

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 1: Outline of Authorization
Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions
Submitted by: Subcommittee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, The Centennial Task Force for the Future has recommended a number of changes to the Outline of Authorization to take effect upon adoption of an amendment to the National By-laws, Article I, Sections 5 and 6 by the National Convention in Houston, Texas August 27, 28, 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The proposed changes are set forth in the attached Exhibit A, with a summary of said changes set forth in the attached Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, The fact that changes to appointments to the commissions and committees structure cannot take place until the Fall Meetings of the National Executive Committee, October 16-17, 2013, is confirmed by this resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Subcommittee on Resolutions has reviewed the recommendation of the Centennial Task Force for the Future and further recommends it to the National Executive Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 8-9, 2013, That the Outline of Authorization shall be amended in accordance with the attached Exhibits A and B when the resolution amending the National By-laws, Article I, Sections 5 and 6 is adopted by the National Convention in Houston, Texas August 27, 28, 29, 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the amended Outline of Authorization shall not take effect until the amendment to the National By-laws, Article I, Sections 5 and 6 is adopted; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That members of commissions and committees that are recommended for elimination shall serve until the close of the 2013 Fall Meeting; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Executive Committee, acting on the recommendation of the National Commander, shall make appointments to those commissions and committees in the Outline of Authorization revised in May 2013, and approved by the National Convention 2013, at its regularly scheduled meeting in October 2013; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That when the Outline of Authorization attached as Exhibit A is completely adopted, it shall supersede all prior versions of the Outline of Authorization.

EXHIBIT A

OUTLINE OF AUTHORIZATION, MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE
FOR COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Revised May 2013

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicable to all Commissions and Committees

EXCERPT FROM NATIONAL BY-LAWS

Article I, Section 4 and 6

(Requires ratification of the 2013 National Convention resolution)

Section 4

The National Commander shall name such committees as he shall deem advisable, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next meeting succeeding the appointment.

Section 6

There shall be the following standing commissions: Americanism Commission, Convention Commission, Finance Commission, Internal Affairs Commission, Legislative Commission, Media & Communications Commission, National Security Commission, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, and Veterans Employment & Education Commission.

The commissions shall consist of such number of members of The American Legion as the National Executive Committee may from time to time determine. Appointments to such commissions shall be made by the National Executive Committee upon nomination by the National Commander. The National Executive Committee is empowered to assign duties and responsibilities to all standing commissions and committees and to group standing committees with commissions for the purpose of efficient supervision and coordination of activities.

LIAISON COMMITTEES

(Applies to all Commissions)

NEC October 2013 Meeting

(Requires adoption by October 2013 NEC resolution after ratification of name changes at 2013 National Convention)

WHEREAS, Pursuant to resolution adopted by the National Executive Committee at its meeting held November 18-20, 1948, Liaison Committees appointed from the personnel of the National Executive Committee were created to serve with the various standing commissions in order to establish the closest relationship between such commissions and the National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Although said procedure has proved its value, it is believed that such liaison can be effectively continued by the appointment, without duplication, of such members from the National Executive Committee to serve as a liaison with each of said commissions; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee that the National Commander each year appoint, without duplication, members from the National Executive Committee to serve as a liaison with the following standing commissions:

**Americanism Commission
Convention Commission
Finance Commission
Internal Affairs Commission
Legislative Commission
Media & Communications Commission
National Security Commission
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission
Veterans Employment & Education Commission**

And be it further

RESOLVED, that such appointments shall be made annually at the Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee, and the appointees shall serve until adjournment of the Fall meeting held during the following year, provided that in the event of the termination of membership on the National Executive Committee of any member so appointed, such appointment shall automatically terminate, and the vacancy shall be filled by the National Commander then in office, from membership of the National Executive Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all prior resolutions in conflict herewith be and they are hereby revoked.

Opinion Rendered by National Judge Advocate, October 28, 1970 Re: NEC Liaison Committee Members voting on Commission

“Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, November 1949, Liaison Committees were appointed from the personnel of the National Executive Committee to serve with the various Standing Commissions in order to establish as close as possible a relationship between said Commissions and the National Executive Committee. Members of the National Executive Committee Liaison Committee have a voice in the affairs of the Commission to which they are Liaison. However, since the Liaison is a member of the National Executive Committee and has a vote in that body, which is superior to the commission to which he is Liaison, he has not been given a vote in the Commission to which he acts as Liaison. As a general rule, members of the National Executive Committee Liaison Committees have a voice but no vote.”

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

(Applies to all Commissions and Committees)

Opinion Rendered by National Judge Advocate, October 1, 1969

It is my opinion, for reasons which I shall state herein below, that Ex-Officio Members of National Commissions are entitled to voice and vote on the commissions of which they are Ex-Officio Members.

Page 570 of the publication "Parliamentary Law," by General Henry M. Robert, contains the following statement, which I quote:

"Ex-Officio means 'from the office,' or 'by virtue of the office.' Thus if the bylaws make the president of the society president ex-officio of the board of managers, it means that the society's president, by virtue of that office, is also president of the board of managers. The moment he ceases to be president of the society he automatically ceases to be president of the board. A member or officer ex-officio is as much a member or officer as if elected to the position."

Robert's Rules of Order Revised (75th Anniversary Edition), Section 51, page 210, contains the following statement:

"51. Ex-Officio Members of Boards and Committees. Frequently boards and committees include some members who are members by virtue of their office, and, therefore, are termed ex-officio members. When such a member ceases to hold the office, his membership on the board terminates automatically. If the ex-officio member is under the control of the society, there is no distinction between him and the other members except where the president is ex-officio member of all committees, in which case it is evidently the intention to permit, not to require, him to act as a member of the various committees, and, therefore, in counting a quorum, he should not be counted as a member. The president is not a member of a committee except by virtue of a special rule, unless he is so appointed by the assembly. If the ex-officio member is not under the authority of the society, he has all the privileges, including the right to vote, but none of the obligations of membership; as when the governor of a state is, ex-officio, a manager or a trustee of a private academy."

This ruling does not apply to paid national staff, such as the National Treasurer or the National Judge Advocate, who are not permitted to vote as Ex-Officio Members according to Resolution 34 adopted by the May 2012 NEC.

EXHIBIT A

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVES

(Applies to all Commissions and Committees)

Resolution 35, National Executive Committee, October 16-17, 1968 (Submitted by: National Commander's Advisory Committee).

WHEREAS, Questions have arisen pertaining to the status and rights of National Commander's Representatives on the several National Commissions, Committees and other appointive bodies; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary that these questions be clarified by the National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, The National Commander's Advisory Committee has examined this problem in depth and has agreed that representatives of the National Commander on national appointive bodies should exercise all the rights and privileges of members of such bodies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That persons named as National Commander's Representatives to National Commissions, Committees, and other bodies of the National Organization shall have the same rights and privileges as the appointed members of such bodies, including the right of voice and vote when present at a duly called meeting of said bodies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the foregoing clarification of the status of National Commander's Representatives be included in the publication entitled "Outline of Authorization, Membership and Purpose for Commission and Committees of the National Organization of The American Legion" when next issued.

CONSULTANTS and ADVISORS

(Applies to all Commissions and Committees)

Opinion Rendered by National Judge Advocate, April 25, 2012

“At the national level, it has been the practice to deny Consultants and Advisors to Commissions and Committees a vote, while allowing them voice in matters pertinent to their area of expertise. I would advise that this practice continue.”

(This opinion supersedes any previous contradictory opinions as to Consultants and Advisors.)

**APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVES,
CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS**

(Applies to all Commissions and Committees)

There is authorized to be affiliated with each standing commission and committee one National Commander's Representative who shall serve with voice and vote as specified in Resolution 35 of the National Executive Committee, October 16-17, 1968, and such number of consultants and advisors as are deemed appropriate and necessary, who shall serve with voice but not vote as stated in an opinion rendered by the National Judge Advocate, April 25, 2012.

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HONORARY MEMBERS

(Applies to all Commissions and Membership & Post Activities Committee)

Honorary Members: There is authorized to be affiliated, with all standing Commissions and the Membership & Post Activities Committee, honorary members who have no specific duties except those that may be assigned from time to time by their Department. These honorary members are not listed in the national commission and committee book, have no duties at the national level, and are never called in to national meetings. Upon request, a form will be sent from the National Commander's office to the Department so it may name honorary members. Copies of the nomination letter will be prepared at National Headquarters and sent to the Department for dissemination. There is no limit on the number of honorary members a Department may nominate.

EXHIBIT A
SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO NATIONAL COMMANDER

Authorization

- Established: November 1946 and October-November 1947 NEC meeting.
- November 1949 NEC meeting made changes to set-up.
- Authorized in present form at August 27, 2012 Pre-Convention NEC meeting.

Membership

This Committee consists of such members as the National Commander shall appoint, a majority of whom shall be members of the NEC and at least one member from the Finance Commission. The National Commander nominates the committee subject to NEC approval. The term of each member shall be co-extensive with that of the National Commander who nominated him or until his successor is appointed. The chairman shall be selected by the National Commander from among the members of the committee, and the immediate past national commander shall serve as vice chairman.

