

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
October 12-13, 2022  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 3: The American Legion Fourth Estate Award  
Origin: Media & Communications Commission  
Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion Fourth Estate Award was established under the authority of Resolution No. 3, National Executive Committee, April 30-May 1, 1958; and

WHEREAS, The financial cost and expansion of the award from the one category to three categories was authorized under the authority of Resolution No. 8, National Executive Committee, October 12-13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The three categories were print, broadcast and Internet; and

WHEREAS, Internet media are now firmly established and no longer considered new media; and

WHEREAS, All Internet entries can also be categorized either as word-intensive journalistic works (print) or visual and audio intensive podcasts (broadcast); and

WHEREAS, Approximately 90 percent of the Fourth Estate contestants choose to enter in the print or broadcast categories; and

WHEREAS, All Internet contestants can be encouraged to instead enter the print or broadcast categories; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Fourth Estate Award has come to be known as a prestigious national award of excellence in the industry; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2022, That the Media & Communications Commission shall establish the criteria, rules and procedures for The American Legion Fourth Estate Award in not more than two categories which recognizes the press, radio, television, or other communications media, associations of the same, owners, executive heads or staff members for outstanding service to the community, state or nation which service shall have been in accordance with or in the furtherance of policies or programs of The American Legion; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion name the awards “The American Legion Fourth Estate Award for Print Journalism” and “The American Legion Fourth Estate Award for Broadcast Journalism”; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion will provide each of The American Legion Fourth Estate Award recipients with a \$2,000 stipend to cover transportation, lodging and incidental expenses for their representatives’ acceptance trip to National Convention; one ticket for the National Commander’s Banquet if they choose to arrive early; one bronze plaque mounted on a 15” walnut pylon for each medium not exceeding the cost of \$750 each, adjusted as needed for inflation, and up to three 7” individual pylons for the major contributors in each winning medium not to exceed \$150 each, adjusted as needed for inflation; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That National Executive Committee Resolution No. 30, April 30-May 1, 1958, and National Executive Committee Resolution No. 8, October 12-13, 2011 are hereby superseded and rescinded.**