

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 30, 31, September 1, 2022**

Resolution No. 13: Repeal The Rescission Act Of 1946

Origin: California

Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security

WHEREAS, From July 26, 1941, to December 31, 1946, Filipino U.S. Army soldiers and guerrillas fought and defended a sovereign territory of the United States as part of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East and defeated the Japanese Imperial Forces in October 1944 and liberated the Philippines in August 1945; and

WHEREAS, The Rescission Act of 1946 provided that "service in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines should not be deemed to have been service in the military or naval forces of the United States," therefore, post-WWII benefits for Filipino veterans of the U.S. Army were no longer the problem of the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi stated, "I consider the Rescission Act of 1946 to be a scar on the historical record of the United States," and this injustice to Filipino WWII veterans remains a dark chapter in U.S. history for as long as the 1946 Rescission Act remains in the books; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 30, 31, September 1, 2022, That The American Legion urges Congress to act and repeal the Rescission Act of 1946 in order to correct the injustice that these veterans have suffered and to heal the indignation and sorrow they have endured.