DRAFT RESOLUTION 15-32
SUBJECT: CIVILIAN CREDENTIALS FOR MILITARY TRAINING & EXPERIANCE
SOURCE: AZ, MO, FL, WA, TN, VA, IL, DC, NJ, MA, MD, OH, IN, WI, CT, PA, CA, TX, ND, MN,

Whereas, the unemployment rate among our nation’s veterans continues to be an area of intense focus and concern, much of which is related to issues of post-service licensure and credentials; and

Whereas, as an integral part of the overall veteran transition process, the importance of licensing and credentialing in securing appropriate, living-wage employment cannot be overemphasized; and

Whereas, the problems related to the licensing and credentialing of veterans cannot be resolved solely by the federal government and its agencies; and

Whereas, every year between 240,000 and 360,000 military members make the transition from military to civilian life and employment, and as the drawdown continues, more than a million service members are expected to transition over the next few years; and

Whereas, as a nation we need to be prepared to do our part to assist our transitioning service members with living-wage employment opportunities so that they become valued additions to our society and economy and are able to adequately support their families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that AMVETS works to ensure that Congress continues to monitor and hold the Department of Labor (DOL) accountable for the ongoing implementation of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act; and be it further

Resolved, that AMVETS should encourage Congress to engage in a national dialogue to include: the Administration; DoD; VA; DOL; governors, state adjutant generals, employers, trade and professional associations and licensing and credentialing entities, to establish a process so military training meets civilian certification and licensing requirements for states in which veterans choose to live once they leave the military.