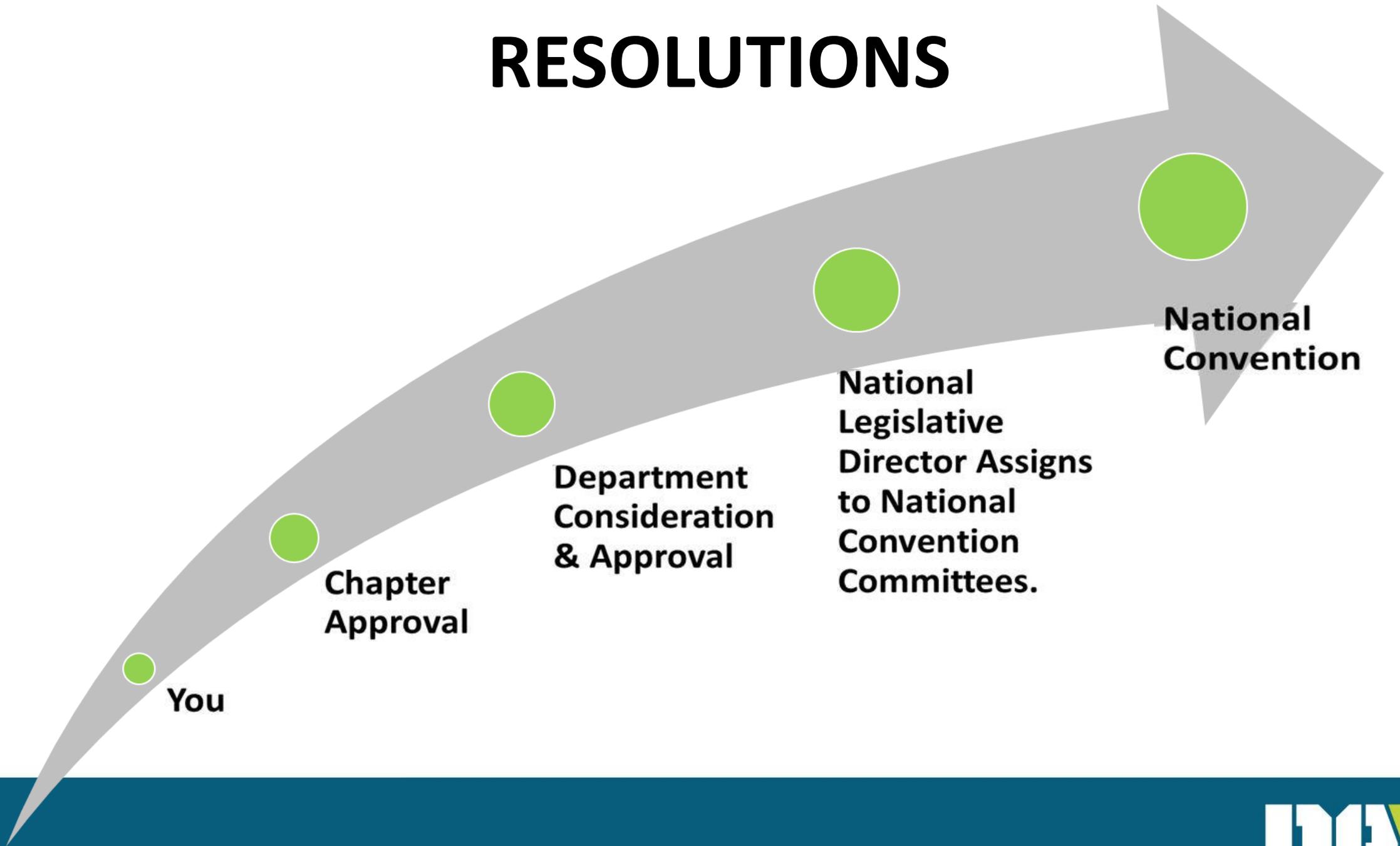
By Writing, Introducing,
Approving and Submitting
federal or national Resolutions
to the National Legislative
Director, annually.

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*How Does the
DAV Resolution
Process Work?*



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You

**Chapter
Approval**

**Department
Consideration
& Approval**

**National
Legislative
Director Assigns
to National
Convention
Committees.**

**National
Convention**

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2 WAYS to Write/Introduce Resolutions

- Re-Introduce current Resolutions
- Write NEW Resolutions

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Before you start to consider Resolutions, make sure that you have read DAV Statement of Policy, Resolution #1. This clearly defines our mission and will help keep your Resolutions on point.

