

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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Virtual**

**Resolution No. 18: The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award  
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission  
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission  
(As amended)**

WHEREAS, One of the basic purposes of The American Legion is “to promote peace and good will on earth”; and

WHEREAS, The development of international friendship and good will is a desirable objective of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, For many years there has existed an ever-growing spirit of confraternity between veterans’ organizations of Canada and The American Legion on both sides of our shared border; and

WHEREAS, The manifestation of this great bond of comradeship between veterans organizations of two great nations exemplifies the capabilities of freedom-loving peoples to perpetuate international friendship; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion recognition of the role of veteran-citizens of a war-time ally and neighbor in the furtherance of this spirit of international good will and comradeship can be an important contribution in conveying to the entire world the strength of the friendship of the United States of America and Canada; and

WHEREAS, In May 1969, the National Executive Committee established The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award by Resolution No. 7, “Establish The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award”; and

WHEREAS, This resolution is merely updating who processes the award at national headquarters and broadens the category for who the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada is recommending to those individuals involved with veterans affairs in Canada; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That the “The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award” is awarded under the following specifications:**

- 1. The award shall be in the form of an appropriately designed citation and medal.**
- 2. It shall be awarded to specific individuals involved in veterans’ affairs as recommended by the “Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada.”**
- 3. It shall be awarded to such individuals in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans’ affairs and in the development and perpetuation of the spirit of international goodwill and comradeship between United States and Canada and between their veterans’ organization and The American Legion.**
- 4. The Internal Affairs Commission is responsible for the administration of this award; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 7 (NEC, May 1969), “Establish The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award” is hereby rescinded.**