RESOLUTION 12-19

SUBJECT: Oppose TRICARE Increases

WHEREAS, This nation has a moral obligation to provide quality health care to those who protect our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, There has been several attempts to shift healthcare costs from the Federal government to active duty, reserve and retired military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense proposes doubling or tripling TRICARE premiums for military retirees under age 65; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense admits the premium increases will disqualify 600,000 beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense is not a commercial business that can undermine health care and benefits in order to increase its bottom line; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense has sole authority to increase premiums and fees; and

WHEREAS, Military retirees premiums have already been paid by 20-plus years of service: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That AMVETS oppose any and all efforts to increase TRICARE premiums; and be it further

RESOLVED, That AMVETS supports legislation that would prohibit increases in healthcare costs for members of the Armed Services.