

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

National Legislative Action Officers Committee

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

For Consideration at the National Convention

Revised — recurring priorities consolidated in Part I (concurrent receipt, survivor benefits, toxic exposures, mental health, air ambulance, electronic health record, women veterans, and antisemitism); May 2026 hearing bills in Part II

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The following resolutions translate the legislative positions of the National Legislative Action Officers Committee into formal resolutions for the consideration and adoption of the membership. Thirty-one resolutions are presented in two parts. Part I sets out the standing and recurring legislative priorities of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America — its concurrent-receipt, survivor-benefit, toxic-exposure, mental-health and suicide-prevention, veteran-safety, women-veteran, and anti-antisemitism commitments — carried forward as continuing priorities of the organization. Part II sets out resolutions on the nineteen measures heard by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs at its legislative hearing of May 20, 2026. Each resolution states the recommended position of the organization.

PART I — STANDING AND RECURRING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS

RESOLUTION 2026-01

CONCURRENT RECEIPT FOR COMBAT-DISABLED RETIREES

S. 1032 / H.R. 2102 — Major Richard Star Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, combat-disabled veterans who were medically retired from the Armed Forces with fewer than twenty (20) years of service, known as Chapter 61 retirees, are presently subject to a dollar-for-dollar offset that reduces their earned military retired pay by the amount of their VA disability compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Major Richard Star Act would eliminate this offset and permit combat-disabled retirees, including Combat-Related Special Compensation beneficiaries, to receive both their earned military retired pay and their VA disability compensation concurrently; and

WHEREAS, the measure enjoys strong bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress and has repeatedly been advanced as a candidate for inclusion in the annual National Defense Authorization Act; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America has long supported the full and fair compensation of combat-disabled veterans and regards the concurrent-receipt offset as an inequity that penalizes those most grievously wounded in service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the Major Richard Star Act (S. 1032 / H.R. 2102) and urges its enactment, including through inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act.

RESOLUTION 2026-02

PRESERVATION OF SURVIVOR BENEFITS UPON REMARRIAGE

H.R. 1004 / S. 410 — Love Lives On Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, under current law, a surviving spouse of a deceased servicemember or veteran who remarries before the age of fifty-five (55) forfeits certain earned survivor benefits, including Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, and related benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Love Lives On Act would remove this remarriage penalty and permit eligible surviving spouses to retain their earned survivor benefits upon remarriage, and would restore Tricare eligibility to a surviving spouse whose subsequent marriage ends in death, divorce, or annulment; and

WHEREAS, the measure is bipartisan in both chambers of Congress and was advanced by voice vote to the full House Committee on Veterans' Affairs in March 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America believes that benefits earned through a servicemember's service and sacrifice should not be forfeited because a surviving spouse chooses to remarry and rebuild their life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the Love Lives On Act of 2025 (H.R. 1004 / S. 410) and urges its enactment.

RESOLUTION 2026-03

INCREASED COMPENSATION FOR THE MOST SEVERELY DISABLED VETERANS

H.R. 6047 — Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2026

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the most severely disabled veterans and the survivors of deceased veterans depend upon Department of Veterans Affairs compensation that has not kept pace with the extraordinary costs of their care; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6047, named in honor of Gold Star widow Sharri Briley and severely disabled Iraq War veteran Eric Edmundson, would increase compensation for the most severely disabled veterans and modestly increase certain monthly survivor benefits; and

WHEREAS, the bill passed the United States House of Representatives on May 21, 2026 and awaits consideration in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America supports ensuring that the most grievously wounded veterans and their families receive compensation commensurate with their sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act (H.R. 6047), commends its passage by the House of Representatives, and urges its prompt passage by the Senate.

