

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 9: USS Telesforo Trinidad
Origin: Resolution No. 9 (CA) 2021 National Convention
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion is an organization of war veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of their community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, It is a privilege and duty to honor comrades, and those who sacrificed, in order that we may all enjoy, develop and perpetuate in peace, the fruits of victory which had been won by war; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has always supported recognizing the service and sacrifice of heroes and Medal of Honor recipients; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy names U.S. Navy ships that include Medal of Honor recipients and that the secretary of the Navy is the authority responsible for the naming of U.S. Navy Ships; and

WHEREAS, Fireman Second Class Petty Officer Telesforo de la Cruz Trinidad was awarded the United States Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism above and beyond the call of duty in saving the lives of his fellow shipmates aboard USS San Diego (ACR-6) in the Gulf of California on January 21, 1915; and

WHEREAS, Second Class Petty Officer Trinidad is the only U.S. Navy sailor of Asian American descent and the first Filipino American to receive the United States Medal of Honor for heroism from service in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, To date, there is no ship in the U.S. Navy that is named after a member of the U.S. Armed Forces of Filipino American descent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 6-7, 2021, That The American Legion honor the life, actions, sacrifice and memory of a brave man, Fireman Second Class Telesforo de la Cruz Trinidad, who gallantly served the United States in both World War I and World War II; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the American Legion request that the secretary of the Navy name the next guided missile destroyer the USS Telesforo Trinidad in honor of this World War I and World War II Medal of Honor recipient.