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SUBJECT: Amend Membership Qualifications

SOURCE: AMVETS Department of Virginia

WHEREAS, Individuals who complete Individual Ready Reserve obligation, but who have not served 180 days of active duty, receive an Honorable Discharge Certificate (DD-256) or a General Discharge Certificate (DD-257) and are not eligible for Veteran Benefits; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who receive an Honorable Discharge Certificate (DD-256-A, M, N, AF, and CG) or General Discharge Certificate (DD-257-A, M, N, AF, and CG) do not characterize service as good or bad; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who receive a (DD-214) under Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions are indicated with characterization of service and would be considered for Veteran Benefits; and

WHEREAS, Article IV: Membership, Section 1 of the AMVETS National Constitution states, “Any person who served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America at any time after Sept 15, 1940 is eligible for regular membership in AMVETS, provided such service- when terminated by discharge or release from active duty – is by honorable discharge, or general discharge under honorable conditions;” and

WHEREAS, Individuals who receive an Honorable or General Discharge Certificate DD-256/257 and cannot be characterized as to condition of service should not be considered eligible to join AMVETS; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Article IV: Membership, Section 1 of the AMVETS National Constitution be amended to read ‘Any person who served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America at any time after Sept 15, 1940, who has received a DD-214 when terminated by discharge or release from active duty with characterization of service as Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions and is eligible for Veterans Benefits is eligible for regular membership in AMVETS.”

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