

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016**

Subject: Delivery of Veterans Benefits and Services – State of Wisconsin Strategic Planning

Submitted by : Department Executive Committee

R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas, government agencies at the Federal, State and County levels are responsible for delivering certain benefits, programs and services to Wisconsin veterans;

Whereas, various non-governmental organizations also provide benefits, programs and services to Wisconsin veterans; and

Whereas, other organizations and institutions may have assets available that could improve benefits, programs and services to Wisconsin veterans;

Whereas, the benefits, programs and services available to Wisconsin veterans have changed and evolved over the years; and

Whereas, technology and fiscal concerns have altered methods of communication with the veterans of Wisconsin over time; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Executive Committee in a Regular Meeting held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Portage, Wisconsin that the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs be called upon to enter into a Strategic Planning process in conjunction with Congressionally-chartered Veterans Service Organizations, County Veteran Service Officers, Federal, State and County agencies responsible for delivering veteran's benefits, as well as non-governmental organizations and other institutions to enhance the benefits, programs and services available to Wisconsin veterans; and be it further

Resolved that the said Strategic Planning process focus on all aspects of benefits, programs and services available to Wisconsin veterans, to include but not limited to, the future solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund; the authority and composition of the Board of Veterans Affairs and the Council on Veterans programs; the future of the State Veterans Homes and Veterans Cemeteries; institutions and non-governmental organizations that offer benefits, programs and services to Wisconsin veterans; the future role of Federal, State and County agencies in delivering veteran's benefits; and be it finally

Resolved that the said Strategic Planning process commence during 2016 with a goal of reaching consensus to propose appropriate and necessary State Legislation by May, 2017.