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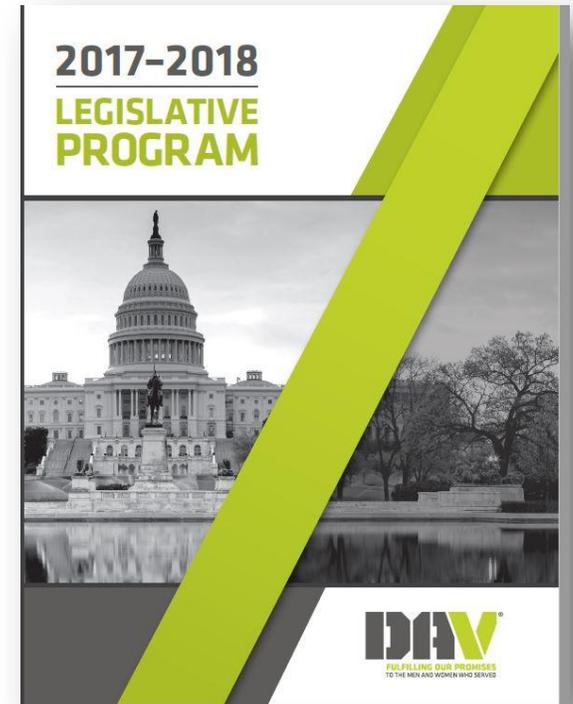
Re-Introduce current Resolutions

We can only support or oppose issues that we have resolutions for, so we generally need existing resolutions to be re-introduced each year. Consider using our existing Resolutions

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Current Resolutions can be found on the DAV website.

