DRAFT RESOLUTION 17 - 21

SUBJECT: VA Enhanced-Use Leases

SOURCE: DC, FL, LA, NC, VA, OH, MA, TX, TN, MO, NJ, ND, WA

WHEREAS, the VA’s Enhanced-Use Lease Program (EUL) is an important component of both VA’s mission to end veteran homelessness and the department’s overall asset management program; and

WHEREAS, through this program, VA out-leases underutilized real estate in its jurisdiction or gives control to the private sector for up to 75 years for the purpose of developing supportive housing for homeless and at risk veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, this program also allows VA to beautify, preserve and make use of historic buildings that are unsafe or need extensive renovations, at no cost to the VA or the general public, by leasing these structures to preservation groups or other interested community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, this innovative portfolio management tool provides veterans with an expanded range of services that would not otherwise be available on medical center campuses or other VA facilities, such as:

- job training & employment services;
- financial management assistance;
- community gardens and playgrounds;
- computer/technology centers;
- laundry facilities;
- community meeting and socializing rooms;
- fitness centers;
- support groups & senior companion programs; and

WHEREAS, many of the benefits veterans can expect are much more esoteric, such as increased access to health care, improved satisfaction and quality of life for veterans and their families, and improved community relations & other socio-economic benefits; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports the VA’s Enhanced-Use Lease Program.

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