Purpose

- To act as advisor and counselor to the National Commander and all other National Officers on matters of policy and activities;
- To study and report on matters referred to it by the National Commander, the National Executive Committee, the National Adjutant, or members of the committee;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

CITIZENS FLAG ALLIANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Authorization

- Resolution 19, NEC, May 4-5, 1994, "Authorization to Create the Citizens Flag Alliance Advisory Committee"
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership.**

Membership

The resolution stated that the National Commander be and he is hereby authorized and directed to create the Citizens Flag Alliance Advisory Committee composed of the following members

- The National Commander;
- The immediate Past National Commander;
- The Chairmen of the NEC Liaison Committee to the Americanism, Legislative, **Media and Communications**, Finance Commissions;
- The Chairmen of the Americanism, Legislative, **Media and Communications** and Finance Commissions;

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- Such number of consultants as the National Commander may deem necessary and appropriate;
- The National Adjutant and National Judge Advocate shall be ex-officio members;
- The National Commander may also invite the American Legion Auxiliary in the numbers as deemed necessary.

Purpose

- To aid in the campaign to secure a constitutional amendment empowering the Congress to enact legislation to protect the Flag of the United States from physical desecration;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

VETERANS POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (VPOC)

Authorization

- Resolution No. 42, May 4-5, 2011 NEC.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership.**

Membership

National Commander is authorized and directed to appoint not more than ten members and such number of consultants as he shall deem necessary. The chairman shall be the National Commander or his designee and its membership shall include The American Legion **Legislative Commission Chairman**, National Security Commission Chairman, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission Chairman, and the **Veterans Employment and Education Commission Chairman**. The remaining members appointed by the National Commander will serve one-year terms.

Purpose

- To review evolving issues in the arena of veterans policy;
- To develop recommendations as to the direction the organization should address;
- To resolve any issues that impact on veterans;
- The National Commander may report to the National Executive Committee or the National Convention concerning the findings and recommendations of the VPOC whenever deemed necessary;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

EXHIBIT A
AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Authorization

- Established 1919.
- Made Constitutional Committee at 1924 National Convention.
- Continued as Constitutional Commission by 1947 National Convention.
- Authorization for present Commission restated by the October-November 1947 NEC.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Americanism Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed thirty members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Commission, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Committee on Children & Youth and the Chairman of the Committee on **Youth** Education shall be ex-officio members of the Commission.

Purpose

- To supervise and coordinate national committee activity;
- To promote an understanding and appreciation of American government, **the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship**, and activity in the American way of life through youth activities, community service, instruction of prospective citizens **and legal immigrants**, education and educational facilities, **and protection of the U.S. flag from physical desecration.**
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

Assigned to the Americanism Commission for supervision and coordination are the **Committee on Children & Youth**, the Committee on **Youth** Education and the Americanism Council.

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COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

(Assigned to Americanism Commission)

Authorization

- Child Welfare Committee authorized as a Constitutional Committee at 1924 National Convention
- October-November 1947 NEC authorized present Commission.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC, set membership and organization.
- Resolution 2, 52nd National Convention, September 1-3, 1970 changed name to Commission on Children & Youth by amendment of Section 6, Article I, of the National By-Laws.
- Resolution 52, NEC October 1970 NEC, defined purpose.
- Amended by Resolution 7, October 1979 NEC, going from 5 areas to 8 regions.
- Resolution 26, October 2004 NEC, dissolved geographical regions.
- Resolution 2, 2005 Pre-NEC Meeting, dropping 8 region membership on commission and made one group within Commission.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC changed to committee under Americanism Commission and set current membership.**

Membership

The Committee on Children & Youth shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall of 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, six shall be appointed for a term of two years, and six shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year.

There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee no more than three Consultants which may include representatives of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty. The consultants shall be appointed to serve for terms of one year each, or until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee on Children & Youth shall be an ex-officio member of the Americanism Commission.

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Purpose

- To formulate, recommend, and implement plans, programs, and activities designed to:
- To assure care and protection for the children of veterans;
- Improve conditions for all children and youth with due concern for maintaining the integrity of the family home;
- To prevent social and physical ills of children and youth where possible, utilizing services of and cooperating with sound organizations and agencies for children and youth;
- To maintain a balanced program that provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs.
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

COMMITTEE ON **YOUTH** EDUCATION (Assigned to Americanism Commission)

Authorization

- Created by Resolution 12, May 1976 NEC, which assigned committee to Americanism Commission for supervision and coordination.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC changed name and established current membership.**

Membership

The Committee on Youth Education shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year.

Two members from the Americanism Commission shall be appointed annually by the Chairman of that Commission. The National Executive Committee Liaison Chairman to the Americanism Commission is also a member of the Committee.

The National Commander may annually appoint, at the recommendation of the American Legion Auxiliary National President, three members of the American Legion Auxiliary as Consultants to the Committee on Youth Education.

The total composition of the Committee shall consist of both educators and lay persons with a strong interest in education.

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The Chairman of the Committee on **Youth** Education shall be an ex-officio member of the Americanism Commission.

Purpose

- To inform itself and The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary of developments, problems and potentials in the field of education;
- To recommend appropriate policies and programs for The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary;
- To maintain contact with the educational community so that there may be an interchange of thinking between The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary and educators, students, and other organizations concerned with the well being of education throughout the nation;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

AMERICANISM COUNCIL (Assigned to Americanism Commission)

Authorization

- Created by NEC Resolution 62, May 1962
- Duties defined in Resolution 3, October 7, 1962 Pre-NEC meeting.
- Assigned to the Americanism Commission for purposes of supervision.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Americanism Council shall consist of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander upon nomination submitted by the several Departments and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Appointments to the Americanism Council shall be effective until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

- **To understand, support and disseminate the principles of the Commission to which assigned;**
- **To review and be familiar with the resolutions pertaining to the Commission;**
- **To be available from time to time at the request of the Commission Chairman or National Commander to participate in activities relative to the purposes of the Commission;**
- **May be asked to represent The American Legion at meetings of other like-minded organizations;**

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- **At the National Commander's discretion, Council members may be called in to any regularly scheduled meeting of their parent Commission. Council members shall have voice but no vote.**
- **To promote and disseminate programs and principles of The American Legion;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

The Americanism Council shall take its directives and instructions from the National Americanism Commission. **The Americanism Commission and Division are responsible for keeping Americanism Council members on all mailing lists of the Commission and Division.**

This Council does not have a Chairman, since it does not meet. The Chairman of the Americanism Commission will be the ex-officio Chairman of this Council.

EXHIBIT A

CONVENTION COMMISSION

Authorization

- November 1934 to May 1935: This was a temporary committee.
- May 1935 to November 1944: This was a permanent National Convention Liaison Committee.
- November 1944 to July 1945: National Convention Corporation.
- July 1945 to November 1947: National Convention Bureau.
- October-November 1947 NEC authorized present Commission.
- 1948 National Convention made it a Constitutional Commission and increased membership.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC, set membership and organization.
- October 1988 NEC abolished Contest Advisory Committee.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership and purpose.**
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC abolished Distinguished Guest Committee.**

Membership

The Convention Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twelve members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Commission, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

Three Department Adjutants may be designated to serve as an Advisory Board to the Commission. The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve a one-year term each.

The retiring President of each Convention Corporation shall be an ex-officio member of the Commission for the following year.

The Convention Commission is authorized and directed to appoint a "Chief Judge of Contests" for any contests at Conventions.

Purpose

- **To oversee the implementation of The American Legion's Request for Proposal (RFP) pertaining to the guidelines for selecting cities to be recommended to the National Executive Committee (NEC) for awarding a National Convention bid;**

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- **To supervise and coordinate (with the host Convention Corporation, where applicable) all activities, venues and logistical requirements associated with the conduct of a National Convention. The duties and functions of the host Convention Corporation, where applicable, and National Headquarters of The American Legion are outlined in The American Legion Policy and Procedures for National Convention Corporations and for the National Organization. The American Legion Policy and Procedures to be updated annually in coordination between the National Convention Commission and the National Judge Advocate.**
- **To administer and refer all National Convention related resolutions to the applicable national commission and the National Executive Committee.**
- To assist the Chief Judge and Assistant Chief Judge of Contests with the implementation of procedures supporting the effective conduct of all uniformed groups' contests at the National Convention;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

EXHIBIT A
FINANCE COMMISSION

Authorization

- First record of a Finance Committee was in 1919.
- 1922 National Convention established it as a constitutional body.
- 1947 National Convention made it a Constitutional Commission.
- October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned committees to Commission.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Finance Commission shall consist of seven members. The National Commander and the National Treasurer are ex-officio members of the Commission (**see note on Page 3**). The National Adjutant is ex-officio Secretary and not a member of the Commission. The Chairman is taken from the membership of the Commission.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

Purpose

- To prepare the yearly budget and the handling of funds under that budget;
 - Such other duties as shall be prescribed by the NEC, subject to the approval of the NEC.
- (See Article I, Section 5, of the National By-Laws of The American Legion.)

