

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 15 - 16, 1997**

**Resolution No. 22: ANAVICUS Program Support Resolution
Origin: Past National Commander Honorable Daniel F. Foley
Submitted by: Subcommittee on Resolutions**

WHEREAS, The Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada, United States Unit, will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its initial identification with ANAVIC, the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada, in 1998; and

WHEREAS, The first member of The American Legion to receive an honorary membership in ANAVIC was then National Commander James F. O'Neil, in 1948; and

WHEREAS, The close association of The American Legion and ANAVIC culminated on August 30, 1953, with a charter to the United States Unit of ANAVIC; and

WHEREAS, During each succeeding year from 1953, members of The American Legion have received honorary membership in ANAVIC as members of the United States Unit; and

WHEREAS, The National Organization of The American Legion by and through its National Executive Committee and at its annual National Convention, regards the United States Unit of the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada as a vital part of The American Legion's program of fostering a solid relationship with the members of the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada, with Foreign Relations an ongoing program of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada, United States Unit, will recognize former Ambassador Kenneth Taylor in Washington, D. C. in March 1998, who was Canadian Ambassador to Iran during the Iranian Crisis; and

WHEREAS, Then Ambassador Taylor rescued six members of the United States Embassy staff by smuggling the six Americans using Canadian Passports, out of Iran on June 29, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of their Ambassador Taylor by the United States Unit of Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada, is consistent with the aims and purposes of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 15-16, 1997, That The American Legion salutes the program known as the United States Unit of Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada, for its continued adherence to the principles of The American Legion in its affiliation as a vital part of our National Organization; and, be it further

RESOLVED, We support the United States Unit of Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada, in honoring former Canadian Ambassador Taylor; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this National Executive Committee anticipate its continued affiliation with ANAVICUS for many years to come.