

**NATIONAL RESOLUTION  
(600 Series)**

**Notice 2015-16:** The resolution has a past history of being proposed without having any action taken by the US Government. However, the issue for veterans traveling or residing abroad is still of concern to those veterans living in the Pacific areas. So, please review and consider the following resolution that may be resubmitted for vote at the 50th Department Convention in June 2016 .

**Resolution No. 631**

**INCLUSION OF VETERANS TRAVELING AND RESIDING ABROAD  
ALL-INCLUSIVE MEDICAL SERVICE UNDER THE  
FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM (FMP)**

**WHEREAS**, services under the Foreign Medical Program (FMP) are strictly limited to the treatment of service-connected disabilities, regardless of a veteran's VA rating adjudication; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time current law prevents the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from establishing a VA Fee-Basis Program outside the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fee Basis Program is solely for veterans receiving non-VA hospital care and medical services in the United States and is not applicable to veterans residing or traveling abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, reimbursement for a veteran travel under the FMP is limited to Compensation and Pension (C&P) examinations and transportation for a veteran to the nearest medical facility when life-threatening emergencies occur; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that the Foreign Medical Program be expanded to provide all inclusive medical services 100 percent disabled veterans.

**Submitted by:** Post 12074 through District V and approved by the 49th Department of Pacific Areas Convention held in Angeles City, Philippines, June 2015. It was then approved by the National Convention in July 2015.

**Resolution History:** This resolution has been approved by National Conventions four times through the past years as shown below without any action taken by the US Government.

2009 – National approved as R628  
2012 – National approved as R639  
2013 – National approved as amended R632  
2015 ~ National approved as R631