

**Veterans Status for Uniformed Services Retirees Eligibility for State Veterans Homes
(13: Veteran Compensation, Education, Home Loans, & Insurance, VBA)
Resolution No. 24-06**

WHEREAS, the Reserve and National Guard provide nearly 50 percent of the total military force as of Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the reserve components are the primary force for Defense Support of Civil Authorities and provide 100 percent of mission support in areas as the Air Force Reserve hurricane and weather reconnaissance, aerial firefighting and spray missions, the Navy Reserve organic intra-theater air logistics support, the Air National Guard air defense interceptor force for the Continental United States, and the Army Reserve Chemical Brigades, Internment Brigades, Judge Advocate General Unit, Medical Groups, and Railway Units missions; and

WHEREAS, reserve component servicemembers sign enlistment contracts and take oaths to provide strategic and operational support to ensure the success of active-duty missions; and

WHEREAS, reserve component servicemembers should not be penalized and veteran benefits withheld if the Department of Defense did not put them on active duty support orders because the servicemembers were legally obligated by contract and oath to perform active duty but were never called; and

WHEREAS, Title 38, U.S.C., Sec. 1710, determines eligibility for hospital, nursing home, and domiciliary care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is permitted under the law to provide such care to veterans not covered under the law “to the extent that resources and facilities are available”; and

WHEREAS, the currently eligibility criteria restricts a reserve component veteran’s ability to receive these potentially life-saving services from the VA;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America, urges the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to exercise the authority provided under Title 38 U.S.C. Sec. 1710 to provide reserve component veterans access to hospital, nursing home, and domiciliary care furnished by the VA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ROA urges Congress to amend Title 38, U.S.C., Sec. 1710 to provide reserve component service members that have spent 180 cumulative days on active service, which includes drill weekends, annual tour, and active duty for training, with access to hospital, nursing home, and domiciliary care.

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