

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
May 5-6, 2021
Virtual**

Resolution No. 24: Service Academy Awards
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Submitted by: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion has had a long history of sponsoring awards for top graduating cadets and midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy, United States Military Academy at West Point, and the United States Air Force Academy; and

WHEREAS, The service academy awards are some of our longest running awards and reinforce our commitment as an organization to the future of our country and its future leaders; and

WHEREAS, Latitude is given to the responsible officials of each of the service academies to select, design, purchase and present a semi-permanent individual award while recognizing The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Since 2011, The American Legion has presented \$500 to the United States Naval Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy with the United States Military Academy at West Point remaining at \$250 per their regulation; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the United States Air Force asked The American Legion to increase their annual award to \$600; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the following conditions and awards were established by the service academies; now, therefore, be it

<u>Service Academy</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Award</u>
United States Air Force	Highest in all academic subjects	General Muir S. Fairchild Award
United States Coast Guard	Excelled in athletics	Prescribed by academy officials
United States Merchant Marine	Excelled as member of color guard	Prescribed by academy officials
United States Military	Highest standing in chemistry	Pewter pitcher with stand
United States Naval	Highest standing in English, History, and Government for a Foreign Affairs major	Prescribed by academy officials

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on May 5-6, 2021, That The American Legion continue to present the Armed Service Academy Awards to the United States Naval Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in the amount not to exceed \$500; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the United States Military Academy at West Point stay capped at \$250, per United States Military Academy Regulation 672-2; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the United States Air Force Academy be presented an amount not to exceed \$600; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Internal Affairs Commission will review with the service academies on a periodic basis to ensure the awards meet the desires of the service academies officials; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the national commander and national adjutant are authorized to make an annual or multi-year payment not to exceed \$1,000, which will allow for inflation and any increased cost of an award; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 20 (NEC, May 1956), Awards to Air Force Academy Graduates; Resolution No. 46 (NEC, May 1959), American Legion Awards to Four Armed Services Academies; Resolution No. 19 (NEC, May 1968), American Legion Naval Academy Award; Resolution No. 5 (NEC, May 2007), Military Service Academies Awards for Graduating Cadets/Midshipmen; Resolution No. 34 (NEC, May 2010), Armed Services Academy Awards Update; Resolution No. 6 (NEC, May 2011), Armed Services Academy Awards Update; Resolution No. 9 (NEC, May 2017), Cadet Awards Program of the United States Military; and Resolution No. 25 (NEC, May 2018), Air Force Academy Awards Sponsorship, are hereby, superseded and rescinded.