RESOLUTION 2026-04

PROTECTING VETERANS' DISABILITY RATINGS FROM REDUCTION

VA Interim Final Rule, Docket No. VA-2026-VBA-0067 — congressional oversight priority

[Recommended position: OPPOSE the rule / SUPPORT permanent rescission]

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs proposed an interim final rule (Docket No. VA-2026-VBA-0067) that would have based veterans' disability ratings on their condition 'after improvement,' potentially reducing the compensation of veterans whose service-connected symptoms are controlled by medication or treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs rescinded that interim final rule on February 26, 2026, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America seeks to ensure that the rescission remains permanent; and

WHEREAS, veterans should not be penalized in their disability ratings for successfully managing their service-connected conditions through medication or treatment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America OPPOSES any rule that would base veterans' disability ratings on their condition 'after improvement,' SUPPORTS the permanent rescission of the interim final rule (Docket No. VA-2026-VBA-0067), and urges Congress to exercise continuing oversight to prevent its reinstatement.

RESOLUTION 2026-05

TIMELY CLAIMS PROCESSING AND PROTECTION FROM PREDATORY CLAIMS PRACTICES

Benefits delivery accountability and accredited representation priority

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, veterans are entitled to the timely and accurate processing of their benefits claims, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America remains committed to holding the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable for timely claims adjudication; and

WHEREAS, accredited veterans service organizations provide free, expert assistance with benefits claims, while some private actors improperly charge veterans fees for assistance that is available at no cost; and

WHEREAS, veterans should be protected from predatory claims-assistance practices and encouraged to use the free, accredited representation available through recognized veterans service organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS continued accountability for the timely and accurate processing of veterans' benefits claims, and urges Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to protect veterans from predatory claims-assistance practices by

ensuring access to free, accredited representation through recognized veterans service organizations.

RESOLUTION 2026-06

ADDRESSING TOXIC EXPOSURES AND BURN PITS

Full funding and implementation of the PACT Act (Honoring our PACT Act of 2022)

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act has been life-changing for many veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic hazards during their service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs has screened more than five million (5,000,000) veterans for toxic exposure; and

WHEREAS, much work remains to fully implement the Act, including hiring personnel to adjudicate claims, funding upgrades to Veterans Benefits Administration information-technology systems, and ensuring that Veterans Health Administration officials have the clinical resources, equipment, and space to treat exposed veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America made the PACT Act a top priority and remains committed to holding the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable for its full and effective implementation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the full funding and effective implementation of the PACT Act, and urges Congress to provide the resources necessary to adjudicate claims, modernize Veterans Benefits Administration information-technology systems, and ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs has the clinical capacity to treat veterans exposed to toxic hazards.

RESOLUTION 2026-07

EXPANDING THE INDIVIDUAL LONGITUDINAL EXPOSURE RECORD (ILER 2.0)

Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER) 2.0 — toxic-exposure tracking priority

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER) documents the environmental and occupational exposures a servicemember experiences during military service and is an essential tool for establishing the connection between toxic exposure and later illness; and

WHEREAS, ILER 2.0 would expand access to active-duty family members, to all sixteen million (16,000,000) and more living veterans, and to veterans' families, and would enable Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense health-care providers to use the record in diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, through its membership in the Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Coalition, supports the expansion of the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the expansion of the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER 2.0) to all living veterans, their families, and active-duty family members, and urges the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense to enable their health-care providers to use the record in the diagnosis and treatment of exposure-related conditions.

RESOLUTION 2026-08

**REDUCING VETERAN SUICIDE — MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS AND
FUNDING**

Suicide prevention and mental health — funding and access priority

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the suicide rate among veterans is nearly double that of civilians, and among women veterans is more than double that of female civilians, while the suicide rate among active-duty servicemembers is at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, veterans and servicemembers must have increased access to mental health services, including alternative and community-based treatments, and the transition from active service to civilian life is a period of heightened risk during which education and awareness are paramount; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America urges Congress to fully fund the Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention and mental health budget, including the extension of free emergency health care for veterans in crisis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the full funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention and mental health programs, including expanded access to community-based and alternative treatments and continued free emergency care for veterans in crisis, and urges Congress to prioritize the reduction of veteran and servicemember suicide.

