

National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 7-8, 2014:

Resolution #1, That The American Legion urge the President of the United States and members of Congress to immediately request the resignation of the Secretary of Veteran Affairs; Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, and Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration.

Resolution #2, That it does hereby increase the sponsorship of The American Legion Air Force Academy Award to \$575 and payment three years at a time, and the Internal Affairs Commission will continue to review this award on a periodic basis.

Resolution #3, That funds derived from the distribution of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy shall be used for the following purposes only:

1. For the rehabilitation of veterans honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces after April 6, 1917;
2. For the welfare of the families of veterans of the above named period;
3. For the rehabilitation of hospitalized military service personnel returning home and awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals;
- 4 For the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and the families of veterans and active military personnel of the above named period where financial and medical need is evident;
5. For the purpose of poppy kits and supplies used to make symbolic poppies and poppy items that will be distributed for donations to the Poppy Fund; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all funds collected prior to the passage of Resolution No. 20 (NEC, May 2013) be solely used for the intent and purpose of prior resolutions and not for active duty service members or families and new funds collected after the passage of Resolution No. 20 (NEC, May 2013) may be used for active duty military and families as outlined in item 4 above as well as conditions 1 through 3; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That new funds collected after the passage of this resolution may be used for poppy kits and supplies as outlined in this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all efforts be made to manufacture the poppies or poppy symbol items by veterans first, but in the event demand is greater than this supply source, then a) use of a commercial vendor who conforms with the restrictions on the use of The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary name and emblem may be used, and b) volunteers recruited by The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary may assemble poppies or poppy symbol items but, as Poppy Program volunteers, may not be paid from Poppy Funds to do so; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion posts, to include the Sons of The American Legion squadrons, be involved with their Auxiliary units in the publicity and distribution of poppies within the procedures established by their department; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion posts without an Auxiliary unit consider establishing a Poppy Program following the guidelines and procedures established by their department; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all levels of The American Legion publicize this worthwhile and beneficial program to support rehabilitation and welfare of our veterans and their families; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 20 (NEC, May 2013) be and is hereby rescinded.

Resolution #4, That permission is hereby granted to the National Adjutant to authorize testing of revenue enhancement and/or marketing programs that appear promising in order to develop the information and documentation necessary for proper consideration of the merits of any such new revenue enhancement and/or marketing program after such testing has been approved by the chairman of the Internal Affairs Commission, or the chairman of the Marketing Committee, or the chairman of the Revenue enhancement Committee and the chairman of the Finance Commission and the National Commander; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the results of any such tests shall be reported to the appropriate commission and/or committee, and to the Finance Commission and to the National Commander; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That such projects, once successfully tested, shall not be fully implemented in the absence of an authorizing resolution which has been approved through the normal and customary channels; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 42 (NEC, May 8-9, 1985) is hereby rescinded

Resolution #5, That the National Executive Committee does reaffirm The American Legion's commitment to cooperating with Soldier's Wish, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, which has the primary purpose of identifying unmet needs of U.S. military personnel, veterans, and their families, and supplying the resources to meet those needs; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion does grant Soldier's Wish permission to use The American Legion name, emblem and trademarks in conjunction with the trademarks of Soldier's Wish provided that The American Legion name, emblem and trademarks are accompanied by the words, "A Proud Sponsor," so as not to imply any type of legal ownership or partnership on the part of The American Legion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, upon approval of the National Executive Committee and the recommendation of the Finance Commission, may raise, appropriate and use both personnel and monetary resources to assist in the mission of Soldier's

Wish 2 provided that such resources may only be used to support activities in which The American Legion is a participant and/or sponsor provided that such expenditures must have the approval of the National Commander on a case-by-case basis and a report of same shall be submitted to the National Executive Committee in a timely fashion; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That The American Legion shall be the custodian of any funds raised or appropriated for the above cited purposes, and shall expend such funds only in support of activities in which The American Legion is a participating sponsor; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the National Commander may nominate for approval of the National Executive Committee up to three Legionnaires to serve on the board of directors of Soldier's Wish as such vacancies may need to be filled; and, be it finally
RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 30, dated May 8-9, 2013, "Soldier's Wish Project," is hereby rescinded.

Resolution #6 That The American Legion be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Home Depot Foundation to administer a \$1 million grant by the Home Depot Foundation, for post renovation, beautification and/or "make over" projects to include any reimbursement for The American Legion's administration of this project; and, be it finally
RESOLVED, That after review and approval by the National Judge Advocate, the National Commander be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement, arrangements and/or other such necessary documents to accomplish the intent of this resolution and the National Adjutant be and is hereby authorized and directed to attest same.

