

Advancing Veterans' Priorities at the National Convention

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National Assignment: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Convention Committee

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Editor's Note: This story is based on the representative's submitted report and has been edited for clarity, organization, and factual completeness while preserving the author's observations.

Why Arizona Was There

Arizona participated in the 107th American Legion National Convention, including committee consideration of resolutions affecting veterans' benefits, claims representation, and recognition. The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee met on August 30 to review proposals before the convention.

From the Representative

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee convened at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2026, for a meeting lasting approximately two and a half hours. We considered 29 resolutions, with 25 receiving unanimous committee approval and four not passing. Among the proposals supported was the Taking Care of Veterans Act. The committee also approved positions opposing charges for veterans' claims filing by unaccredited or for-profit parties and supporting a permanent building for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. A proposal concerning the interment of military working dogs in national cemeteries was among those that did not pass. National Commander Dan Wiley later expressed satisfaction with the committee's results on the convention floor.

Convention Snapshot

- Committee convened August 30 at 9:00 a.m. for approximately 2½ hours.
- Reviewed 29 resolutions; 25 received unanimous committee approval and four did not pass.
- Supported proposals involving veterans' care, claims-filing practices, and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
- Did not approve a proposal concerning burial of military working dogs in national cemeteries.

Looking Ahead

The committee's work reflects the range of policy questions affecting veterans, from access to care to protections in the benefits process. Its recommendations provide a record of the issues considered at the 2026 National Convention.