

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
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**Resolution No. 13: Appreciation to Peter Ole  
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission  
Submitted By: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, Peter Ole served as the organist for The American Legion National Conventions for 37 years with the 97<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland (2015) being his last; and

WHEREAS, Over these years he has played for thousands of Legionnaires and their families in attendance at the National Conventions and our Legionnaires developed a wide appreciation for his musical talents as well as his outgoing personality; and

WHEREAS, He started playing for just the general sessions but he has also played for the National Commander's Banquet and the Patriotic Memorial Service: and

WHEREAS, He was able to adapt his musical selections to the agenda of the National Convention and many times he was called on to cover many gaps in the agenda and, of course, he was always right on the mark; and

WHEREAS, Peter Ole stated, "Even though I was not eligible to be a member of The American Legion family, I still felt that I was a member. I have met thousands of new friends and it was a pleasure playing so many years for this wonderful organization. The American Legion will always be my family."; and

WHEREAS, He has been called by many "The American Legion Maestro" and will be missed at future conventions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 12-13, 2016, That The American Legion hereby extends its profound appreciation to Peter Ole and commends him for his outstanding musical contributions during National Conventions for over 37 years and therefore bestows the title of "The American Legion Maestro Emeritus" upon him.**