Assigned to the Finance Commission for supervision and coordination are the Emblem Committee, **Marketing Committee**, Revenue Enhancement Committee, and Overseas Graves Decoration Trust. The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation is not a part of any Commission, but does submit its reports to the NEC through the Finance Commission, as does The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Article I, Section 5, National By-Laws of The American Legion

The National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Finance Commission to be composed of seven members. Of the seven members appointed following the National Convention (1945) at which this amendment is adopted, two shall be appointed to serve for a term of one year, two shall be appointed to serve a term of two years, and three shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years; thereafter, each succeeding appointee shall serve for a term of three years until removed by the majority vote of the National Executive Committee. The National Commander and the National Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of said commission and the National Adjutant shall be ex-officio secretary of the said commission. The Finance Commission shall be charged with the preparation of the yearly budget and the handling of funds under the budget, and such other duties as shall be prescribed by the National Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee.

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AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION, INC. (Separate corporation, but reports through Finance Commission)

Authorization

- August 30 and September 3, 1953 NEC authorized committee to create a foundation.
- Committee reported at the October 1953 NEC meeting, at which time the National Commander, National Adjutant and the National Judge Advocate were authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to incorporate such a foundation.
- October 1954 NEC approved Foundation's articles of incorporation.

Membership

Nine members who may also serve as directors. Starting with 1954 NEC meeting, as directors, upon recommendation of the National Commander, these are selected by the NEC as follows: three shall serve one year, three shall serve two years, and three shall serve three years. Thereafter, three shall be selected annually to serve for a period of three years.

The Board of Directors is composed of nine directors, to be elected by the annual meeting of the members. Three shall be elected each year, following the initial staggering of three for one year, three for two years, and three for three years. Each director must be a citizen of the United States.

Purpose

- To receive by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, and money or property in trust;
- To use and expend the principal and/or income of said trust or any part thereof for the benefit of children and youth of the United States, its territories and possessions, and/or other children whom the Foundation shall select or determine;
- To make said payments or expenditures upon such conditions and limitations as the Foundation shall determine;
- To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth;
- To add to progress in the child welfare field and the sum total of man's knowledge of children and youth through research, studies, surveys, projects or in other ways, including but not limited to all youth activities now or hereafter sponsored by The American Legion;

Expenditures from said trust, either principal and/or income, may be made, but are not limited to the national organization of The American Legion, to finance or help finance programs, studies and activities of benefit to children and youth; to Departments or Posts of The American Legion and organizations affiliated with The American Legion for the same purposes; and to other organizations and agencies for the purpose of financing in whole or in part research, programs and activities of benefit to children or which will further the purposes stated herein.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION (Separate Corporation, but reports through Finance Commission)

Authorization

- Organized under Delaware state law as a non-profit corporation.
- June 1925 NEC set up and approved Articles of Incorporation.
- November 1946 NEC set the membership at nine.
- October-November 1947 NEC stated it was a separate corporation, not assigned to any national commission, but would report to NEC through Finance Commission.

Membership

Nine members to be selected by the NEC, three to be appointed each year and each to serve for a term of three years. Members need not be Legionnaires, though to this time, all have been and this provision was evidently put in, anticipating a future when The American Legion would cease to exist.

Nine directors to be elected by the members of the corporation, three to be appointed each year and each to serve for a term of three years. The Directors need not be members either, of the Legion or the Corporation, a provision intended to meet conditions which may arise when members of the Legion are too old to fulfill duties of this kind. The officers consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, elected by the Board of Directors. The first two shall be members of the Board; the others may or may not be.

Purpose

- To act as trustee of The American Legion Endowment Fund for rehabilitation and child welfare;
- To receive in trust from The American Legion or a donor to the fund the net proceeds of all funds, moneys, or property given, paid, devised, or bequeathed to or otherwise acquired by the fund;
- To hold in trust the property of the fund;
- To supervise the custody of said fund and the investment and reinvestment of the principle of said fund;
- To supervise the expenditure of the income of said fund to the end that the income shall be expended solely for the purposes designated, that is, to say rehabilitation and child welfare, etc.

EMBLEM COMMITTEE (Assigned to Finance Commission)

Authorization

- Created at the September 11, 1932 NEC meeting.
- November 1946 NEC enlarged membership.
- October-November 1947 NEC assigned it to the Finance Commission for supervision and coordination.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current purpose.**

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Membership

The Emblem Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed nine members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

Purpose

- **To oversee the operation of the Emblem Division and submit recommendations dealing with changes and general policy to the National Executive Committee;**
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

(Assigned to Finance Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Marketing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed nine members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the nine members appointed at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, three shall serve for a term of one year; three shall serve for a term of two years; and three shall serve for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall Meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

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Purpose

- **Working in concert with all American Legion commissions and committees, to build awareness and support for the mission and programs of The American Legion and promote same to active duty military, Guard and Reserve components, military veterans and retirees, and the general public;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

OVERSEAS GRAVES DECORATION TRUST (Assigned to Finance Commission)

Authorization

- Funds for the decoration of overseas graves were raised in 1921 and 1922.
- At May 1923 NEC meeting, a trusteeship plan was recommended to handle the fund, which was being held by the National Treasurer in trust.
- From then until 1935, the plan was acted upon by the NEC in various forms, but the trusteeship never was completed because of objections raised by the designated Trustees.
- At November 1935 NEC meeting, the reorganized plan was reported approved and signed by all the designated National Officers, placing it in current operation.
- July 1945 NEC meeting authorized certain changes in chairmanship.
- October-November 1947 NEC assigned it to the Finance Commission for supervision and coordination.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current purpose.**

Membership

Consists of the current National Commander of The American Legion who shall be Chairman and the immediate Past National Commander of The American Legion and his predecessor, who shall serve respectively for three, two and one years to be calculated from the last day of the National Convention of The American Legion, and the National Adjutant and the National Treasurer of The American Legion and the Chairman of the Finance Commission who shall serve so long as he remains such Chairman. Each retiring Trustee is released from any and all liability by reason of his acts as Trustee.

Purpose

- **Charged with the custody, control, and administration of the Fund, the earnings on which are to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the World Wars who lie buried overseas;**
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

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REVENUE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

(Assigned to Finance Commission)

Authorization

- Formerly known as the Group Insurance Committee and the Trust Committee on Insurance
- Authorized at special Washington, DC NEC meeting February 22, 1958 (pg 11 digest).
- Resolution 53, NEC April 30-May 1, 1964 changed name to The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, removed committee from jurisdiction of Internal Affairs Commission and placed it under the jurisdiction of the Finance Commission. Committee shall report to the National Executive Committee no less than two times each year, through the Finance Commission.
- Resolution 13, NEC October 14-15, 1992 changed name to The American Legion Life Insurance Committee
- Resolution 6, NEC May 6-7, 1998 changed name to The American Legion Insurance Committee
- Resolution 33, NEC May 9-10, 2012, changed name to Revenue Enhancement Committee and changed purpose to that reflected below.

Membership

The Revenue Enhancement Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed ten members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The National Commander is authorized to appoint an Advisory Board to the Committee of not more than five members, not necessarily members of The American Legion, to be chosen at his discretion from those professionally and technically qualified to advise in respect to revenue enhancement. The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve terms of one year each.

Purpose

- To explore and recommend to the Finance Commission various activities, strategies and opportunities for bringing revenue into The American Legion in order to enhance the organization's ability to achieve its mission;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Authorization

- First known as the Internal Organization Commission.
- October-November 1947 NEC and 1948 National Convention established as a constitutional commission.
- May 1948 NEC changed name and broadened duties.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- Resolution 51, October 1970 NEC assigned pollution responsibility.
- Resolution 31, May 1971 NEC assigned overseas cemeteries responsibility.
- **By adopting Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee was abolished, its duties assigned to the Internal Affairs Commission, and three members were added to the Internal Affairs Commission's membership.**
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Internal Affairs Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and **not to exceed twenty-one members** selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Commission, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

Of the twenty-one members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, seven shall be appointed for a term of one year, seven shall be appointed for a term of two years, and seven shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at the Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Chairman of the Membership and Post Activities Committee, and the Chairman of the **National Convention** Resolutions Assignment Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Commission.

Purpose

- To formulate and recommend policies and to oversee the implementation of adopted policies relating to activities conducted for organizational purposes, including but not limited to such policies as do not properly come within the scope of any other national commission;
- To review and give guidance to the necessary administrative operations of the National Headquarters;

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- **To recommend policies and procedures relating to trophies and awards given by the National Organization in connection with American Legion activities;**
- **To act on all nominations for The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal and report recommendations to the National Executive Committee;**
- **To be responsible for the contents of the Manual of Ceremonies, promotion of the use of the Manual, the proper wearing of uniforms, caps, regalia, official badges, etc.;**
- **To review and recommend to the National Executive Committee, recipients of the International Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

Assigned to the Internal Affairs Commission for supervision and coordination are the Constitution & By-Laws Committee, the Membership & Post Activities Committee, and the **National Convention** Resolutions Assignment Committee.

