



2022 Mid-Year Conference Ferndale, Washington

RESOLUTION #2022 – 28

Tribal Veterans Request Changes in their Discharges Regarding the Insurrection Action on January 06, 2021 for those Veterans Participating

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Veterans and leaders have voiced their views and believe that the attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021 is unconstitutional and against the morals and values of the highest per capita of veterans served within any branch of service since the civil war, and though each and every veteran that has received this title with the oath of enlistment and earned that title for service to their country and duty to protect: **and**

WHEREAS, the 8 types of military discharge are divided into 2 distinct categories: administrative and punitive where Punitive discharges are decided by court martial and Administrative discharges may be voluntary or involuntary, depending on the type and the accused offense;

38 U.S.C., § 3.902 Treasonable acts.

(a) **Definition.** An act of mutiny, treason, sabotage or rendering assistance to an enemy of the United [States](#) or of its allies.

Applies to reduced evaluation, and severance of service connection.

(s) Treasonable acts or subversive activities (38 U.S.C. 6104 and 6105; §§ 3.902, 3.903). (1) Treasonable acts
; and

WHEREAS, under the 18 U.S.C., CH 115; Treason, Sedition and Subversive activities, sect. 23 83; Rebellion or insurrection; including sect. 2384;”conspire to overthrow”, “Put down”, or “to destroy by force”; and

WHEREAS, to include 38 CFR, 3.902; Treasonable act under the Department of Veterans Affairs, “forfeits all gratuitous benefits under the administrative law; now

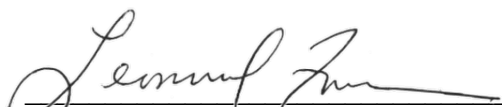
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI Veterans call on the United States Congress to revoke or replace all honorable discharges of those veterans who participated in the insurrection on or before January 6, 2021; and

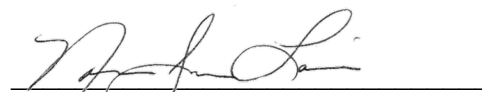
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI Veterans call upon the National Congress of American Indians and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tribal Veterans Advisory Committee support this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the ATNI tribal veterans do not condone the insurrection on January 6, 2021 to any degree.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2022 Mid Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Silver Reef Casino Resort, Ferndale, Washington, May 16-19, 2022, with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary