

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
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Resolution No. 43: The American Legion's Distinguished Service Award

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 honorably in the military service of his country during war time, having served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations as a member of General Douglas MacArthur's Intelligence Staff; and

WHEREAS, He has served his native State of California with distinction as a state legislator three times, chairman of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy and as director of finance for the State of California; and

WHEREAS, He was selected in a poll of California newspaper correspondents as the most effective member of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, He has served his nation with distinction as chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, deputy director and director of the Office of Management and Budget, secretary of health, education and welfare and currently serving as secretary of defense, having been appointed in January 1981; and

WHEREAS, He has demonstrated the importance of national defense for the United States by emphasizing the concept of peace through preparedness; and

WHEREAS, He has displayed untiring efforts and patriotic devotion in perpetuating American principles in keeping with the highest traditions of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 8-9, 1985, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger.