

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 9-10, 2001**

**Resolution No. 42: Distinguished Service Medal Nomination**

**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 bestowing it upon 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 is conferred upon an American, who during years of public service and extraordinary patriotism, has actively and consistently served his country; and

WHEREAS, He is a true American, born in Tarboro, North Carolina in January 1942 and an educated person, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina and receiving a Master of Science degree from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS; His love of country and sense of duty led him to apply for and receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the infantry in 1963; and

WHEREAS, He is a person with high personal and professional ideals who has served with distinction in the United States Army for nearly four decades in a variety of command and staff positions throughout the world including two tours in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, He can count among his awards and decorations, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Military Freefall Badge, and Special Forces and Ranger tabs; and

WHEREAS, In his current position as the highest ranking officer in the military is a principal advisor to the president of the United States, the secretary of defense, and the National Security Council; and

WHEREAS, He supports the highest principles and objectives of The American Legion through his life-long dedication to his country and its 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 9-10, 2001, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to General H. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.**