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SUBJECT: Make Permanent AMVETS Veteran Suicide Awareness Committee

SOURCE: AMVETS Department of Washington

WHEREAS, the issue of suicides among veterans is embodied in the aims of AMVETS in AMVETS National Constitution, Art. II, Sects. 7 and 8; and

WHEREAS, AMVETS National Bylaws, Art. II, Sect. 2a states that "The national commander may appoint such special committees as necessary to the proper conduct of organizational affairs, subject to the approval of the National executive Committee;" and

WHEREAS, a special committee on veteran’s suicide awareness was created by the National Commander and approved by the National Executive Committee subsequent to the National Convention that was held in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, AMVETS National Bylaws, Art. II, Sect 2b states that "Such appointees shall serve during the term of the administration appointing them and terminate on expiration of the term of the appointing administration;" and

WHEREAS, an awareness issue of suicides among veterans needs is not well understood by veterans, the public, corporate America; and

WHEREAS, this issue is better addressed by collaborative efforts involving the AMVETS National Headquarters; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the special committee on veteran’s suicide awareness which was created in 2015 shall receive authorized status under these Constitution and Bylaws and that the committee on “VETERAN’S SUICIDE AWARENESS” shall be known as “AMVETS BY-LAWS, ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, (v);” be it further

RESOLVED, that the National By-Laws Committee adopt this resolution and forward it to the General Assembly for its Adoption.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS………………ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE ☐
FLOOR ACTION: ADOPTED ☐ ADOPTED (as amended) ☐ REJECTED ☐ TABLED ☐