

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
October 14-15, 2020
Virtual**

**Resolution No. 8: Department of Veterans Affairs Revise the Definition of “Vietnam Era”
Origin: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission
Submitted by: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

WHEREAS, The Vietnam War Commemoration recognizes all men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense recognizes November 1, 1955, as the beginning date of the United States military involvement in the Republic of Vietnam, when the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG), composed of roughly 5,000 officers and enlisted men began operations; and

WHEREAS, According to Title 38, United States Code, Section 101(29)(A), the Department of Veterans Affairs currently defines the “Vietnam Era” as (1) the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period, or (2) the period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975, in all other cases; 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 American Legion supports legislation to amend Title 38, United States Code, Section 101(29)(A) to revise the definition of the “Vietnam Era” to begin on November, 1, 1955.