RESOLUTION 13-17

SUBJECT: Survivor Benefit Plan

WHEREAS, 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.