

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 5-6, 1993**

Resolution No. 46: Distinguished Service Award Nomination

Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion 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 was appointed the twelfth chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, by President George Bush on October 1, 1989, and reappointed for a second term in October 1991; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, he serves as the principal military advisor to the president, the secretary of defense, and the National Security Council; and

WHEREAS, As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he directed the United States of America Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, the first as an advisor to a Vietnamese infantry battalion, the second as an infantry battalion executive officer and assistant chief of staff, G-3, 23rd Infantry Division (American); and

WHEREAS, He served in increasingly responsible command positions throughout a distinguished military career, including: commander in chief of forces command and concurrently served as assistant to the US Corps in Frankfurt, Germany; commander of operations and training, 4th Infantry Division; command of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division; command of the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry, Korea; and

WHEREAS, He has served in politically appointed positions such as: senior military assistant to Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger; senior military assistant to the deputy secretary of defense and as a White House Fellow in the Office of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, He has earned the highest military and civilian honors the nation can bestow including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Soldiers Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President's Citizens Medal, the Secretary of State Distinguished Service Medal, and the Secretary of Energy Distinguished Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, He supports the highest principles and objectives of The American Legion through his life-long dedication to his country and citizens both in uniform and out; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 5-6, 1993, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to General Colin L. Powell, twelfth chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.