RESOLUTION 2026-09

WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT FOR HIGH-RISK MEDICATIONS

H.R. 4837 / S. 3314 — Written Informed Consent Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, veterans receiving care through the Department of Veterans Affairs are entitled to full information regarding the risks and benefits of the medications prescribed to them, and mental health and the reduction of veteran suicide remain among the highest priorities of the Jewish War Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Written Informed Consent Act would require the VA to obtain written, informed consent from a veteran before prescribing certain high-risk psychotropic medications, including antipsychotics, stimulants, antidepressants, anxiolytics, and narcotics, extending protections that already apply to long-term opioid prescriptions; and

WHEREAS, the measure is a patient-safety and suicide-prevention transparency reform, is bipartisan, and is supported by approximately thirty-five (35) veterans service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America supports strengthening veterans' informed participation in their own mental-health and medication decisions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the Written Informed Consent Act (H.R. 4837 / S. 3314) and urges its enactment.

RESOLUTION 2026-10

PRESERVING THE PHYSICIAN-LED ANESTHESIA CARE TEAM MODEL

VHA Directive 1123 — Anesthesia Care Team model

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the physician-led Anesthesia Care Team model, under which anesthesiologists lead the surgical anesthesia team, is the established national standard of practice within the Veterans Health Administration under VHA Directive 1123; and

WHEREAS, proposals to adopt nurse-only anesthesia standards and to remove anesthesiologists from surgical teams would diminish the quality and safety of surgical care for veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America is concerned by changes, such as those proposed to the Minneapolis VA Medical Center bylaws, that would depart from the physician-led model; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS maintaining VHA Directive 1123 and the physician-led Anesthesia Care Team model as the national standard of practice, and urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to retain anesthesiologists on surgical care teams and Congress to exercise oversight of any departure from that standard.

RESOLUTION 2026-11

PROTECTING VETERANS' EYE CARE — INVASIVE PROCEDURES BY OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

Community Care Standardized Episode of Care (SEOC) — eye-care standards

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, invasive eye procedures, including injections, lasers, and eye surgery, require the specialized training of ophthalmologists to be performed safely; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs Community Care Standardized Episode of Care (SEOC) previously restricted such invasive procedures to ophthalmologists, and the removal of that language places veterans' vision at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America seeks the restoration of that protective standard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the immediate reinstatement of Community Care Standardized Episode of Care language providing that only ophthalmologists may perform invasive eye procedures, including injections, lasers, and eye surgery, and urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to restore that standard to protect veterans' vision.

RESOLUTION 2026-12

PROTECTING VETERANS' ACCESS TO EMERGENCY AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES

S. 2518 / H.R. 4792 — Protecting Air Ambulance Services for Americans Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, for veterans in rural and medically underserved communities, where more than one hundred fifty (150) hospitals have already closed and an estimated eight hundred (800) more face imminent closure, emergency air medical transport is often the only means of reaching trauma centers and emergency care, and frequently transports patients to the closest appropriate hospital outside the VA system; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement structure for air ambulance services has not been modernized to reflect current operational costs, leaving providers financially unsustainable and threatening the closure of the air medical bases upon which veterans depend at their most vulnerable moments; and

WHEREAS, the Protecting Air Ambulance Services for Americans Act, introduced with bipartisan sponsorship by Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Representatives Ron Estes (R-KS) and Suzan DelBene (D-WA), would provide the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services with the data and statutory authority needed to modernize the air ambulance fee schedule and restore stability to these life-saving services; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America has joined the united veterans service organization community in strong support of this legislation as essential to preserving veterans' access to emergency air medical care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the Protecting Air Ambulance Services for Americans Act (S. 2518 / H.R. 4792) and urges the Committees of jurisdiction to complete Congressional Budget Office scoring and advance the measure without delay.

