

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
OCTOBER 17 – 18, 2012**

**Resolution No. 50: Training and Education (21<sup>st</sup> Century)**

**Origin: Internal Affairs Commission**

**Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The National Commander's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ad Hoc Committee met and reported to the National Executive Committee, October 15-16, 1997, its findings and recommendations and six resolutions were approved by the National Executive Committee in May 1998; and

WHEREAS, The National Commander's 2006 Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Retention, which met July 5 and 6 and July 24 and 25, 2006 recommended all six resolutions be reaffirmed because of their importance on the membership program of The American Legion for the future; and

WHEREAS, That Resolution No. 30, dated May 6, 1998, subject as above, was reaffirmed by the 2006 Fall National Executive Committee as Resolution No. 30, dated October 18-19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Their specific assignment was to study "the future needs of the veterans to which The American Legion needs to adapt its programs and activities as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"; and

WHEREAS, The Internal Affairs Commission is the subordinate body to formulate and recommend policies and to oversee the implementation of adopted policies relating to activities conducted for organizational purposes; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is fundamentally a patriotic organization, dedicated and devoted to advancing the ideals of America—justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has always touted these basic principles, they do not come without exacting a price for the rank and file; and

WHEREAS, Service and membership go hand-in-hand, so do progress and growth through active support and participation as a result of education and training; and

WHEREAS, Our world is a universal information database, with its leaders and forerunners being those that use these powerful tools as cornerstones to ensure a quantitative and qualitative edge over other systems and/or groups; and

WHEREAS, This must be accomplished through the effectiveness and abilities of our leaders at all levels of the organization; it is essential they are given the opportunity, the orientation, and knowledge about American Legion programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Due to the importance of this resolution in the foundation of our membership plans for the future, Resolution #30 (NEC, 2006) should be rescinded and replaced by this resolution to keep all six of the original 21<sup>st</sup> Century resolutions together; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 17-18, 2012, That all levels of The American Legion leadership are urged to develop a standard for its leadership to include a knowledge about programs, activities, goals and objectives of the organization in order to do their best and be more proactive towards the needs of those they serve; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That leadership at all levels (National through Post) are urged to recommend to all candidates for office to consider taking and successfully completing the on-line version of The American Legion Extension Institute course; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That every department of The American Legion be encouraged to start and staff a comprehensive training seminar/college (also known as Legion College) for the purpose of training its leaders; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the National Organization of The American Legion develop a training environment, seeking a better-trained cadre of leadership that may include the use of computer technology/communications, written materials, teleconferencing, other electronic media, workshops, conferences, and seminars; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That all levels of The American Legion be strongly and resolutely urged to develop and execute a continuing education program pertaining to The American Legion programs for leadership and members; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 30, of the National Executive Committee, October, 2006, titled "Training and Education" (21<sup>st</sup> Century) is hereby superseded and rescinded.**