

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 1-2, 1968**

**Resolution No. 64: Presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to  
General William C. Westmoreland  
Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee  
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has created The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal and has authorized its award to distinguished Americans in recognition of their outstanding service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, It is in keeping with the principles, purposes, and traditions of this award that it be bestowed upon an American who has served the United States of America in the uniform of his country for his entire adult life in a manner to bring pride and credit upon himself, the United States Army, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, He has a distinguished career of military service in both times of peace and World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam period of hostilities; and

WHEREAS, He has demonstrated his excellent capabilities as a soldier, military educator, administrator, and leader; and

WHEREAS, He has served as commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and commanding general, United States Army, Vietnam, accepting this highly challenging assignment for a period which extended far beyond a normal tour of duty, again demonstrating his unflinching willingness to serve his nation and her lofty purpose; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding talents has been appointed by the president of the United States to the office of chief of staff, United States Army; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 1-2, 1968, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to General William Childs Westmoreland, United States Army.**