Committee responsibilities relating to memorials exclusive of national cemeteries shall remain the responsibility of the Internal Affairs Commission. Sons of The American Legion was transferred to Internal Affairs from Americanism in May 1961. **Governance of the program entitled American Legion Riders is within the authority of the Internal Affairs Commission.**

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Assigned to Internal Affairs Commission)

Authorization

- Current committee authorized by November 1939 NEC.
- Reorganized by November 1941 NEC.
- November 1946 NEC enlarged membership.
- October-November 1947 NEC assigned to Internal Affairs Commission for supervision and coordination.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.

Membership

The Constitution & By-Laws Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

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The Chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Internal Affairs Commission.

Purpose

- To study and make proper recommendations concerning all matters pertaining to the Constitution & By-Laws and all matters pertaining to the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of The American Legion;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

MEMBERSHIP & POST ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (Assigned to Internal Affairs Commission)

Authorization

- In existence since November 1942 under various names.
- November 1946 NEC changed name to Membership and Post Activities Committee.
- Resolution 58, May 3-4, 1961 NEC changed name to Department and Post Membership Activities Committee.
- Resolution 24, October 24-26, 1961 NEC changed name back to Membership and Post Activities Committee.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- Resolution 6, May 1-2, 1963 NEC authorized committee to meet each year prior to National Convention, and the Committee was authorized – within the provisions of Rule 9c of the rules of the National Executive Committee – to make a direct report at the Spring and Fall meetings of the NEC through the Internal Affairs Commission.
- Resolution 52, October 1970 NEC, set purpose.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Membership & Post Activities Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twelve members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

Three Department Adjutants may be designated to serve as an Advisory Board to the Committee. The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve a one-year term each.

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In order to avail itself of the most up-to-date information, the Committee may, with the approval of the Membership & Post Activities Committee Chairman, invite up to six experts in the field of membership procurement to its annual planning session, provided that no such invitee shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

The Chairman of the Membership & Post Activities Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Internal Affairs Commission.

Purpose

- To formulate and recommend policies and to oversee the implementation of adopted policies relating to the enrollment of members, the collection of dues, the functioning of department, posts, and intermediate levels in a manner to attract and retain members, and the development of leadership training and promotional activities necessary to the foregoing.
- **To develop and execute a multi-year membership and Post procurement plan, which shall be approved by the National Executive Committee. The NEC shall be updated on the plan's progress at least once per year (May 2012 NEC);**
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE (Assigned to Internal Affairs Commission)

Authorization

- Created by May 1930 NEC, and first known as the "National Policies Commission."
- 1930 National Convention changed name and revised powers.
- Committee enlarged at November 1942 and November 1946 NEC meetings.
- October-November 1947 NEC assigned it to Internal Affairs Commission for supervision and coordination.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC changed name and established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The **National Convention** Resolutions Assignment Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

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At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman **or the Vice Chairman** of the Legislative Commission of The American Legion, a member of the National Executive Committee Legislative Commission Liaison Committee, **and the chairman of the NEC Resolutions Subcommittee or his designee** are authorized to sit with the National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee in an advisory capacity, to advise with respect to resolutions which contain subject matter involving legislative programs of The American Legion and which have been submitted to the National Convention for consideration.

The Chairman of the **National Convention** Resolutions Assignment Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Internal Affairs Commission.

Purpose

- **To meet as needed prior to the National Convention to receive and consider germane and appropriate resolutions;**
- **To transmit appropriate and germane resolutions with or without recommendation to the appropriate Convention Committee;**
- **To return, through the Secretary of the National Convention to the source, inappropriate or non-germane resolutions that may be resubmitted, when corrected, to the National Executive Committee or National Convention by the originator. Inappropriate or non-germane resolutions include, but are not limited to: Convention resolutions (1) containing more than one subject, (2) calling for or requiring the expenditure of funds, (3) containing personal attacks or derogatory characterizations, (4) outside the purview, (5) not pertinent or inappropriate for action by the National Convention or (6) unclear and undocumented. Deficient resolutions, once corrected, in order to be reconsidered, need to be resubmitted to the National Convention or National Executive Committee as provided in the National Constitution and By-Laws. Questions about resolutions should be reviewed with the National Adjutant as secretary of the convention. Other national officers or staff may be involved, as appropriate;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

Attention should be paid to Resolutions 20 and 21, NEC May1960 in this committee's deliberations.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Authorization

- First authorized as a Constitutional Committee by 1924 National Convention.
- Enlarged at November 1940, November 1944, December 1945, and November 1946 NEC meeting.
- Changed to a Constitutional Commission by 1947 National Convention and October-November 1947 NEC.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current purpose.**

Membership

The Legislative Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed thirty members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Commission, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Legislative Council shall be an ex-officio member of the Legislative Commission.

Purpose

- To provide the National Executive Committee with a copy of the annual consolidated Legislative Council activities report (which summarizes the Legislative Council's grassroots lobbying efforts for each congressional session and is due to the National Executive Committee at its Pre-Convention meeting per Resolution 28, NEC, October 19-20, 1994);
- **To collect, into a single report, a comprehensive compilation of all resolutions adopted by the National Convention and/or the National Executive Committee which seek action by the United States Congress or are a legislative policy statement of The American Legion;**
- **To update this compilation after each of the aforementioned sessions into a comprehensive summary of The American Legion's legislative program (all resolutions requiring legislative action become part of The American Legion's legislative program immediately upon adoption, and the Legislative Commission shall compile such resolutions and make the current compilation in its entirety a part of its report to each meeting of the National Executive Committee for the sole purpose of establishing an orderly historical record of resolutions stating legislative policy and/or requiring legislative action, per Rules of the National Executive Committee, 8b.**

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- **To assist other commissions and their staffs in representing The American Legion before the United States Congress, and each committee thereof, on all legislative matters in which The American Legion is officially interested;**
- **To assist, through its reports to the National Executive Committee and its liaison with other Commissions, in the formulation of appropriate legislative actions to be officially endorsed by resolution adopted by The American Legion;**
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

Assigned to the Legislative Commission for supervision and coordination is the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (Assigned to Legislative Commission)

Authorization

- Authorized by Resolution 45, NEC April 30-May 1, 1975.
- Amended by Resolution 18, NEC May 4-5, 1977.
- Resolution 32, October 1992 NEC, set purpose.
- Resolution 28, October 1994 NEC, set purpose.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Legislative Council shall be composed of members appointed by the National Commander upon the recommendations of the Departments of The American Legion. Recommendations to the National Commander for appointments of members of the Council shall be submitted by the respective Departments within thirty days following any election or appointment of a member of the House of Representatives or Senate. A maximum of one representative from each Congressional district and a separate representative to serve in liaison with each United States Senator shall be appointed within a Department.

The National Commander shall appoint a Chairman of the Council and a Vice Chairman from each Department. The Chairman of the Council shall be an ex-officio member of the Legislative Commission.

The membership of the Legislative Council shall be composed of Legionnaires who are politically active in their states or various Congressional Districts and whose judgment and advice are respected by their elected representatives. Any member who does not meet these criteria may be removed by the National Commander and, with the advice and recommendation of a Department, a replacement will be appointed.

Appointments to the Legislative Council shall be for two years or until December 31, immediately following the next succeeding general election of members of Congress, except that the chairman shall be appointed annually, his term of office to extend no longer than December 31 of the next succeeding year. **Members of the Legislative Council, once they have been approved by the National Commander, need not be resubmitted for each successive Congress, provided that the**

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member of Congress to which he is assigned has not changed. However, the Department has the right to remove Council members and nominate replacements at any time. When a new Council member is nominated, either as a replacement or because a new member of Congress has been elected, the Legislative Commission will require the prospective Council member's qualifications to be submitted with the nomination.

The Legislative Commission is charged with keeping the membership of the Legislative Council up to date and a vital force capable of immediate effective action when members of the Council are called upon.

The Chairman of the Legislative Council shall be an ex-officio member of the Legislative Commission.

Purpose

- To propagate an interest in and a furtherance of the legislative goals of The American Legion;
- To serve as a medium for disseminating information and of developing an understanding with our elected representatives in Congress;
- To prepare the Annual Consolidated Legislative Council Activities Report based on the Legislative Council Vice Chairmen's reports submitted to the Legislative Council Chairman. Each Legislative Council Vice Chairman's report is due no later than July 31 each year and will summarize the Department's grassroots lobbying efforts;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Council as a body shall not be called into general meeting at national's expense. Furthermore, members of the Council may not be called in at national expense to fill allocated calls to the Spring or Fall Meetings, National Convention or Washington Conference. However, the National Commander may call one or more members of the Council together for the purpose of assisting in carrying out specific or various legislative mandates.