RESOLUTION 2026-13

PATIENT SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE VA ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM

VA Electronic Health Record Modernization — oversight and patient-safety priority

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs has continued to experience significant cost overruns, inadequate clinician and staff training, and patient-safety concerns in the deployment of its new electronic health record system; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America commended the VA for pausing deployments to address these deficiencies and insists that patient safety remain paramount in any future implementation; and

WHEREAS, responsible modernization of the VA's electronic health record system — with adequate training for clinicians and staff and full accountability of both VA and Oracle officials for the system's failures — is essential to safe, coordinated, and consistent care for veterans; and

WHEREAS, Congress must ensure that patient safety is maintained and that corrective actions are taken to prevent system failures before any further deployment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the continued, responsible modernization of the VA electronic health record system, and urges the VA and Congress to guarantee adequate training, full accountability of VA and vendor officials, and the protection of patient safety before and during any future deployment.

RESOLUTION 2026-14

SUPPORTING WOMEN AND UNDERSERVED VETERANS

Full implementation of the Deborah Sampson Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, women are the fastest-growing population of veterans using Department of Veterans Affairs services, and the specialized health-care needs of women veterans — including cancer screenings, mental health care and access, infertility care, maternal health, and the reduction of intimate partner violence — require dedicated attention; and

WHEREAS, the Deborah Sampson Act expanded services and protections for women veterans and provides for a Women's Mental Health Champion Coordinator at every VA Medical Center to ensure that women feel welcome and receive equitable treatment and care; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America is committed to addressing the specialized health-care needs of women and other underserved veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the full implementation of the Deborah Sampson Act and the provision of equitable, specialized care for women and other underserved veterans, and urges Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure adequate resources for women veterans' health care, including cancer screening, mental health, infertility, and maternal health services.

RESOLUTION 2026-15

REDUCING AND ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Veteran homelessness reduction — funding and outreach priority

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, despite substantial national progress, too many veterans remain homeless, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America holds that one homeless veteran is one too many; and

WHEREAS, sustained resources and effective outreach are necessary to achieve and maintain reductions in veteran homelessness and to move veterans into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America supports the Department of Veterans Affairs outreach efforts directed at ending veteran homelessness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS increased resources for homeless-veteran assistance and Department of Veterans Affairs outreach efforts, and urges

Congress to fund the programs necessary to achieve and sustain the permanent reduction of veteran homelessness.

RESOLUTION 2026-16

ENSURING PAY FOR THE COAST GUARD DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard, though a branch of the Armed Forces, is funded through the Department of Homeland Security rather than the Department of Defense, leaving its members vulnerable to interruptions in pay during lapses in government appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act would ensure that Coast Guard personnel continue to receive their pay during a government shutdown, as members of the other Armed Forces do; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America believes that those who serve in uniform should not go unpaid during budget impasses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act and urges Congress to ensure that Coast Guard personnel receive their pay during any lapse in government appropriations.

RESOLUTION 2026-17

RESTORATION OF THE STAR OF DAVID TO THE GRAVES OF FALLEN JEWISH-AMERICAN SERVICEMEMBERS [PRIORITY RESOLUTION]

S. 1318 / H.R. 2701 — Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT — Priority Resolution]

WHEREAS, approximately nine hundred (900) Jewish-American servicemembers who fell in the First and Second World Wars are buried in overseas military cemeteries beneath a Latin cross rather than the Star of David, contrary to their faith and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act would direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to identify these servicemembers, to make reasonable efforts to contact their families, and, with the consent of the family, to correct the religious emblem upon the headstone; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has passed H.R. 2701 and the United States Senate has passed S. 1318, the latter authorizing the American Battle Monuments Commission over a ten-year period, with funding, to carry out these corrections; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the correct religious emblem to the graves of fallen Jewish-American servicemembers is a matter of the deepest concern to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America and is directly central to its founding mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS, as a priority resolution, the Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act (S. 1318 / H.R. 2701), urges its

final enactment, and stands ready to assist the American Battle Monuments Commission in identifying affected servicemembers and their families.

