

RESOLUTION 11-18

SOURCE: National Headquarters, DE

SUBJECT: Homeless Veterans - Support for Non-Profit VSO Coalition

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs reported in March 2010 that the number of Veterans homeless on a typical night dropped 18 percent as the VA entered the second year of Secretary Shinseki's campaign to eliminate homelessness among Veterans within five years.

WHEREAS, Secretary Shinseki contributed much of that reduction to enhanced collaboration with other federal, state, faith-based, Veterans service organizations and community partners.

WHEREAS, a coalition of six major Veterans service organization and the AFL-CIO is forming a 501-c-3 organization in the District of Columbia to work with the Department of Veterans affairs to acquire a vacated building at Walter Reed Medical Center when that facility is moved to the new site in Bethesda, Maryland.

WHEREAS, the coalition will dedicate 100 rooms of this facility for homeless veterans and provide meeting rooms for those VSO's supporting the project.

WHEREAS, District of Columbia PDC & Past National District II Commander William Allen is President of the Coalition; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports the Department of Veterans Affairs in their focused mission of eliminating homelessness among Veterans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports this new coalition that will enhance the continuum of care for the Homeless Veterans residing in the Nation's Capitol.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

VAVS & VA HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES, REHABILITATION
ADOPTED p ADOPTED (as amended) p REJECTED p DEFERREDp

FLOOR ACTION: ADOPTED p ADOPTED (as amended) p REJECTED p DEFERRED p