

**SEVENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, 1993**

Resolution No. 159: Veteran of the Month

Origin: Connecticut

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Americanism

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

WHEREAS, The American Legion has basic programs that contribute to the health and welfare of veterans, their families, the widowed and the orphaned; and

WHEREAS, There prevails a universal tendency to forget the deceased veteran except for special observances such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The Tyler-Seward-Kubish Post 44 American Legion of Bantam, Connecticut has successfully developed and carried out a "Veteran of the Month" program that honors individual deceased veterans by flying their burial flag in a month-long tribute to that individual veteran; and

WHEREAS, The families and friends of deceased veterans have wholeheartedly endorsed the program started in November 1989 which has thus far honored deceased veterans for thirty-eight (38) consecutive months; and at this date honorings are firmly committed for the twelve (12) months of 1993 and for three (3) months into 1994; and

WHEREAS, Requests for honorings continue at a rate of scheduling at least twelve (12) months in advance, a clear indication that the concept of honoring a deceased veteran will prevail for an indefinitely long period of time; and

WHEREAS, The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania provided recognition of the "Veteran of the Month" program in 1992 with the presentation of the George Washington Honor Medal to both the program sponsor, Tyler-Seward-Kubish Post 44 Inc. of Bantam, Connecticut and the Program Coordinator, Past Department Commander Arthur G. St. John; and

WHEREAS, This nationally coveted recognition was given by an Awards Jury of distinguished, nationally recognized, authorities to recognize organizations and individuals who serve as examples of responsible citizenship, offer solutions to contemporary problems, or promote benefits of a free society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 7, 8, 9, 1993, That the "Veteran of the Month" program be adopted as an Americanism program - promoted and supported by The American Legion National Organization to honor deceased veterans.