RESOLUTION 2026-18

A WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM — THE ANTISEMITISM AWARENESS ACT

S. 558 / H.R. 1007 — Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, as the only Jewish veterans service organization, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America maintains a special focus on combating antisemitism and has, particularly since the terrorist attacks of October 7, 2023, been a leading voice denouncing antisemitic hate speech and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Antisemitism Awareness Act would establish a working definition of antisemitism to guide the review and investigation of complaints of discrimination, increase awareness and understanding of antisemitism, and improve the safety and security of Jewish communities; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans, through its Celiz Antisemitism Taskforce (JCAT), has identified this measure as a high priority, while recognizing that the free-speech concerns raised by some must be thoughtfully addressed; and

WHEREAS, this legislation, or revised legislation accomplishing its purpose, must become law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS the Antisemitism Awareness Act (S. 558 / H.R. 1007) and urges its enactment, with due attention to the free-speech concerns that have been raised, so that a clear working definition of antisemitism guides federal anti-discrimination enforcement.

RESOLUTION 2026-19

COMBATING ANTISEMITISM ON COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

H.R. 1033 (COLUMBIA Act of 2025); H.R. 406 (PROTECT Jewish Student and Faculty Act); H.R. 2446 (Stop Antisemitism on College Campuses Act)

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, antisemitic activity on the campuses of American colleges and universities has risen sharply, particularly since October 7, 2023, endangering Jewish students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the COLUMBIA Act of 2025 (H.R. 1033) would establish a program of third-party antisemitism monitors at institutions of higher education with high incidences of antisemitic activity; and

WHEREAS, the PROTECT Jewish Student and Faculty Act (H.R. 406) would require institutions of higher education participating in federal student aid programs to adopt a standard definition of antisemitism in their codes of conduct and to prohibit such conduct, and the Stop Antisemitism on College Campuses Act (H.R. 2446) would restrict the Title IV student-aid eligibility of institutions that authorize

antisemitic events on campus; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America believes that Congress must resolve the partisan and free-speech concerns that have slowed these measures and enact meaningful protections for the Jewish members of campus communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS legislation to combat antisemitism on college and university campuses, including the COLUMBIA Act of 2025 (H.R. 1033), the PROTECT Jewish Student and Faculty Act (H.R. 406), and the Stop Antisemitism on College Campuses Act (H.R. 2446), and urges Congress to resolve outstanding concerns and enact these protections.

PART II — RESOLUTIONS ON MEASURES HEARD BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS (MAY 20, 2026)

RESOLUTION 2026-20

VETERANS INTEGRATED SERVICE NETWORK REFORM

H.R. 6733 — VISN Reform Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT with amendments]

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs presently administers its health care system through eighteen (18) Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs), and H.R. 6733 would consolidate those networks into eight (8) geographically organized networks in order to reduce duplication and improve accountability; and

WHEREAS, the bill would require each VISN director to be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, mandate the co-location of VISN headquarters with VA medical centers, cap headquarters staffing, and require a structural review every three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America supports streamlining VISN administration to achieve greater accountability and efficiency in the delivery of veterans' health care; and

WHEREAS, any consolidation of regional networks carries the risk that veterans residing in rural areas may lose access to care and that continuity of care may be disrupted during the period of reorganization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6733, the VISN Reform Act of 2025, with amendments to protect rural veterans from any loss of access during consolidation and to ensure continuity of care throughout the period of VA reorganization.

RESOLUTION 2026-21

A NATIONAL VA MEDICATION FORMULARY

H.R. 6580 — VA National Formulary Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, veterans who receive care at more than one Department of Veterans Affairs facility frequently encounter inconsistency in the medications and supplies available to them from one location to another; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6580 would require pharmaceutical purchasing agreements that standardize the medications and supplies available across all VA facilities and Veterans Integrated Service Networks, thereby improving equity of care and reducing administrative burden; and

WHEREAS, the bill would further require that requests for non-formulary medications be submitted electronically and integrated into the veteran's electronic health record, a practical and patient-centered improvement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6580, the VA National Formulary Act of 2025.

RESOLUTION 2026-22

VA LEASING AND INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

H.R. 6599 — Leasing and Infrastructure Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the demand for Department of Veterans Affairs care and services continues to grow among post-9/11 veterans, women veterans, and the aging World War II and Korea-era veteran populations; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6599 would grant the VA additional authority and flexibility to lease facilities and expand infrastructure more quickly and cost-effectively while preserving taxpayer protections; and

WHEREAS, streamlined leasing authority would reduce the delays and bureaucratic hurdles that presently attend capital leasing and would directly benefit veterans awaiting access to care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6599, the Leasing and Infrastructure Act of 2025.

RESOLUTION 2026-23

VA RESEARCH REFORM

H.R. 6583 — VA Research Reform Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT with amendments]

WHEREAS, H.R. 6583 would establish a centralized research data system for the Department of Veterans Affairs, reduce administrative burdens on VA researchers, accelerate the translation of research findings into clinical care, and expand research partnerships with outside institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America supports reducing bureaucratic barriers to VA research and expanding such partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the mandatory veteran-impact forecasting language contained in Section 7386 of the bill has drawn concern from veterans service organizations as potentially delaying or discouraging important foundational research whose benefits may not be immediately quantifiable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6583, the VA Research Reform Act of 2025, with an amendment modifying the mandatory veteran-impact forecasting language in Section 7386 so as to avoid deterring basic and foundational research, including by exempting basic and early-stage research and by making the forecast a non-binding narrative rather than a gating criterion.

RESOLUTION 2026-24

VA CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT REFORM

H.R. 6549 — VA Contracting and Procurement Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, deficiencies in the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting and procurement processes have contributed to cost overruns and procurement delays that affect the delivery of services to veterans; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6549 would reform those processes to improve efficiency, reduce waste, and strengthen accountability in how the Department acquires goods and services; and

WHEREAS, improved procurement practices ensure that a greater share of the VA budget reaches veterans directly, and the Jewish War Veterans supports any measure that strengthens fiscal accountability and reduces contracting abuse within the VA system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6549, the VA Contracting and Procurement Act.

RESOLUTION 2026-25

TRANSPARENCY IN VA EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

H.R. 6740 — VA TRUST Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, veterans and taxpayers are entitled to full transparency regarding the manner in which the leadership of the Department of Veterans Affairs is compensated; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6740 would require disclosure to Congress of the accounts used to fund bonuses and awards for Senior Executive Service (SES) employees, together with annual salary information; and

WHEREAS, the bill would further clarify the VA's authority to adjust the pay of SES employees who relocate, thereby preventing executives from retaining pay rates tied to prior, higher cost-of-living duty stations; and

WHEREAS, executive bonus accountability is a matter of institutional integrity and public trust; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6740, the VA TRUST Act.

RESOLUTION 2026-26

PRESERVATION OF SPECIALIZED VA ADVISORY COMMITTEES

H.R. 6764 — Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Oversight Act of 2025

[Recommended position: OPPOSE in current form]

WHEREAS, H.R. 6764 would eliminate as many as sixteen (16) specialized Department of Veterans Affairs advisory committees and consolidate their functions into a smaller number of broader bodies; and

WHEREAS, specialized advisory committees, including the Women Veterans Advisory Committee, the Tribal and Indian Affairs Advisory Committee, and the Homeless Veterans Advisory Committee, provide distinct and expert policy guidance concerning historically underserved veteran populations; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of these focused committees would reduce the quality and specificity of the guidance reaching the VA and Congress and would risk silencing the distinct voices of women veterans, Tribal and Native American veterans, homeless veterans, and other populations whose issues require dedicated expert focus; and

WHEREAS, consolidation is not equivalent to efficiency when it comes at the cost of the representation of historically underserved veteran communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America OPPOSES H.R. 6764, the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Oversight Act of 2025, in its current form, and urges the retention of specialized advisory committees serving historically underserved veteran populations.

RESOLUTION 2026-27

VETERANS READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

H.R. 6904 — Veterans Readiness and Employment Improvement and Accountability Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E;) program assists service-connected disabled veterans in obtaining and maintaining employment; and

WHEREAS, employment and economic reintegration are foundational to the well-being of veterans; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6904 would improve program accountability, outcomes tracking, and service delivery, reducing bureaucratic delays and improving measurable outcomes for disabled veterans seeking workforce participation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6904, the Veterans Readiness and Employment Improvement and Accountability Act of 2025.

