

CONFIDENTIAL – FOR NOTING

The Returned & Services League of Australia (NSW Branch)



Title Update on Actions from previous Congresses

Date 28 April 2022

Key Points

Summary

The following actions are open and currently sitting with RSL National. RSL NSW is requesting an update following the issues having been raised with NVAC, and/or action promised at the ESORT level.

There are currently 3 motions requiring action following the 2018 and 2019 Annual Congresses. These are of particular importance, given that members have been waiting so long for an answer. There are 3 motions requiring action following the 2021 Annual Congress.

Motion	Action	Status	Date
Motion 35 (2018)			
“That RSL NSW make representations to the Australian Government to include former Citizen Military Forces (CMF) together with current and former Reservists in Non-Liability Health Care provisions (as detailed in Factsheet HSV109 Non-Liability Health Care).”	Contact DVA – find out what the justification for current policy is	Completed	
	Raise matter with NVAC/National	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">17 May 2022
	Raise issue with ESORT	Ongoing	
	Raise matter with Minister for Veterans’ Affairs	Ongoing	
	Raise matter with Shadow Minister for Veterans’ Affairs	Ongoing	
Motion 11 (2019)			
“That RSL NSW take action to address with Government the issue of Defence pensions being included in the calculation of the gross value of ex-Defence members Self-Managed Super Funds and the imposition thereof of tax at 15% for any values above the newly set cap”	Form partnership with Australian Defence Force Retirees Association (ADFRA)	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">24 August 2021
	Raise matter with NVAC/National	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6 March 20205 April 202024 August 202116 March 2022
	Raise matter with ESORT	Not started	
Motion 21 (2019)			
That the Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch) request RSL National make representation to the Federal Government	Raise matter with NVAC/National	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">15 April 2020Raised again 24 August 2021

<p>and Minister for Defence to recommend to the Governor General that the following amendment be made to the determination under the Anniversary of National Service Medal 1951 - 1972 regulation: B162</p> <p>Members of the Merchant Navy / Mercantile Marine who registered for National Service, had that service deferred by the Minister and then had that capability of volunteering removed due to the nature of their Mercantile Marine service being in the public interest; satisfies the requirements applicable to be awarded the medal.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised again 16 March 2022
	Raise issue with ESORT/Defence Honours and Awards	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last update 2 December 2020
	Receive response re. Actions	Not started	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Motion 3 (2021)			
<p>THAT RSL NSW ask the Federal Government to consider the proposal from the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association (AATTVA) TPI WA Branch that a non means tested, tax free service pension for all TPI recipients, regardless of age be implemented and that the disparity between widower pensions and the current TPI payment, should be addressed by increasing the payment to the full TPI amount.</p>	Raise matter to NVAC	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 March 2022
Motion 4 (2021)			
<p>THAT RSL NSW support the issuing of a second Vietnam Service medal, currently reserved for those veterans who served at least 180 days in country, to all Vietnam veterans, irrespective of time in country.</p>	Matter raised to NVAC	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 March 2022
Motion 9 (2021)			
<p>THAT RSL NSW approach RSL National for the purposes of RSL National expanding the Charitable purpose to include persons:</p> <p>who are veterans within the definition in the <i>Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Act 2019</i>; and</p> <p>who have served or are serving as a member of the Armed Forces of:</p> <p>(i) any country presently or formerly a member of the British Commonwealth;</p> <p>(ii) any country or place presently or formerly a Crown Colony of the United Kingdom;</p> <p>(iii) the United States of America; or</p> <p>to whom (a) or (b) does not apply but who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident and who in a theatre of conflict:</p>	Matter raised to NVAC	Not started	
	Matter raised to RSL Board	Not started	

<p>(i) either served with, supported or was otherwise engaged with the Australian Defence Force or the Armed Forces of those countries or places referred to in paragraph (b) above; or</p>			
<p>(ii) served as a member of the Armed Forces of another country or place which, during that time of conflict, was an ally of the Commonwealth.</p>			