

589th Engineer Battalion Association - Vietnam
Resolution on the Veterans Administration

WHEREAS, the 589th Engineer Battalion Association – Vietnam is an association of over 630 veterans who served their country while on active duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1971, and

WHEREAS, during their tours of duty, each member was exposed to the physical and emotional effects of the realities of that conflict, including loss of life, wounds, injuries, trauma and the lifelong burdens carried as a result of exposure to Agent Orange, and

WHEREAS, as a result of their service, individuals are suffering from unresolved physical injuries, untreated PTSD and emotional issues, along with countless debilitating and life-threatening illnesses attributable to exposure to Agent Orange, and

WHEREAS, many of the physical and emotional effects of their service in Vietnam did not metastasize into debilitating conditions for several years after returning to the United States, and

WHEREAS, in many cases, access to care and treatment through the Veterans Administration has been fraught with administrative obstacles creating unnecessary barriers to treatment, delays and services that are often inadequate and frequently inappropriate, and

WHEREAS, examinations made by Inspector Generals, countless studies, audits and reviews, and hundreds-of-thousands of negative testimonials by veterans attempting to access service defines the Veterans Administration as an agency unable to fulfill the contract America has with its veterans, and

WHEREAS, the American people want and expect to fulfill their obligation to its veterans and America's veterans expect and deserve to be treated in a manner consistent with their physical, mental and emotional sacrifices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the United States and his administration provide the leadership necessary to resolve the long-standing issues associated with the Veterans Administration, to the end the Veterans Administration, on behalf of all America's citizens, is capable of meeting the needs of all America's military veterans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States appropriate the necessary funding to fulfill America's contract with its veterans at a level that is commensurate with the commitment and sacrifice those veterans made.

Certification

I, Dennie Pendergrass, Secretary, do hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the membership of the 589th Engineer Battalion Association - Vietnam at its meeting duly held in Branson, Missouri on Saturday, September 14, 2013.



Dennie Pendergrass Secretary
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