

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
May 7-8, 2003**

Resolution No. 23: POW/MIA Remembrance Vigil

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, our missing comrades known as POW and MIAs are foremost in the hearts and minds of all veterans of all wartime eras; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion with its Resolution 288, adopted at its 67th National Convention, encourages all American Legion organizations to "implement the Empty Chair Program at all meetings of The American Legion so that it becomes a continual symbol of the POW/MIA's and the cause for which we stand, namely their return and or a full accounting thereof; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of New Hampshire has for the past four continuous years held a POW/MIA Remembrance Vigil known as The Spirit of The Eagle; and

WHEREAS, many of the Departments in The American Legion hold their own remembrance vigils at the same time; and

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is held in September each year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 7-8, 2003, That The American Legion supports the idea that a POW/MIA Remembrance Vigil should be held by each Department of The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that all Departments of The American Legion be urged and encouraged to hold their POW/MIA Remembrance Vigil during the week of the annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which has been established as the third Friday in September.