

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING**ACR 5 (Mathis)**

As Introduced December 14, 2020

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Commends AMVETS (American Veterans) 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.

Major Provisions

- 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 \$56.6 million for California Veterans.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

ACR 5 commends the AMVETS Department of California on its 75th year of providing benefits and services to Veterans. The resolution recognizes and commemorates the hard work, dedication, and vital role that AMVETS has in advocating for, and supporting our state's brave veterans.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact

VOTES**ASM RULES: 12-0-0**

YES: Cooley, Cunningham, Bennett, Flora, Gipson, Lee, Maienschein, Mathis, Ramos, Blanca Rubio, Villapudua, Akilah Weber

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