

Date of Hearing: June 10, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ken Cooley, Chair

ACR 5 (Mathis) – As Introduced December 14, 2020

**SUBJECT:** AMVETS 75th Anniversary.

**SUMMARY:** Commends AMVETS Department of California on its 75th year of providing benefits and services to Veterans and playing an important role in the civic life of their communities for 75 years. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The roots of AMVETS National can be traced to a gathering of 18 Veterans in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 10, 1944, who named themselves “The American Veterans” of World War II.
- 2) This group sought to provide more comprehensive assistance than was currently available from organizations run by Veterans of earlier wars and those operating on college campuses during that time.
- 3) On July 23, 1947, AMVETS National became the first World War II organization chartered by Congress when President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 216 (H.R. 1888), giving AMVETS a federal charter under Title 36 of the United States Code and status as a 501(c)(19) nonprofit Veterans service organization.
- 4) The AMVETS Department of California was established on October 20, 1945, and today has more than 8,000 members and 48 local posts in California communities.
- 5) AMVETS established a partnership between the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the AMVETS Department of California Service Foundation, called the Welcome Home program, which offers furnishings and household items to homeless Veterans who receive federal Department of Housing and Urban Development assistance, and supports the United States Department of Veterans Affairs’ goal to end Veteran homelessness.
- 6) AMVETS service officers assisted California Veterans in filing 42,052 claims with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, which resulted in new and retroactive claim payments of almost \$56,600,000 for California Veterans.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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