

**Continuation of Pay for the Uniformed Services
(Pay and Allowances)
Resolution 25-06**

WHEREAS, government shutdowns or partial government shutdowns are due to failure of Congress to pass budget reconciliation and appropriations; and

WHEREAS, in GAO testimony (GAO-18-368T, GAO stated, “In all but 4 of the last 40 years (1978-2018), Congress has passed continuing resolutions (CR) to keep agencies running between budgets.”; and

WHEREAS, Congressional Research Service shows that since Congress established the current budget process in 1996 there have been 21 government shutdowns from 1996 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, the need to defend the nation against bad actors does not diminish when a government shutdown occurs and therefore security is top priority for our nation; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard members did not get paid in 2019 because of a partial government shutdown and the Commandant had to work with service advocates to aid those affected by the shutdown;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reserve Organization of America urges Congress to negotiate legislation so that members of any uniformed service will be considered essential personnel and will receive pay for services in the performance of their duties; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that ROA urges Congress to establish a permanent solution that ensures government shutdowns or partial government shutdowns do not prevent the Coast Guard from receiving mission-essential funding and Coast Guard members receive their pay.

Renewed by the R&L Committee 21 November 2024

Adopted by the National Convention, 29 Sep 2019

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