

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 4-6, 1955**

**Resolution No. 109: Recommending Presentation of the American Legion Distinguished
Service Medal to Major General Ellard A. Walsh**

Origin: Trophies & Awards Committee

Submitted By: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, During nearly fifty years of service in the Army of the United States, in this country and overseas, and in the National Guard of Minnesota and the National Guard of the United States, and especially in his years of leadership in the National Guard Association in the United States, Major General H. A. Walsh has contributed immeasurably toward the development of the National Guard into its present high position in the forefront of the civilian components of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Major General E. A. Walsh was one of the principal figures involved in the development and enactment of what was known as the 3933 Amendments to the National Defense Act, participated in the drafting of the so-called Unification Law of 1947, and assisted in the enactment of the National Defense Facilities Act in 1950; and

WHEREAS, He was one of the major influences in the successful drive for the motorization of the National Guard Field Artillery, and it was during his incumbency that, beginning June 1, 1946, the National Guard began its reorganization and grew to a force of nearly 400,000 officers and men in some 6,000 units, from Alaska to Puerto Rico and from Maine to Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, He served with distinction as president of the National Guard Association; and

WHEREAS, The National Guard has made much progress under his leadership; now, therefore, be it.

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 4-6, 1955, That Major General Ellard A. Walsh be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.