

**21st DISTRICT CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Bandera, Texas
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Resolution No. 1: Department of Texas Cross Accreditation of Post Officers who are also County Veteran Service Officers accredited by Texas Veterans Commission

Origin: Resolution No. 1 District Convention March 2020

Submitted by: 21st District Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs will only allow one Veterans Service Organization at a time to represent a Veteran's claim and have visibility of the Veterans file in the VA's Veterans Benefit Management System database; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Texas has only four accredited American Legion Veteran Service Officers, all located in Houston and Waco; and

WHEREAS, Many individual American Legion Department of Texas Post Officers are also County Veteran Service Officers accredited with the Veterans Administration through the Texas Veterans Commission; and

WHEREAS, When a Veteran who originally submitted his claim through the American Legion and now has issues with the claim goes to a County Veterans Service Officer in Texas, the County Veteran Service Officer must change representation from the American Legion to Texas Veterans Commission or send the Veteran to one of the four accredited Department of Texas accredited Veteran Service Officers, and

WHEREAS, This situation reflects poorly on the service that the American Legion Department of Texas is providing to Veterans with disabilities and limits the ability of the County Veterans Service Officers to recruit new members for their Posts and the Department of Texas; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the American Legion Department of Texas in Department Convention assembled in Austin, Texas, July 8-12, 2020 to offer cross accreditation to American Legion Department of Texas Post Officers who are also County Veteran Service Officers accredited by Texas Veterans Commission.