<https://www.dav.org/learn-more/legislation/resolutions/>

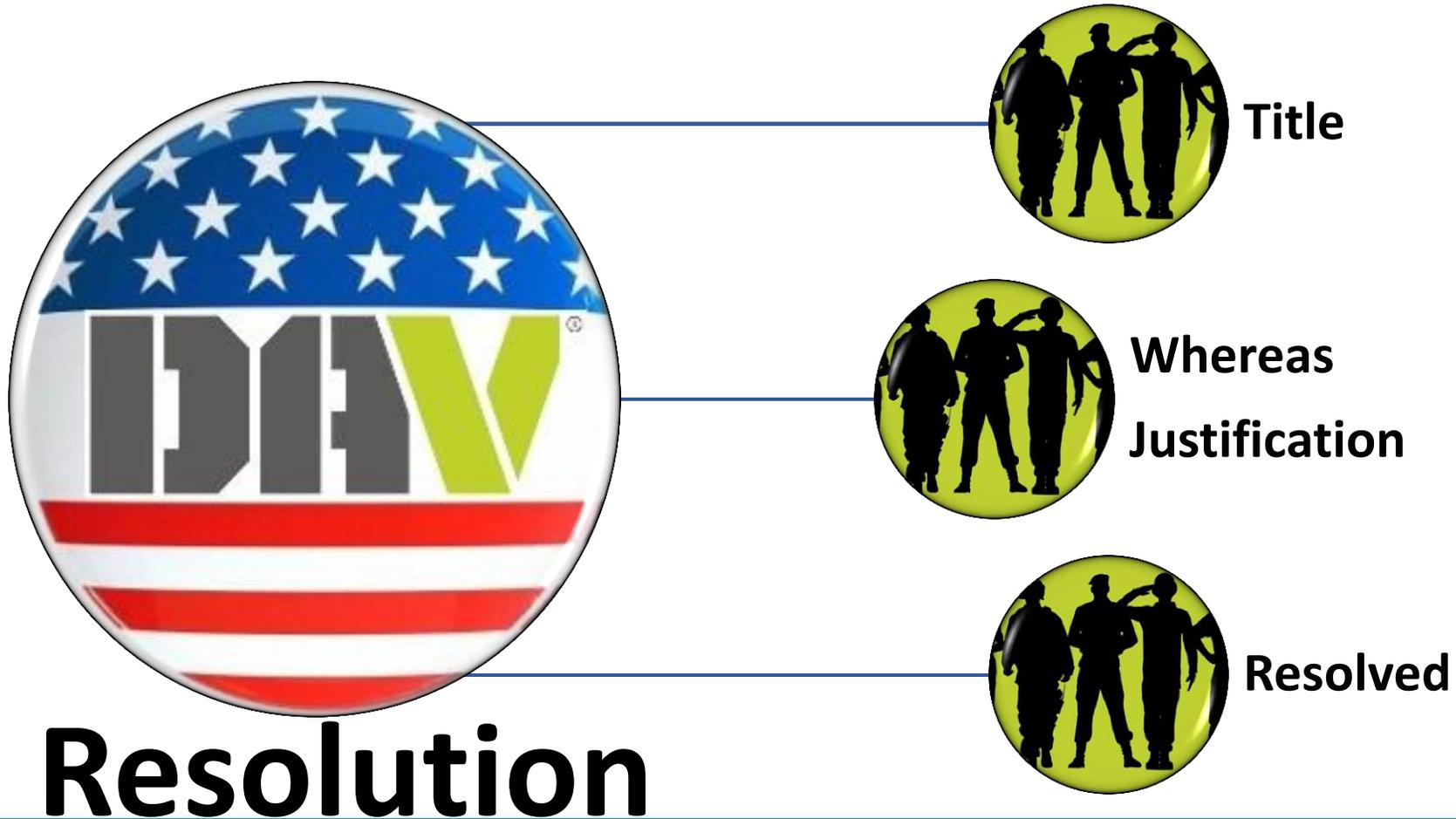


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Write NEW Resolutions

When writing a Resolution, the best way to deal with the proper construction of a resolution is to first break it down into its three component parts.

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Resolution

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Part One: Title/Statement of Purpose;

- Simple, Clear, Concise

Part Two: Whereas Clauses or Justification

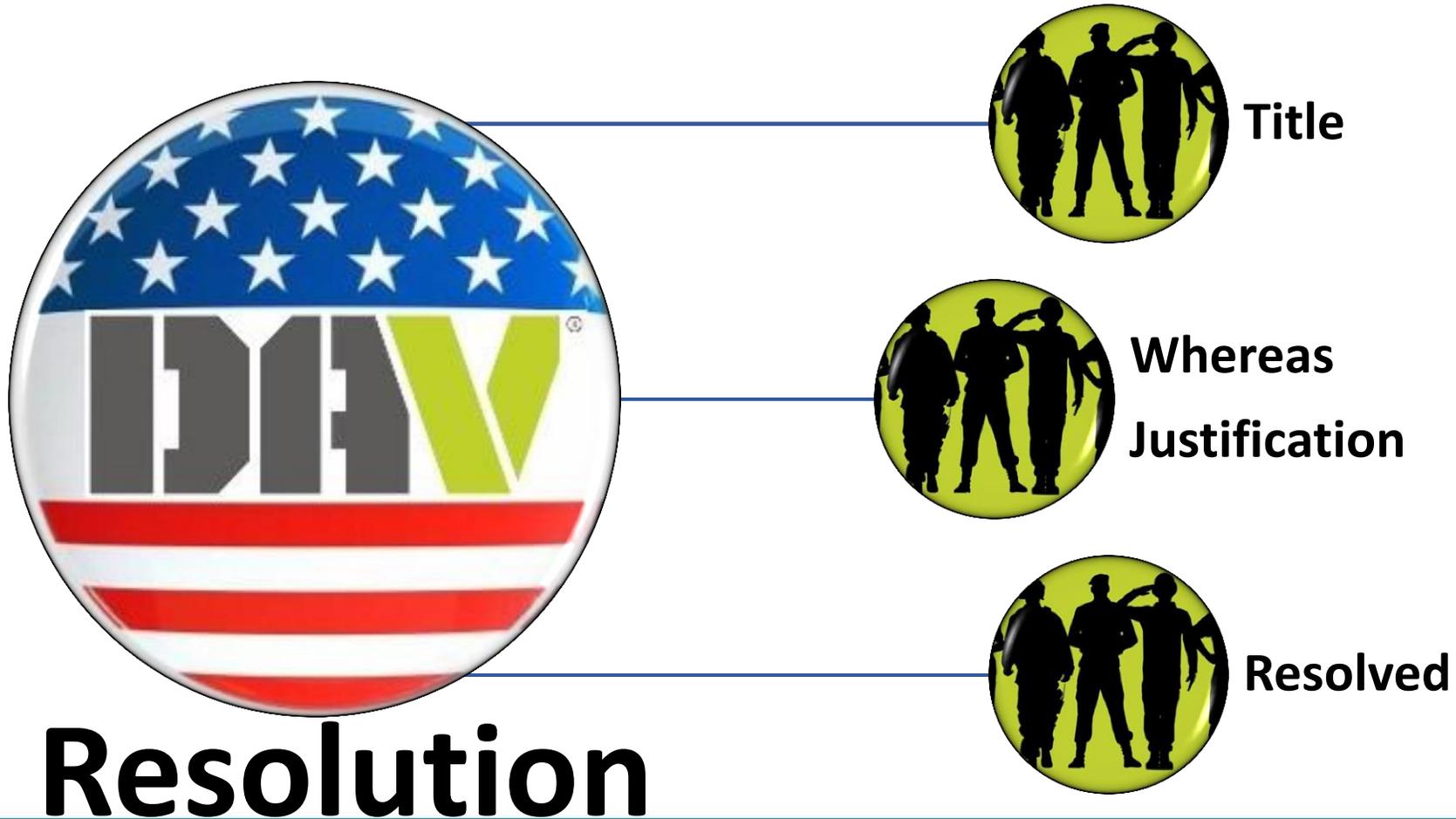
- Multiple Whereas Clauses
- Background or Facts
- State the Problem

