

Resolution 2013-02

## Integration of Personnel Educated in the Military into the Civilian EMS Workforce



**W**hereas, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) recognizes that dedicated members of the military return to our country's workforce with skills and knowledge that were acquired as a member of the United States Armed Forces and should be welcomed; and

**Whereas**, these educated members of the military constitute an enhanced workforce that can assist local emergency medical services (EMS) in meeting current and future staffing demands; and

**Whereas**, many state EMS Directors and state EMS staff are also dedicated members of the military; and

**Whereas**, all state EMS directors understand the need to return dedicated members of the military to the workforce within our country as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, it is the responsibility of state EMS officials to ensure the public that EMS staff that respond to their EMS needs have the skills, knowledge, and equipment to provide state of the art care;

**N**ow, **therefore be it resolved** that NASEMSO and its members are hereby dedicated to do everything feasible to expedite the credentialing of these dedicated heroes within each of our states; and

**Be it further resolved** that NASEMSO is dedicated to partnering with the U.S. Department of Defense to identify best Department of Defense and state practices that will facilitate the assessment of education provided by the military and state credentialing of members of the military returning to the civilian EMS workforce.

**Be it further resolved** NASEMSO and its members call upon colleague state boards of medicine and other state licensing agencies with EMS personnel oversight to do the same, and call upon local EMS agencies to ensure that these dedicated veterans are welcomed to the national EMS workforce.

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Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013

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