Resolution #7, That The American Legion be authorized to enter into an agreement by and between Founding Fathers Products LLC (Founding Fathers) and The American Legion; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That The American Legion may send notifications of the agreement at the appropriate time to all departments and posts; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That The American Legion shall share in the profits generated from Founding Fathers products sold through American Legion posts by payments of royalties in return for use of The American Legion emblem designating The American Legion as a charitable beneficiary of the company; and, be it finally
RESOLVED, That the National Commander, after review and approval by the National Judge Advocate, be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement and the National Adjutant be and is hereby authorized and directed to attest to same.

Resolution #8, That The American Legion Boys Nation program be conducted at Marymount University each year; and, be it finally
RESOLVED, That the National Commander, after review and approval of the National Judge Advocate, be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract(s) as may be needed to support the execution of The American Legion Boys Nation program and the National Adjutant be and is hereby authorized and directed to attest to same.

Resolution #9. That The American Legion enter into such agreement as may be needed to produce the live webcast from the site of The American Legion Baseball World Series and for the provision of acquiring digital copies of each game that can be sold or distributed separately by The American Legion without restriction from the production company; and, be it finally
RESOLVED, That after review and approval by the National Judge Advocate of said agreement, the National Commander be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement and that the National Adjutant be and is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the same.

Resolution #10, That The American Legion enter into a five-year agreement with Baseball Factory; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That as per this agreement The American Legion provide copies of American Legion Baseball team player rosters for use by Baseball Factory in conducting mailings to team coaches and players (via their parents or legal guardians and when they have consented to receive communications) to promote Baseball Factory clinics and tournaments; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That The American Legion be authorized to accept \$30,000 each year from Baseball Factory for the duration of the agreement for the use of these rosters; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That all funds received from Baseball Factory be deposited in The American Legion Baseball general operating account(s) to offset the costs of conducting the program and for the providing of scholarships to eligible participants of American Legion Baseball; and, be it finally
RESOLVED, That after review and approval by the National Judge Advocate of said agreement, the National Commander be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement and that the National Adjutant be and is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the same.

Resolution #11, That the following resolutions be rescinded for being obsolete, accomplishment of purpose, being superseded by later resolutions, being in conflict with later resolutions, being duplicated by later resolutions, having no value because of later changes in program, or other reasons.

Resolution #12, That the National Commander, after receipt of an executed contract from the 2017 American Legion National Convention Corporation of Kentucky, Inc. and the review and approval of same from the National Judge Advocate, be and is hereby

authorized and directed to execute said contract and the National Adjutant, be and is hereby authorized and directed to attest to same.

Resolution #13, That The American Legion urge the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to immediately cease and recall the Veteran Identification Card (VIC) with veterans' Social Security numbers embedded in a bar code on the card; and, be it finally RESOLVED, That VA reissue new VIC cards that do not allow veterans' Social Security numbers to be compromised.

Resolution #14, That The American Legion urges Congress to enact legislation that provides the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the authority to:

- Remove any individual from the senior executive service if the Secretary determines the performance of the individual warrants such removal; or
- Transfer the individual to a General Schedule position at any grade of the General Schedule the Secretary determines appropriate.

Resolution #15, That the National Executive Committee enter into negotiations with the Department of Defense to allow The American Legion to actively promote its programs on military bases and encourage base commanders to assist; and, be it finally RESOLVED, That this program start at their first permanent active duty station.

Resolution #17, That The American Legion shall continue to recognize those departments which demonstrate leadership in encouraging students involved in Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) achievements through a program bearing and honoring the name of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith; and, be it further RESOLVED, That department adjutants are requested to complete the Paul H. Griffith Annual Report and to forward it to the director of the National Security Division no later than July 15 each year; and, be it further RESOLVED, That the winning departments shall be announced during The American Legion National Convention and each awarded with a congratulatory letter of appreciation certified by the National Commander's signature and delivered by regular mail to the department adjutants as appropriate.

Resolution #18, That the National Organization support the Department of Hawaii in their effort to ensure full restoration of the Waikiki Natatorium War Memorial to its original condition and location to honor those service members lost and injured during World War One without any financial obligation to the National Organization.

Resolution #19, That The American Legion National Headquarters explore the feasibility of attaching a Word and/or Portable Document Format file to the online Consolidated Post Report in order for posts to include a narrative on their successes, challenges and opportunities.

