

Resolution 05  
Rehabilitation Committee

WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
SUBMISSION

Female specific PTSD and other Mental Healthcare within the Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 2

WHERE AS 15% OF OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE FEMALE and

WHERE AS the duties of this population of veterans have been exposed to the atrocities of war and

WHERE AS the Veterans Healthcare system until recently has been designed for Male veterans and

WHERE AS the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is transitioning to provide medical services to both sexes of our veteran population and most facilities provide inpatient mental healthcare, for the most part are not gender specific for treatment of PTSD and other mental health issues, and

WHERE AS VHA provides limited inpatient extended care programs for providing gender specific PTSD extended care, and

WHERE AS the Franklin Delano Roosevelt VA Medical Center, located in Montrose New York has 80 acres of vacated open space, and this specific facility specializes in MST/PTSD mental health treatment, and

Where AS, the Fisher House has been approved to locate a facility at this location, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THE DEPT OF NY AMERICAN LEGION PROPOSE A FEMALE VETERANS' EXTENDED CARE INPATIENT FACILITY, and

BE it further Resolved, that Department of NY American Legion at this the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held in Syracuse New York on July 20-22, 2017 recommend that such design be specifically for the healthcare of female military veterans seeking assistance from the symptoms of PTSD, MST, or other mental health issues for which the FDR VA Medical Center has appropriate credentials, and

BE it further Resolved, that the proposed resolution be forward to the National Organization for consideration at the National Convention in Reno, Nevada scheduled for August 18-24, 2017 and to request legislation/funding for Capital Improvements and Program Design specifically for this purpose, and

BE it Finally Resolved, that the Department of NY American Legion requests that it publicly be known that our organization expects this design to be a national standard for female veterans throughout this Great Nation.