Meetings may be held within a Department as often as necessary to discuss strategy and tactics for carrying out priority national legislative mandates or to be briefed by a Vice Chairman, who shall chair such meetings. The Chairman of the Legislative Council or the Vice Chairman of the respective Department may call these meetings, **however, any expense incurred will be borne by the Department or participants.**

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MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**(Formerly Public Relations Commission and
The American Legion Magazine Commission)**

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC recommended the creation of the Commission and established membership and purpose.**
- **Resolution ___, 2013 National Convention, ratified it as a constitutional Commission**

Authorization - Public Relations Commission

- Committee recommended at 1944 National Convention
- November 1944 NEC authorized its creation as a Commission.
- July 1945 and November 1946 NEC took supplementary action regarding name and membership size.
- October-November 1947 NEC and 1948 National Convention established as a Constitutional Commission.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, eliminated Public Relations Commission.**

Authorization - The American Legion Magazine Commission

- First created by 1936 National Convention action, when the old Legion Publishing Corporation was dissolved.
- Publishing and Publicity Commission created by November 1936 NEC.
- 1940 National Convention changed name to Legion Publications Commission, under the control of NEC.
- The November 1935 NEC authorized Advisory Board.
- The November 1944 NEC eliminated National Commander as Chairman.
- November 1946 NEC enlarged membership.
- The October-November 1947 NEC made a Committee and assigned to Finance Commission.
- May 1948 NEC and 1948 National Convention revoked this action, making it a constitutional Commission.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- Resolution 3, 52nd National Convention, September 1-3, 1970 changed name to The American Legion Magazine Commission by amendment of Section 6, Article 1, of National By-Laws.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, eliminated The American Legion Magazine Commission.**

Membership

The Media and Communications Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-six members selected at large provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Commission, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

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Of the twenty-six members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the October 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, nine shall be appointed for a term of one year; nine shall be appointed for a term of two years; and eight shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at the Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The National Commander is authorized to appoint an Advisory Committee to the Commission of not more than five members, not necessarily members of The American Legion, to be chosen at his discretion from those professionally and/or technically qualified to offer advice relative to matters of concern to the Commission. The Advisory Committee members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each. This Advisory Committee shall have voice and no vote.

Purpose

- **Internal:** To educate, motivate and inform The American Legion family of the mission and programs of The American Legion for the purpose of making them promoters of and participants in the activities and aims of The American Legion;
- **External:** To build awareness of and support for the primary mission and purpose of The American Legion, specially among individual citizens, the United States Congress, national and local government agencies, and corporate America;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

Assigned to the Media & Communications Commission for supervision and coordination is the Media & Communications Council.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL (Assigned to Media & Communications Commission)

Authorization

- Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created council and established membership and purpose.

Membership

The Media & Communications Council shall consist of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander upon nomination submitted by the several Departments and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Appointments to the Media & Communications Council shall be effective until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.

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Purpose

- **To understand, support and disseminate the principles of the Commission to which assigned;**
- **To review and be familiar with the resolutions pertaining to the Commission;**
- **To be available from time to time at the request of the Commission Chairman or National Commander to participate in activities relative to the purposes of the Commission;**
- **May be asked to represent The American Legion at meetings of other like-minded organizations;**
- **At the National Commander's discretion, Council members may be called in to any regularly scheduled meeting of their parent Commission. Council members shall have voice but no vote.**
- **To promote and disseminate programs and principles of The American Legion;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

The Media & Communications Council shall take its directives and instructions from the Media & Communications Commission. The Media & Communications Commission and its Divisions are responsible for keeping Media & Communications Council members on all mailing lists of the Commission and Divisions.

This Council does not have a Chairman, since it does not meet. The Chairman of the Media & Communications Commission will be the ex-officio Chairman of this Council.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

Authorization

- Created as a Committee by 1929 National Convention through consolidation of the then Military Affairs Committee and Aeronautics Committee.
- Since 1929, NEC has changed set-up at various times.
- Presently a Constitutional Commission, by action of October-November 1947 NEC and 1948 National Convention. At this time, it was designated Security Commission.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The National Security Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-one members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Commission, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Aerospace Committee, **the Chairman of the Conventional Armed Forces Committee, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, the Chairman of the Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee, the Chairman of the Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee, the Chairman of the National Guard & Reserve Forces Committee, and the Chairman of the Unconventional Forces & Intelligence Committee** shall be ex-officio members of the Commission.

Purpose

- **To recommend policies that will ensure the national security of the United States of America;**
- **To have an understanding of the federal budget process and the budget of the United States Departments of Defense, State and Homeland Security;**
- **To maintain a professional working relationship with the United States Departments of Defense, State and Homeland Security;**
- **To maintain a professional working relationship with all congressional oversight committees and staff relating to the purposes of the Commission;**
- **To monitor the hearings of these oversight committees and provide congressional testimony in cooperation with the Legislative Commission and staff;**

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- **To be knowledgeable about security threats to the United States of America as defined by the United States Departments of Defense, State and Homeland Security;**
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

The Commission's purpose is national security. It will have the authority to recommend policy on matters of national security, such as energy self-reliance, for the United States of America.

Assigned to the National Security Commission for supervision and coordination are the Aerospace Committee, **the Conventional Armed Forces Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee, the Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee, the National Guard & Reserve Forces Committee, the Unconventional Forces & Intelligence Committee,** and the National Security Council.

AEROSPACE COMMITTEE

(Assigned to the National Security Commission)

Authorization

- November 1936 abolished an earlier Commission and established a new Commission
- Lost independent status and became committee of National Defense Group at September 29, 1946 NEC meeting.
- October-November 1947 NEC re-organization plan assigned it to Security Commission for supervision and coordination.
- Formerly called Aeronautics Committee.
- October 8-9, 1958 NEC changed to Aeronautics and Space Committee
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- April 30-May 1, 1973 NEC changed name to Aerospace Committee

Membership

The Aerospace Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Aerospace Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

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Purpose

- To consider and project the advancement of military and commercial aerospace technologies and programs to include space exploration and research;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE (Assigned to National Security Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Conventional Armed Forces Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not exceed eighteen members selected at large provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, six shall be appointed for a term of two years, and six shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Conventional Armed Forces Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

- **To review the budgets of the Departments of the Army, Navy (including the Marine Corps) and the Air Force;**
- **To recommend policies to ensure the United States armed forces are of sufficient numbers, with quality training and modern equipment, to counter any strategic threat from any nation, a combination or a terrorist threat to the United States of America and its allies;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

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FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Assigned to National Security Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Authorization of Foreign Relations Commission

- Established as a committee by 1940 National Convention.
- Membership increased by November 1940, November 1946 and October 1965 NEC.
- Made constitutional commission by October-November 1947 NEC and 1948 National Convention.
- Membership and organization set forth in Pre-Convention NEC Resolution 1, October 7, 1962.
- Membership increased from eighteen members to twenty-seven members, Inter-American Committee dissolved and its members transferred to the Foreign Relations Council by National Executive Committee October 6-7, 1965.

Membership

The Foreign Relations Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, six shall be appointed for a term of two years, and six shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

- **To review the policies of the United States Department of State;**
- **To make recommendations that will enhance the core objectives of the Department of State, those being: (a) promoting peace and stability in regions of vital interest, (b) creating jobs at home by opening markets abroad, (c) assisting nations in establishing investment and export opportunities, and (d) bringing nations together and forging partnerships to address global problems such as terrorism, the spread of communicable disease, cross-border pollution, humanitarian crises, nuclear smuggling and narcotics trafficking;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

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LAW AND ORDER & HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE (Assigned to the National Security Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Authorization – Law & Order Committee

- Created by 1933 National Convention
- Reorganized by November 1950 NEC, creating its present set-up and re-assigning from Americanism to National Security Commission.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.

Authorization - Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness Committee

- Created by November 1941 NEC.
- Made sub-division of National Defense Committee by November 1942 NEC
- November 1946 NEC enlarged membership
- 1947 National Convention enlarged duties to cover disaster relief
- October-November 1947 NEC assigned it to Security Commission for supervision and coordination.
- May 1974 NEC meeting changed name from Civil Defense Committee to Defense Civil Preparedness Committee.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- Resolution 2, October 2003 NEC changed name to Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness Committee.

Membership

The Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, six shall be appointed for a term of two years, and six shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

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Purpose

- To review the policies and objectives of the United States Department of Homeland Security;
- To make recommendations which relate to homeland security, the United States Coast Guard, the governmental and non-governmental roles in disaster management and recovery that enhance the internal and external security and the security of the borders of the United States;
- To review immigration policies as they may affect the internal and external security of the United States;
- To support and recognize the contributions of police, fire, and first responders at all levels;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

MILITARY BENEFITS & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Assigned to National Security Commission)

Authorization

- The old National Defense Committee had subdivisions – one of which was also called the National Defense Committee.
- To eliminate confusion due to above, July 1945 changed subdivision name to Military Affairs Committee.
- November 1946 NEC enlarged membership.
- October-November 1947 NEC assigned to Security Commission for supervision and coordination.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, created committee and established membership and purpose.

