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TO: SPEEA Council

FROM: Mike Shea (CR E-21)

SUBJECT: **PRESUBMITTED NEW BUSINESS:** Charter a SPEEA Veterans Committee

### **Background**

IFPTE is a member of the AFL-CIO Union Veterans Council (AFL-CIO UVC)

IFPTE Veterans Committee meets twice a year via telecon and works to influence the AFL-CIO UVC to:

- Better identify veterans issues,
- Speak out on veterans' issues,
- Support proper funding of veterans health care and Veterans Administration hospitals,
- Influence public policy,
- Support funding of the GI Bill

The SPEEA Veterans Committee will represent SPEEA members across all bargaining units and regions and will work to identify military employees' and veterans' issues of our SPEEA members through discussions, meetings and surveys, and to work with the SPEEA representatives on the IFPTE Veterans Committee to share our member's needs.

The SPEEA Veterans Committee

SPEEA Policy III-A

1. General

Preliminary work for consideration of the SPEEA Council should be done by means of SPEEA Council committees.

**The SPEEA Council Officers, with the approval of the SPEEA Council, shall establish SPEEA Council Committees as the needs arise.** The committees are defined as Standing, Recurring Standing, Special, or Committee of the whole

It is moved that: The SPEEA Council approves **THE CREATION OF A VETERAN'S COMMITTEE AS A STANDING SPEEA COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND TO CHARTER THE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE AN AVENUE FOR ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH SPEEA'S MILITARY EMPLOYEES AND VETERANS, PROVIDE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION TO INCREASE MEMBERS' UNDERSTANDING OF VETERANS' ISSUES AND TO WORK WITH THE IFPTE VETERANS COMMITTEE TO INFLUENCE NATIONAL POSITIONS, CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING.**