

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #22-19

SUBMITTED BY: 8th District

SUBJECT: Amendment to the 1978 Michigan Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus Act
370 of 1974

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus was passed by voters in 1974, soon after the last combat troops left Vietnam and the release of American POW's; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus was amended in 1978 by the Michigan Legislature to allow a small number of reservists to apply for the Bonus if they enlisted before **February 25, 1973**; and

WHEREAS, Apply their **active-duty training** to the one hundred ninety (190) days of honorable service to receive the Bonus; and

WHEREAS, This amendment **did not** include a small number of reservists who also enlisted before **February 25, 1973**; and

WHEREAS, Were on Special Orders for **extended active-duty** under the direction of the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, These reservists on **extended active-duty** received the same pay as if they were active-duty; and

WHEREAS, These reservists on **extended active-duty** could be called to active-duty at any time; and

WHEREAS, When these reservists on **extended active-duty** were ordered to active-duty, they served without a break in pay; and

WHEREAS, When these Michigan Vietnam Veterans applied for the Bonus, they could not include their **extended active-duty** and were **denied** the Bonus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 24-26, 2022, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan support amending the Vietnam Veterans Era Bonus Act 370; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, By amending the “Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus Act 370 of 1974” it will give honor to the small number of Michigan Vietnam Veteran reservists who served on extended active-duty before February 25, 1973. This will apply to the original Bonus (Act 370 of 1974) that was created following the Vietnam War to honor all Michigan Vietnam Veterans for their honorable service; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Michigan American Legion exert the maximum effort to the Michigan Legislature to pass an amendment to correct the oversight of the 1978 Michigan Legislature and give the small number of Michigan Vietnam Veteran reservists what is due to them.

COMBINED W/ #22-25