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Legion on Tahmooressi Release: ‘Treat his Post Traumatic Stress’

INDIANAPOLIS (October 31, 2014) -- American Legion National Commander Michael D. Helm issued the following statement regarding Mexico’s decision to release Andrew Tahmooressi:

"The American Legion rejoices that a Mexican judge has ordered the immediate release of Andrew Tahmooressi. The American Legion has long believed this Marine Corps hero’s detainment was unjust. Now, the most important concern for The American Legion is that Andrew Tahmooressi receive immediate treatment for his Post Traumatic Stress. It is a very serious condition that affects thousands of veterans who have answered their nation’s call. Mr. Tahmooressi and his family will find no shortage of American Legionnaires eager to assist him with his transition home.”

With a current membership of 2.4-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 14,000 posts across the nation.

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