

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 14-15, 1941**

**Resolution No. 8: Term for Holding Commissions
Origin: National Defense Committee
Submitted by: National Defense Committee**

WHEREAS, The American Legion, at its Twenty-second Annual National Convention, held at Boston, Massachusetts, September 23-26, 1940, adopted as part of its National Defense Program the following:

“Personal and political influences must not be allowed to interfere with the efforts of our defense agencies to provide for the protection of the nation”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in special meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 14-15, 1941, That we favor the continuance and expansion of ROTC and CMTC for their value as training establishments and as a procurement source of qualified reserve officers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That commissions issued on and after August 27, 1940, to meet the present emergency, should be issued in the Army of the United States for the period of the emergency plus six months thereafter, as no provided in law by the National Defense Act; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That except for the commissioning of key men to meet emergency requirements where no eligible and qualified officer personnel are available and except for the approved methods of obtaining a commission already in effect, we recommend that commissions in the arms and service on the promotion list be issued only in the lowest grade for the arm or service in which issued, and then only to candidates selected from enlisted men who have performed meritorious service in the Army of the United States and who have successfully completed a War Department course of instruction such as given in the Third and Fourth training camps of the World War; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution, shall be deemed to apply to commissions in the non-combatant, non-promotion list services such as the medical department and the Corps of Chaplains.