



AMVETS (American Veteran) is a resolution-based veterans service organization, meaning, that our members vote on resolutions at our annual National Convention and those that pass become part of our legislative agenda for two years. In addition to advocating legislatively for improvements in health care and benefits that affect all veterans, those currently serving, and their families—we pride ourselves in serving the same population in communities throughout the United States.

The helping hand that AMVETS extends to veterans and their families comes in many forms—from our VA accredited National Service Officers who provide free professional advice and assistance in filing disability compensation claims or appeals, to AMVETS' signature programs. Some key programs are:

“Call of Duty” Endowment (CODE) Career Centers—offer career training and employment assistance for those in the Guard/Reserves, on active duty, veterans, and their spouses;

Educational Scholarships—are available to Guard/Reserves, veterans, and their children and grandchildren who are high school seniors;

Healing Heroes—provides aid to critically wounded veterans and their families with transportation, lodging, food, and child care expenses during the recovery period; and

Warrior Transition Workshops—assist combat veterans with post-deployment reintegration.



CORE FOUR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Suicide Prevention

- Increase awareness & reduce stigma for receiving treatment
- Improve identification & treatment

Traumatic Brain Injury

- Increase awareness of mild-to-moderate TBIs & behavioral after effects
- Advocate for veterans with other than honorable discharges due to undiagnosed or improperly treated post-deployment mental health issues, including TBIs

Toxic Wounds

- Advocate for adequate resources to fully research, diagnose, and treat conditions associated with toxic exposures
- Seek improvements to pre/post-deployment health monitoring and assessments to address all currently recognized and emergent environmental hazard and toxic wound health issues

Veteran Treatment Courts

- Increase development and expanded use of Veteran Treatment Courts
- Advocate for more outreach to justice involved veterans