Membership

The Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, six shall be appointed for a term of two years, and six shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

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The Chairman of the Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

- **To review compensation, retirement benefits, health care and quality-of-life issues for service personnel of the active, reserve and guard components of our nation's military and military retirees, as well their families and dependants;**
- **To make recommendations that will assure the quality of life of our armed forces personnel and military retirees;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE FORCES COMMITTEE

Assigned to the National Security Commission

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Membership

The National Guard & Reserve Forces Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, six shall be appointed for a term of two years, and six shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the National Guard & Reserve Forces Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

To review the budgets of the National Guard and Reserve components of the armed services to ensure that the Guard and Reserve Forces have sufficient number of personnel for assigned missions both state and federal, sufficient budgets for training, as well as modern equipment to meet all obligations.

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UNCONVENTIONAL FORCES & INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE Assigned to National Security Commission

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Unconventional Forces & Intelligence Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, six shall be appointed for a term of two years, and six shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Unconventional Armed Forces Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

- **To review the budgets, as available, of the Special Operations Command and the Central Intelligence Agency as well as those of other intelligence agencies;**
- **To recommend policies as to sufficient personnel, quality training, modern equipment, and the sharing of intelligence between this command and all other intelligence agencies regarding national security, terrorist activity and strategic threats to our nation**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (Assigned to National Security Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 62, May 1962 NEC, dissolved the National Security Training Committee, in anticipation of the creation of the National Security Council.**
- **Resolution 4, October 1962 Pre-NEC, created the National Security Council, defined its duties and assigned it to the National Security Commission for purposes of supervision.**

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- October 2003 NEC changed name from National Security Council to National and Homeland Security Council.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC, changed name back to National Security Council and established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The National Security Council shall consist of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander upon nomination by the several Departments and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Appointments to the National Security Council shall be effective until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee..

The National Security Council shall take its directives and instructions from the National Security Commission. **The National Security Commission and Division are responsible for keeping National Security Council members on all mailing lists of the Commission and Division.**

Purpose

- **To understand, support and disseminate the principles of the Commission to which assigned;**
- **To review and be familiar with the resolutions pertaining to the Commission;**
- **To be available from time to time at the request of the Commission Chairman or National Commander to participate in activities relative to the purposes of the Commission;**
- **May be asked to represent The American Legion at meetings of other like-minded organizations;**
- **At the National Commander's discretion, Council members may be called in to any regularly scheduled meeting of their parent Commission. Council members shall have voice but no vote.**
- **To promote and disseminate programs and principles of The American Legion;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

This Council does not have a Chairman, since it does not meet. The Chairman of the National Security Commission will be the ex-officio Chairman of this Council.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
COMMISSION

Authorization

- First authorization for present Commission was action of 1924 National Convention, establishing it as a Constitutional Committee.
- November 1939 NEC authorized Executive Committee for Rehabilitation Committee.
- Additional changes to Executive Committee by November 1942 and November 1943 NEC.
- 1947 National Convention and October-November 1947 NEC established as a Constitutional Commission.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- Resolution 1, 52nd National Convention, September 1-3, 1970, amended Section 6, Article I of National By-Laws, changing name to Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission.
- Amended by Resolution 38, May 1979 NEC, going from 5 areas to 8 regions.
- Resolution 26, October 2004 NEC, dissolved geographical regions.
- Resolution 19, 2005 May Meeting, dropped 8 region membership on commission and made one group within Commission.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission shall be composed of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and **not to exceed twenty-one members** at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the twenty-one members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, seven shall be appointed for a term of one year, seven shall be appointed for a term of two years, and seven shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for a terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies of unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Health Administration Committee, the Chairman of the National Cemetery Committee, and the Chairman of the Veterans Benefits Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Commission.

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Purpose

- To formulate and recommend to the National Executive Committee of The American Legion policies, plans and programs **on direct assistance, outreach and support for veterans and their families with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claims and benefits, health care, memorial affairs and women veterans programs to ensure that they receive the highest quality of care from the VA for their injuries and illnesses incurred from their military service;**
- To coordinate the activities of the National Organization in veterans affairs;
- To oversee the effectiveness of The American Legion's programs of service to these war veterans and their dependents in claims for benefits administered by federal and state programs;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

To accomplish these purposes, the commission and staff will have an understanding of the federal budget process and the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) budget and will maintain a professional relationship with the DVA and the Congressional committees and staff who are charged with the congressional oversight of the DVA in cooperation with the Legislative Commission and staff.

Assigned to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission for supervision and coordination are **the Health Administration Committee**, the National Cemetery Committee, **the Veterans Benefits Committee and the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Council.**

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

(Assigned to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Health Administration Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-four members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the twenty-four members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, eight shall be appointed for a term of one year, eight shall be appointed for a term of two years, and eight shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for a terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies of unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

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At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Health Administration Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission.

Purpose

- **To formulate and recommend to the National Executive Committee, through the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, policies, plans and programs to insure that veterans and military personnel are receiving timely and quality care at VA Regional Medical Centers, community-based outpatient clinics and long-term care facilities and any other medical functions under VA Health Care;**
- **To review and make recommendations on the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) program and all volunteer programs at these facilities;**
- **To review and recommend policy as to veteran state homes (VHA);**
- **To ensure that VHA research is fully funded and that the VHA affiliation with medical universities remains robust;**
- **To ensure that the VHA budget can meet these objectives;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

NATIONAL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

(Assigned to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission)

Authorization

- Formerly known as the Graves Registration and Memorial Committee
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- Resolution 2, May 1968 NEC changed name and transferred from Internal Affairs Commission to Rehabilitation Commission.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC established current purpose.**

Membership

The National Cemetery Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-four members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

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The Chairman of the National Cemetery Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission.

Purpose

- **To formulate and recommend to the National Executive Committee, through the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, policies, plans and programs as they relate to Department of Veterans Affairs' national cemeteries, and the internment of veterans, military and their dependents. This includes Arlington National Cemetery administered by the Department of the Army;**
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

VETERANS BENEFITS COMMITTEE

(Assigned to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Veterans Benefits Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-four members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the twenty-four members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, eight shall be appointed for a term of one year, eight shall be appointed for a term of two years, and eight shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for a terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies of unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Veterans Benefits Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission.

Purpose

- **To formulate and recommend to the National Executive Committee, through the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, policies, plans and programs to insure that veterans, widows and dependents are receiving timely decisions on claims and timely receipt of earned benefits;**

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- To review these veterans benefits to make sure they remain consistent with changes in the economy;
- To review the Department of Veterans Affairs' veterans benefits budget to make sure the above objective can be reached;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COUNCIL (Assigned to Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission)

Authorization

- Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created council and established membership and purpose.

Membership

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Council shall consist of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander upon nominations submitted by the several Departments and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Appointments to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Council shall be effective until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Council shall take its directives and instructions from the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission. The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission and Division are responsible for keeping Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Council members on all mailing lists of the Commission and Division.

Purpose

- To understand, support and disseminate the principles of the Commission to which assigned;
- To review and be familiar with the resolutions pertaining to the Commission;
- To be available from time to time at the request of the Commission Chairman or National Commander to participate in activities relative to the purposes of the Commission;
- May be asked to represent The American Legion at meetings of other like-minded organizations;
- At the National Commander's discretion, Council members may be called in to any regularly scheduled meeting of their parent Commission. Council members shall have voice but no vote.
- To promote and disseminate programs and principles of The American Legion;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

This Council does not have a Chairman, since it does not meet. The Chairman of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission will be the ex-officio Chairman of this Council.

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VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION COMMISSION

Authorization

- October-November 1947 NEC meeting authorized and made a Constitutional Commission.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC set membership and organization.
- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC recommended the name change and current membership and purpose.**
- **Resolution ___, 2013 National Convention, ratified Commission as a constitutional Commission.**

Membership

The **Veterans Employment & Education Commission** shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-one members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Commission, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

Appointments to fill members' expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Employment & Veterans' Preference Committee and the Chairman of the Veterans Benefits, Education and Homelessness Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Commission.

Purpose

- To supervise and coordinate all activities of committees assigned to the **Veterans Employment & Education Commission**;
 - When necessary, to initiate action concerning all matters affecting the economic well-being of veterans and/or the re-establishment of all war veterans returning to civilian life after a period of active service in the Armed Forces of the United States;
 - To keep the National Commander and the National Executive Committee informed concerning all developments affecting the economic welfare of veterans in all areas under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission;
 - Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.
- (Resolution 52, NEC, October 1970)

Assigned to the Veterans Employment & Education Commission for supervision and coordination are the **Employment & Veterans Preference Committee, the Veterans Benefits, Education & Homelessness Committee, and the Veterans Employment & Education Council.**

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EMPLOYMENT & VETERANS PREFERENCE COMMITTEE (Assigned to Veterans Employment & Education Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Authorization – Employment Committee

- 1935 National Convention authorized Committee.
- November 1937 NEC set the membership at nine and assigned additional duties.
- November 1946 NEC enlarged membership.
- October-November 1947 NEC assigned it to Economic Commission for supervision and coordination.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC, set membership and organization.
- Resolution 15, Spring 1975 NEC, set purpose.

