

RESOLUTION 10-11

SOURCE: National Headquarters, AR, NJ, NY MD, PA, NM, IA, IL, TN, WA, CA, KY, MA, VA, OH, WI

SUBJECT: Veterans Mental Health Funding

WHEREAS, 27 percent of returning soldiers will have some sort of psychological trauma that may never heal; and

WHEREAS, VA and the Federal government have a special obligation to these veterans; and

WHEREAS, mental and emotional problems can have disastrous effects not only on the veteran, but the family as well; and

WHEREAS, the psychological effects of war vary from person to person and sometimes don't show up for years, which is why it is so important that mental health programs continue to take care of veterans with these kinds of issues: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That AMVETS recommends to the Congress to double VA's mental health care budget in 5 years to adequately treat veterans suffering from psychological trauma.