

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 4-5, 1988**

**Resolution No. 39: 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 participated in pioneering the communications revolution called the television industry; and

WHEREAS, He has advanced and promoted the responsible reporting of information to the nation in a most exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, He has introduced information broadcasting methods which have served as models for nearly half a century; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed to the high national morale and public awareness, as a correspondent during World War II, which influenced the conviction and resolve of the citizens of the United States of America to endure to victory; and

WHEREAS, He has perpetuated the affirmation of national pride through the broadcasting of post war events to include the commemoration of the accomplishments and results of World War II; and

WHEREAS, He "Has exemplified the highest traditions of freedom of speech"; and

WHEREAS, He has stood as a symbol of integrity, trust and character in the television industry; 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, 1988, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to Douglas Edwards, CBS News correspondent.