

**RESOLUTION 10-12**

**SOURCE:** National Headquarters, AR, NJ, NY MD, PA, NM, IA, IL, TN, WA, CA, KY, MA, VA, OH, WI

**SUBJECT:** Survivor Benefit Plan

**WHEREAS,** because retired pay stops when the veteran dies, the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) helps make up for the loss of part of this income; and

**WHEREAS,** under SBP, deductions are made from the member's retired pay to purchase a survivor's annuity; and

**WHEREAS,** upon the veteran's death, the annuity is paid monthly to eligible beneficiaries under the plan; and

**WHEREAS,** if the veteran's death is due to service-connected causes, the SBP annuity is reduced by the amount of dependency and indemnity (DIC) payment; and

**WHEREAS,** the offset of SBP against DIC is inequitable because it penalizes survivors of military retired veterans whose deaths are under circumstances warranting indemnification from government separate from the annuity funded by premiums paid by veterans from retired pay: now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That AMVETS pursue enactment of legislation to repeal the offset between SBP and DIC.