

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 4-5, 1977**

**Resolution No. 51: Presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to  
Dr. Howard A. Rusk**

**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 crusaded to alleviate the suffering of handicapped people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, He has headed the internationally known Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, He has served as consultant in rehabilitation to the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, He has been president and chairman of the board of the American-Korean Foundation since 1953; and

WHEREAS, He was, for many years, a member of The American Legion Medical Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, He has shared his knowledge and skill in the field of rehabilitation to the betterment of the physically handicapped; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 1977, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to Dr. Howard A. Rusk.**