RESOLUTION 2026-28

A VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION

H.R. 6843 — Establishing the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, programs relating to veterans' economic opportunity, including education, employment, home loans, and transition assistance, are presently dispersed within the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6843 would create a standalone Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration (VEOTA) consolidating those programs under dedicated leadership at the same organizational level as the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration; and

WHEREAS, elevating economic opportunity programs to an independent administration signals appropriate institutional priority and provides clearer accountability for veterans transitioning to civilian life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6843, establishing the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration.

RESOLUTION 2026-29

VA ACQUISITION REFORM AND INDEPENDENT COST ASSESSMENT

H.R. 6833 — Acquisition Reform and Cost Assessment Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, major technology and infrastructure programs within the Department of Veterans Affairs have historically experienced significant cost overruns; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6833 would reorganize the VA's acquisition and procurement structure and establish a Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation to provide independent analysis of major programs and procurement decisions; and

WHEREAS, independent cost assessment, modeled in part on similar reforms at the Department of Defense, is a proven tool for improving the efficiency and performance of government programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 6833, the Acquisition Reform and Cost Assessment Act of 2025.

RESOLUTION 2026-30

REDUCTION OF THE BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS BACKLOG

H.R. 2303 — Board of Veterans' Appeals Attorney Retention and Backlog Reduction Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) presently faces tens of thousands of pending appeals, resulting in multi-year waits for veterans seeking decisions on their benefits; and

WHEREAS, many of the veterans awaiting these decisions are elderly or seriously disabled, and the appeals backlog represents one of the most pressing injustices in the VA benefits system; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2303 would improve the Department's ability to recruit and retain qualified attorneys by strengthening compensation and retention incentives for BVA staff attorneys, thereby directly reducing this unacceptable delay; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 2303, the Board of Veterans' Appeals Attorney Retention and Backlog Reduction Act.

RESOLUTION 2026-31
COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE FOR VETERANS

H.R. 210 — Dental Care for Veterans Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, under current law, dental coverage furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs is far more restricted than the coverage provided for other medical services; and

WHEREAS, oral health is inseparable from overall health, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America has long advocated for comprehensive dental benefits for veterans; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 210 would eliminate the statutory distinctions that treat dental care differently from other VA medical services and would require the VA to provide dental care under the same authorities and eligibility framework as other health care services; and

WHEREAS, the arbitrary statutory distinction between dental and medical care has denied essential treatment to countless veterans and should be eliminated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 210, the Dental Care for Veterans Act.

RESOLUTION 2026-32
PREVENTION OF FALLS AMONG ELDERLY VETERANS

H.R. 3183 — SAFE STEPS for Veterans Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, falls are a leading cause of injury and death among elderly veterans, and the veteran population continues to age; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3183 would establish an Office of Falls Prevention within the Veterans Health Administration to develop and oversee national education campaigns for veterans, families, and VA providers, to identify at-risk veterans, and to coordinate evidence-based fall prevention programs across the VA system; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a dedicated VA office with a national mandate is a sound, evidence-based, and cost-effective public health measure that will save lives and reduce catastrophic injuries among the veteran community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 3183, the SAFE STEPS for Veterans Act of 2025.

RESOLUTION 2026-33

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

H.R. 5203 — VA SAFE Care Act (acute sexual assault response directives)

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, reported data indicate that approximately one in three (1 in 3) female veterans and one in fifty (1 in 50) male veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs system have experienced sexual assault or harassment; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 5203 would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update VA directives governing the management of acute sexual assault cases within VA medical facilities, requiring 72-hour care protocols, standardized trauma-informed response training, coordination with mental health services, and integration with community care providers for survivors; and

WHEREAS, standardized, trauma-informed protocols for acute sexual assault care, including wraparound mental health services, are essential to the proper care of veterans who have experienced military sexual trauma; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 5203, the VA SAFE Care Act, and commends its focus on wraparound care including mental health services.

