

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
THE HILTON, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
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Resolution No. 102-6

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Department Commander

WHEREAS, Generations of United States Military veterans live and work in countries Outside Continental United States (OCONUS) where VA Healthcare and VA benefits are extremely hard to navigate or receive; and

WHEREAS, Veterans living OCONUS should have access to the same quality of care that veterans living in the United States are receiving; and

WHEREAS, The Department of France Service Officer program, serving veterans in Belgium, China, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and Thailand has been a long time partner with the Department of Pennsylvania Service Officer program, to service veterans assisted by the Department of France; and

WHEREAS, The Department of France Service Officer program operates without compensation and is strictly a well-trained volunteer program, fully accredited as American Legion Department Service Officers; and

WHEREAS, The Department of France is working with the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to improve the quality of care of OCONUS based veterans by expanding the Care Giver program regardless of their location; and

WHEREAS, The Department of France is working to drastically improve the Foreign Medical Program and bring resources and services to veterans living OCONUS; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Pennsylvania is represented by two US Senators, Senator Robert Casey and Senator Patrick Toomey; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania in Convention assembled at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel, Harrisburg, PA, July 15-18, 2021, support legislation to continue the joint working relationship between The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania and The American Legion, Department of France in improving the lives of veterans living outside the Continental United States; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania send a letter to our

elected Senators asking them to support and cosign legislation that will improve the Care Giver Program for caregivers living abroad and vastly improve the Foreign Medical Program.

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