Authorization – Veterans Preference Committee

- 1931 National Convention authorized Committee.
- November 1937 NEC expanded duties.
- November 1938 NEC authorized executive section.
- November 1946 NEC enlarged executive section.
- October-November 1947 NEC assigned it to Economic Commission for supervision and coordination.
- Resolution 1, October 1962 NEC, set membership and organization.
- Resolution 15, May 1975 NEC, set purpose.

Membership

The Employment & Veterans Preference Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-one members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the twenty-one members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, seven shall be appointed for a term of one year, seven shall be appointed for a term of two years, and seven shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for a terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies of unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Employment & Veterans Preference Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission.

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Purpose

- **To survey, study, and recommend solutions on problems relating to employment, unemployment, underemployment, reemployment, and workers compensation of all war veterans who seek, or have, attachment to the labor force, public or private;**
- **To study all questions involved in the protection of preferential rights of veterans in civil service;**
- **Such matters as may concern the obtaining of veterans' preference by legislation, with special attention to securing a more rigid enforcement and broad extension of federal, state, and municipal civil service, with adequate preference for veterans by legislation, and assisting veterans in the enforcement of the veterans' preference provisions of the law in cases which may be referred to it that show a violation of the spirit or letter of said veterans' preference provisions contained in the federal statutes, federal civil service regulations, executive orders, or otherwise, in all federal governmental employment;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

VETERANS EDUCATION, OTHER BENEFITS & HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE (Assigned to Veterans Employment & Education Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created committee and established membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Veterans Benefits, Education & Homelessness Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, six shall be appointed for a term of two years, and six shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for a terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies of unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Veterans Benefits, Education & Homelessness Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission.

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Purpose

- **To insure that veterans educational benefits provided by the United States government to veterans are sufficient to pay all of the cost of a college education at state-supported colleges, all of the costs of trade school education, and a substantial portion of education provided by privately-owned colleges;**
- **To insure that every generation of veterans has substantially the same or better benefits than the previous generation;**
- **To insure that the federal and local governments are allocating sufficient resources to alleviate and end the challenge of homelessness among America's veterans;**
- **To insure that all veterans receive the benefits to which they are entitled as recompense for their military service on behalf of a grateful nation;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION COUNCIL (Assigned to Veterans Employment & Education Commission)

Authorization

- **Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created council and established membership and purpose.**

Membership

The Veterans Employment & Education Council shall consist of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander upon nominations submitted by the several Departments and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Appointments to the Veterans Employment & Education Council shall be effective until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.

The Veterans Employment & Education Council shall take its directives and instructions from the Veterans Employment & Education Commission. The Veterans Employment & Education Commission and Division are responsible for keeping Veterans Employment & Education Council members on all mailing lists of the Commission and Division.

Purpose

- **To understand, support and disseminate the principles of the Commission to which assigned;**
- **To review and be familiar with the resolutions pertaining to the Commission;**
- **To be available from time to time at the request of the Commission Chairman or National Commander to participate in activities relative to the purposes of the Commission;**
- **May be asked to represent The American Legion at meetings of other like-minded organizations;**

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- **At the National Commander's discretion, Council members may be called in to any regularly scheduled meeting of their parent Commission. Council members shall have voice but no vote.**
- **To promote and disseminate programs and principles of The American Legion;**
- **Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.**

This council does not have a Chairman, since it does not meet. The Chairman of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission will be the ex-officio Chairman of this Council.

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COMMITTEES DISSOLVED AND OTHER CHANGES AUTHORIZED

1. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING MAY 3-4, 1961

Accident Prevention Committee – Dissolved. Resolution No. 64. Functions transferred to National Americanism Commission.

Boys' State Committee – Dissolved. Resolution No. 65. Functions transferred to National Americanism Commission.

Marksmanship Committee – Dissolved. Resolution No. 67. Functions transferred to National Americanism Commission.

Religious Emphasis Committee – Dissolved. Resolution No. 66. Transferring functions having relationship to the Community Service programs to the National Americanism Commission.

Sons of The American Legion – Dissolved. Resolution No. 63. Transferring the functions of the Committee and the work of the Americanism Division in this field to the Department and Post Membership Activities Committee and Section, in the Internal Affairs Commission and Division.

Education and Scholarship Committee – Dissolved. Resolution No. 70. That the program of the Education and Scholarship Committee be transferred to the National Americanism Commission, and that the Advisory Committee on Education and Scholarship become advisory to the National Americanism Commission. NOTE – Resolution No. 51 mandates deletion of official representative of the Forty and Eight from the Advisory Committee on Education and Scholarship.

Transportation Committee – Dissolved. Resolution No. 62. Transfer functions to the National Convention Commission.

Agricultural and Conservation Committee – Dissolved. Resolution No. 61. Transfer functions to the National Economic Commission.

Labor Relations Committee – Dissolved. Resolution No. 60. Transfer functions to National Economic Commission.

Resolution No. 58, mandates that the name Membership and Post Activities Committee as applied to the appropriate committee and section be changed to Department and Post Membership Activities. (Resolution No. 58, Spring 1961, was rescinded by Resolution No. 14, Fall 1973).

Resolution No. 51, mandates the deletion of the provision providing that an official representative for the Forty and Eight be designated to serve on the Advisory Board of Child Welfare.

Insurance Advisory Board, Medical Advisory Board, and Vocational Training Board of the National Rehabilitation Commission – Resolution No. 68, rescinded authority for the appointment of such boards, and stated that the National Rehabilitation Commission was given authority to call in consultants in the field of Insurance, Medicine, and Vocational Training as the needs arise.

The American Legion National Endowment Fund Trustees – Resolution No. 69, rescinded the authority to have The American Legion National Endowment Fund Trustees.

2. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 25-26, 1961

The name of the Department and Post Membership Activities Committee was changed back to Membership and Post Activities Committee by the adoption of Resolution No. 24.

Resolution No. 5 (Program Study Committee) – Subject: “Appointments of Vice Chairmen of National Commissions and Committees of The American Legion” was submitted to the October 25, 1961 NEC meeting, and was referred by the NEC to the Reorganization Subcommittee of the National Executive Committee for study and appropriate action, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 25-26, pages 21-23, 56-57. This same resolution had previously been submitted by the Program Study Committee to the September 14, 1961 Post-Convention NEC meeting in Denver, Colorado, and the NEC referred the matter to the October 25-26 NEC meeting as a Special Order of Business, NEC Digest of Minutes, September 14, 1961, pages 18-19.

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3. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 2-3, 1962

The Reorganization Subcommittee of the National Executive Committee in its Report to the National Executive Committee meeting of May 2-3, 1962 stated that Resolution No. 5 (Program Study Committee) – Subject: “Appointments of Vice Chairmen of National Commissions and Committees of The American Legion,” which had been referred by the NEC (October 25-26, 1961 NEC) to the Sub-Committee has been rejected in favor of a substitute proposal which is incorporated in the following resolutions which were submitted by the Resolutions Sub-Committee to the May 2-3, 1962 NEC meeting:

Resolution No. 60 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Organizational Structure of Commissions and Committees of The American Legion,” approved NEC Digest of Minutes, May 2-3, 1962, page 204-205.

Resolution No. 61 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Membership of Commissions and Committees of The American Legion,” approved NEC Digest of Minutes, May 2-3, 1962, page 205.

The Reorganization Sub-Committee of the National Executive Committee further stated that the Sub-Committee would introduce a resolution at the October 7, 1962 Pre-Convention NEC meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, which would lay down the structure of National Commissions and Committees of The American Legion as contained in Resolutions No. 60 and 61.

Resolution No. 62 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Creation of National Security Council and National Americanism Council,” approved NEC Digest of Minutes, May 2-3, 1962, page 206. The National Security Council takes the place of the National Security Training Committee which was dissolved by approval of Resolution No. 62.

National Security Training Committee – Dissolved. Resolution 62. The National Security Council takes its place under supervision of the National Security Commission.

4. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 1962(Pre-Convention NEC meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada)

Resolution No. 1 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Membership of National Commissions and Committees,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 7, 1962, pages 15-19. Note: Full text can be read in Appendix A. This resolution carries out the intent of Resolution No. 60 and Resolution No. 61 which were approved at the May 2-3, 1962 NEC meeting.

Resolution No. 2 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “National Commission and Committee Term Appointments,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 7, 1962, page 29. This resolution emphasizes that nothing in the language of Resolution No. 1 – “Membership of National Commissions and Committees” shall be construed to mean vacating any existing term appointments.

Resolution No. 3 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Creation of The National Americanism Council of The American Legion,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 7, 1962, page 29.

Resolution No. 4 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Creation of The National Security Council of The American Legion,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 7, 1962, pages 29-30.

