

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 1-2, 1974**

**Resolution No. 47: Presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to
Henry A. Kissinger
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 honorably served the United States of America during World War II; and

WHEREAS, He has gained world-wide recognition as a scholar, an eminent historian, and an authority on international relations; and

WHEREAS, He has dedicated his untiring efforts to the disengagement of hostile forces in the trouble spots of the world and thereby decreasing the possibilities of nuclear confrontation; and

WHEREAS, He has successfully set the stage for negotiations which could bring all mankind to that lofty and long sought goal of world peace with honor; 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, 1974, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to the Honorable Henry Alfred Kissinger, Secretary of State.