Resolution #20, That the National Organization supports the Department of Michigan in their efforts to place The Polar Bear Monument on the National Register of Historic Places, without financial obligation on behalf of the National Organization, as a lasting tribute to the bravery, courage, commitment, service, and sacrifice exhibited by the members of the American North Russian Expeditionary Force.

Resolution #21 That the U.S. Postal Service be formally requested to issue a commemorative stamp to honor The American Legion's 100th anniversary.

Resolution #22, That The American Legion does support the criteria established for the issuance of the Gold Star Lapel Button to family members of service members who were killed or died as result of action in designated conflict areas with the periods of eligibility established by Department of Defense; and, be it further RESOLVED, That the Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel Lapel Button be issued to family members of servicemembers who die while serving on active duty, not in a combat zone, or while assigned to a Reserve or National Guard unit in a drill status; and, be it further RESOLVED, That all departments and posts are reminded even with the difference in criteria for the two lapel buttons that when dealing with family members who are grieving the loss of a family member, who served and died in the line of duty for their Nation, that The American Legion services are available to loved ones regardless of relationship, geography, or manner of death and we make no distinction because their loved ones took the oath of enlistment and served honorably until death to this Great Nation; and, be it finally RESOLVED, That The American Legion incorporate awareness of the significance of the Gold Star and the Next of Kin Deceased Personnel Lapel buttons in all publicity before and during their conduct of Gold Star Banner Ceremonies to include information in print publications and on websites.

Resolution #23, That The American Legion commends Children's Organ Transplant Association for its humanitarian efforts on behalf of children in need of organ and bone marrow transplants; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth send a copy of this resolution to Children's Organ Transplant Association as an expression of The American Legion's congratulations and continuing admiration.

Resolution #24 That The American Legion commends Operation: Military Kids for its efforts to enhance the lives of military children affected by deployments; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth send a copy of this resolution to Operation: Military Kids as an expression of The American Legion's congratulations and continuing admiration.

Resolution #25, That The American Legion commends The JAYC Foundation for its mission to improve the lives of children and to strengthen families; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth send a copy of this resolution to The JAYC Foundation as an expression of The American Legion's congratulations and continuing admiration.

Resolution #26, That The American Legion commends Mercy Medical Airlift for its humanitarian efforts to provide children and families needed charitable transportation to distant treatment locations across the United States; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth send a copy of this resolution to Mercy Medical Airlift as an expression of The American Legion's congratulations and continuing admiration.

Resolution #27, That The American Legion commends Special Olympics for its efforts to enhance the lives of millions of intellectually disabled children by providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in the United States and around the world; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth send a copy of this resolution to Special Olympics as an expression of The American Legion's congratulations and continuing admiration.

Resolution #28, That The American Legion commends Ronald McDonald House Charities Pop Tab Collection Program that helps provide a home-away-from-home environment for financially-challenged families with seriously ill or injured children who must undergo medical treatment at a children's hospital; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth send a copy of this resolution to Ronald McDonald House Charities as an expression of The American Legion's congratulations and continuing admiration.

Resolution #29, That The American Legion commends Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs and their mission and aims to help and represent at-risk children; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth send a copy of this resolution to National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) as an expression of The American Legion's congratulations and continuing admiration.

Resolution #30, That the name of The American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program be changed to *The American Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program*.

Resolution #31, That The American Legion supports the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion calls on government authorities, schools, students and all local community organizations to observe Citizenship Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges American Legion posts to support local collaboration in "Citizenship Outreach," an initiative with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to assist legal immigrants seeking the path to naturalized U.S. citizenship.

Resolution #32, That the dates for regional tournaments of The American Legion Baseball program shall be August 5-9, 2015, and August 3-7, 2016; and, be it finally

), That sites for the 2015 and 2016 regional tournament be awarded to: Leesburg, Virginia

an Legion Baseball program be awarded to: Region 1

necticut

Asheboro, North Carolina

Alton, Illinois

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Bryant, Arkansas

Bismarck, North Dakota

Boulder, Colorado

Resolution #33, That the following resolutions be, and they are being, rescinded by reason of (1) being obsolete, (2) accomplishment of purpose, (3) being superseded by later resolutions, (4) being in conflict with later resolutions, (5) being duplicated by later resolutions, (6) having no value because of later changes in programs; and (7) for other reasons.

Resolution #34, That The American Legion rescind Resolution No. 46, National Executive Committee, October 12-13, 2011.