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Part Three: Resolved Clause

- Final Declaration
- Course of Action to Achieve the Purpose.
- More than one Resolved Clause

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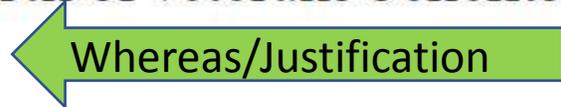


Resolution



EXAMPLE of a RESOLUTION

OPPOSE LONG-TERM ROUNDING DOWN COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS IN VETERANS BENEFITS



WHEREAS, to maintain the worth of veterans benefits, they must be adjusted to keep pace with the rise in the cost of living; and

WHEREAS, long-term rounding down of adjusted rates to the next lower dollar amount erodes the value of these benefits over time and thus does not keep pace with the rise in the cost of living; and

WHEREAS, the rounding down of veterans' cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) unfairly targets disabled veterans, their dependents and survivors for cost savings to the government; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DAV in National Convention assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 29–August 1, 2017, opposes long-term rounding down COLAs for veterans disability compensation, and compensation to their dependents and survivors.



Let's Write a Resolution!

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ZERO PERCENT EVALUATIONS NONCOMPENSABLE

With medication or prosthetic devices

Interference with Employment

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ZERO PERCENT EVALUATIONS

NONCOMPENSABLE

VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities provides a compensable rating of 10 percent for other disabilities that require medication only, such as chronic fatigue disorder, coronary artery disease, hypothyroidism

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Part 1: TITLE

Support Compensable Evaluations for Certain Disabilities currently at Zero Percent.

Part 2: Justification/Whereas

WHEREAS, the VA Rating schedule assigns a noncompensable rating for asymptomatic disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a noncompensable rating does not contemplate required medications, prosthetic appliances, or employment interference;

Part 2: Justification/Whereas

WHEREAS, the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities provides a compensable rating of 10 percent for disabilities that require medication only, such as chronic fatigue disorder, coronary artery disease, hypothyroidism; NOW

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Part 3: Resolved Clause

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that DAV supports the assignment of a compensable evaluation (10%) for noncompensable disabilities that require medication, prosthetic appliances or show employment interference.

Support Compensable Evaluations for Certain Disabilities currently at Zero Percent.

TITLE

WHEREAS, the VA Rating schedule assigns a noncompensable rating for asymptomatic disabilities; and

WHEREAS/JUSTIFICATION

WHEREAS, a noncompensable rating does not contemplate required medications, prosthetic appliances, or employment interference;

WHEREAS/JUSTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities provides a compensable rating of 10 percent for other disabilities that require medication only, such as chronic fatigue disorder, coronary artery disease, hypothyroidism; NOW

WHEREAS/JUSTIFICATION

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that DAV supports the assignment of a compensable evaluation (10%) for noncompensable disabilities that require medication, prosthetic appliances or show employment interference.

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If you need assistance with your Resolutions at the Chapter, Committee or Department level, please reach out to us for assistance.

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SUMMARY

Importance of Resolutions

- Exercise Your 1st Amendment Right
- Creates our National Legislative Agenda
- Only 12 Departments in 2017

SUMMARY

Re-Introduce Current Resolutions

- Resolutions expire annually
- Continue our support/opposition
- Legislative Agenda is on DAV's website

SUMMARY

Write New Resolutions

- Consistent with Statement of Policy
- 3 Key Parts
 - Title
 - Whereas/Justification of Purpose
 - Resolved Clause

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We Challenge **each Department** to submit at least 5 Resolutions for our National Legislative Agenda for the upcoming year.

OPERATION:

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