RESOLUTION 2026-34

AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF TRANSITIONING SERVICEMEMBERS IN VA HEALTH CARE

H.R. 4114 — Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition (EVEST) Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, enrollment in Department of Veterans Affairs health care presently requires a separate voluntary action by the veteran, and many eligible veterans, particularly those who are young and healthy, delay enrollment until a health crisis occurs; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4114 would require the automatic enrollment of eligible transitioning servicemembers into VA health care at the time of their separation from active duty, removing this administrative barrier; and

WHEREAS, automatic enrollment ensures that veterans establish relationships with the VA before they urgently need care, improves the early detection of service-connected conditions, and reduces the number of veterans who fall through the health care gap during transition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 4114, the Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition (EVEST) Act.

RESOLUTION 2026-35

EXPANDED HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

H.R. 3869 — Every Veteran Housed Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, many veterans with less-than-honorable or other-than-honorable discharges, characterizations often linked to undiagnosed mental health conditions or military sexual trauma, are presently excluded from Department of Veterans Affairs homeless assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3869 would broaden the definition of 'veteran' under Title 38 to include any former servicemember who did not receive a dishonorable discharge or a general court-martial sentence, thereby expanding eligibility for VA homeless assistance; and

WHEREAS, no veteran should be denied emergency housing assistance on the basis of a discharge characterization that may reflect untreated mental illness, military sexual trauma, or other service-connected circumstances, and the expansion of housing eligibility is a matter of basic human dignity and veteran welfare; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 3869, the Every Veteran Housed Act.

RESOLUTION 2026-36

PROTECTION OF VA FUNDING AND WORKFORCE

H.R. 2722 — VA Funding and Workforce Protection Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, stable funding and workforce continuity are prerequisites for the consistent delivery of health care and benefits to veterans; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2722 would prohibit the unilateral deferral or transfer of VA-appropriated funds without congressional notification and would limit the VA's ability to conduct mass layoffs or implement hiring freezes outside of normal personnel procedures; and

WHEREAS, the bill would further require the reinstatement of career VA employees who were improperly removed and mandate congressional certification of adequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America is deeply concerned about any disruption to VA staffing or budgets that could degrade the delivery of health care and benefits to veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 2722, the VA Funding and Workforce Protection Act.

RESOLUTION 2026-37

RESTORATION OF GI BILL BENEFITS FOR DEFRAUDED STUDENT VETERANS

H.R. 1391 — Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act of 2025

[Recommended position: SUPPORT with retroactive amendment]

WHEREAS, veterans who were defrauded or deceived by predatory or non-compliant institutions of higher learning presently have no recourse to recover the Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility consumed by the fraudulent program; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1391 would provide a mechanism for such veterans to restore their GI Bill eligibility for the months consumed by the fraudulent program; and

WHEREAS, veterans defrauded by predatory schools deserve full restitution of their hard-earned GI Bill benefits, and a retroactive provision to assist veterans defrauded in prior years enjoys broad support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 1391, the Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act of 2025, and urges the inclusion of a retroactive clause extending relief to all affected veterans and not only to those defrauded after the bill's enactment.

RESOLUTION 2026-38
SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS

H.R. 8044 — Get Justice-Involved Veterans BACK HOME Act

[Recommended position: SUPPORT]

WHEREAS, a substantial number of incarcerated veterans suffer from service-connected mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and substance use disorders stemming from their military service, that contributed to their legal circumstances; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 8044, the Get Justice-Involved Veterans BACK HOME Act, would expand access to Department of Veterans Affairs services, benefits, and treatment programs for incarcerated veterans and those re-entering the community; and

WHEREAS, ensuring access to VA care, Veterans Treatment Courts, and re-entry support honors the service of these veterans and advances public safety through rehabilitation rather than recidivism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America SUPPORTS H.R. 8044, the Get Justice-Involved Veterans BACK HOME Act, and urges its enactment.

Respectfully submitted for the consideration of the membership by the National Legislative Action Officers Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.