There has been a reorganization Committee of The American Legion since 1929. It has been created and dissolved from time to time upon completion of various assignments throughout the years. NOTE: No appointments have been made to the Reorganization Sub-Committee since 1971-1972, and the Sub-Committee was inoperative. Routine matters which would have been referred to it have been handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.

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5. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, APRIL 30- MAY 1, 1964

Resolution No. 28 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Amend the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of The American Legion,” approved, NEC, Digest of Minutes, April 30-May 1, 1964, page 47. The resolution authorized adding the promotion of youth activities through education and educational facilities to the National Americanism Commission, as this had not been done when the Education and Scholarship Program was transferred to this Commission from the National Child Welfare Commission at the time Resolution No. 70 was approved at the May 1961, NEC meeting.

Resolution No. 53 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Redesignation of The Group Insurance Committee, and Reassignment to The National Finance Commission,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, April 3-May 1, 1964, pages 47-51. The name of The Group Insurance Committee and/or Trust Committee on Insurance was renamed The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee.

6. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 6-7, 1965

Resolution No. 1 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Rescind Authority for Inter-American Committee and Enlarge Membership of The Foreign Relations Commission,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 6-7, 1965, page 15. This resolution dissolved the Inter-American Committee (created by NEC, May, 1949 – Resolution No. 68) and its responsibility was transferred to the National Foreign Relations Commission. The resolution also authorized increasing the membership strength of the National Foreign Relations Commission from 18 to 27 term members effective with the adoption of the resolution. Resolution No. 1, adopted by the Pre-Convention NEC meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, was modified accordingly as it pertains to the National Foreign Relations Commission.

Resolution No. 13 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Creation of a National Foreign Relations Council,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 6-7, 1965, page 15.

7. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 3-4, 1967

Resolution No. 49 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Authorization to Dissolve the National Pilgrimage Committee of The American Legion,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, May 3-4, 1967, page 99.

8. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 1-2, 1968

Resolution No. 2 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Transfer Graves Registration and Memorial Committee From Internal Affairs Commission and Re-Name National Cemetery Committee,” approved NEC Digest of Minutes, May 1-2, 1968, page 100. The Committee was transferred to the National Rehabilitation Commission for supervision and coordination. Responsibilities relating to memorials excluding national cemeteries remain the responsibility of the Internal Affairs Commission.

Resolution No. 10 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Eliminate Investments Policy Committee and Transfer duties to National Finance Commission,” approved NEC Digest of Minutes, May 1-2, 1968, page 101.

Resolution No. 11 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: Eliminate Special Sub Committee on Uniform Code of Military Justice and Court of Military Appeals and Transfer Duties to National Security Commission,” approved, NEC Proceedings, May 1, 1968, on page 101.

Resolution No. 12 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Eliminate Amateur Radio Network Committee and Transfer Duties to National Civil Defense Committee,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, May 1-2, 1968, page 101.

Resolution No. 13 (Reorganization of Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: “Eliminate Housing Committee and Transfer Duties to National Economic Commission,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, May 1-2, 1968, pages 101-102.

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9. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 16-17, 1968

Resolution No. 35 (National Commander's Advisory Committee) – Subject: "Status of National Commander's Representative Clarified," approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 16-17, 1968, page 118. This resolution resolved a longstanding question of the status of National Commander's Representatives on National Commissions and Committees and other appointive bodies by granting them all rights and privileges of appointed members.

10. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 8-9, 1969

Resolution No. 60 (Reorganization Sub-Committee of NEC) – Subject: "Creation of Sons of The American Legion Committee Attached to National Membership and Post Activities Committee," approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, May 8-9, 1969, page 65.

11. BY THE 52ND NATIONAL CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 1-3, 1970

Resolution No. 1 (NEC Sub-Committee on Reorganization) page 68, amended Section 6, Article I, (as amended) National By-Laws, to change the name of the National Rehabilitation Commission to the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

Resolution No. 2 (NEC Sub-Committee on Reorganization) page 69, amended Section 6, Article I, National By-Laws, to change the name of the National Child Welfare Commission to the National Commission on Children & Youth.

Resolution No. 3 (NEC Sub-Committee on reorganization) page 69, amended Section 6, Article I, National By-Laws, to change the name of the National Publications Commission to The American Legion Magazine Commission.

Resolution No. 42_ (National Commander's Advisory Committee), page 104, established seven-member Spirit of '76 Committee.

12. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 21-22, 1970

Resolution No. 51 (National Commander's Advisory Committee) – Subject: "Problems of Pollution and Degradation of our Biological Environment Assigned to Jurisdiction of National Internal Affairs Commission," approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 21-22, 1970, page 88. This policy statement, drafted by the National Commander's Advisory Committee, established that problems of pollution are germane to the purposes of The American Legion and assigned primary responsibility for coordinating the development of policy to the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Resolution No. 52 (National Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: "Amend Statement of Purpose of Certain National Commissions and Committees," approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, October 21-22, 1970, page 69. Revised statements of purpose of the following bodies were adopted following study by the Internal Affairs Commission and mutual agreement with the bodies concerned: Legislative Commission, Commission on Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, Economic Commission, Internal Affairs Commission, Membership and Post Activities Committee, and Foreign Relations Commission.

Resolution No. 53 (National Finance Commission) – Subject: "Establishment of Data Computer Center at National Headquarters," gave official status to Management Review Board previously appointed by the National Adjutant. (*See statement under Special Committees.*)

The board consisted of three members, designated by position in above cited resolution: Publisher of *The American Legion Magazine*, Executive Director of the Indianapolis Headquarters, and the Director of the National Internal Affairs Commission. They were chartered to the following: "...to study proposals involving the computerization system." In practice, the board meets upon the call of the National Adjutant or the Executive Director to review proposals for major changes in the Computer Center; reviewing bids for equipment and services; submits recommendations to the National Adjutant for the consideration of the National Finance Commission; and is normally directed by resolution to meet with the National Judge Advocate to negotiate contracts relating to the Computer Center as authorized by the National Executive Committee. (NOTE: This board is now inactive and recommendations of the Board resulted in the current Management Information System at National Headquarters.)

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13. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 5-6, 1971

Resolution No. 31 (National Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Overseas Cemeteries,” approved, NEC Digest of Minutes, May 5-6, 1971, page 109. “Whereas” section of the resolution points out that in transfer of former Graves Registration and Memorial Committee (now National Cemetery Committee) from the Internal Affairs Commission to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, the two commissions had mutually agreed that Internal Affairs would retain responsibility for policy matters relating to overseas cemeteries, “all of which are currently closed and are maintained as memorials.”

14. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 20-21, 1971

Resolution No. 1 (National Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Revised Statement of Purpose, Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee,” approved, NEC, October 20-21, 1971. The resolution brings up to date the statement of purpose of the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee to include its responsibilities for the International Amity Award, Canadian Friendship Award, etc.

15. BY THE 54TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 22-24, 1972

Resolution No. 461 (Iowa), page 40 – Subject: “Authorize a Veterans Medical Care Advisory Committee,” authorized and directed National Commander to appoint three-member committee and such consultants as he deems necessary.

16. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 2, 1973

Resolution No. 31 (National Security Commission as amended by Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Change Title of Aeronautics and Space Committee to Aerospace Committee and Title of Aeronautics and Space Subcommittee of Convention Committee on Security to Aerospace Subcommittee,” approved.

17. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 17-18, 1973

Resolution No. 15 (Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Abolish National Sons of The American Legion Committee and Transfer Duties to National Internal Affairs Commission,” approved.

18. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 1-2, 1974

Resolution No. 22 (National Security Commission, as approved by Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Change Title of Civil Defense Committee to Defense Civil Preparedness Committee and Title of Civil Defense Subcommittee of Convention Committee on Security to Defense Civil Preparedness Subcommittee,” approved.

19. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 9-10, 1974

Resolution No. 25 (Resolutions Subcommittee of NEC): “Resolved, That the Supervisory Committee on Education and Scholarships is hereby dissolved and any residual duties shall be vested in the National Americanism Commission.”

20. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, APRIL 30-MAY 1, 1975

Resolution No. 15 (National Economic Commission through National Internal Affairs Commission) revised the statement of purpose of the National Employment Committee. (Revised statement appears on page 19 in main body of this publication.)

Resolution No. 45 (Resolutions Subcommittee of NEC) created a National Legislative Council and attached it to the Legislative Commission. (See full explanation under Legislative Commission in main body of this publication.)

21. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 8-9, 1975

Resolution No. 6 (National Americanism Commission) dissolved the Joint Committee with the National Education Association.

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22. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 5-6, 1976

Resolution No. 12 (National Americanism Commission) created National Committee on Education.

23. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 4-5, 1977

Resolution No. 18 (National Legislative Commission) amended Resolution No. 45, NEC, April 30- May 1, 1975, titled "National Legislative Council," extended the term of Council members to coincide with the Congressional Sessions and expand the Council members to include a separate representative and liaison with each United States Senator.

24. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECEMBER 31, 1976 (As directed by Resolution No. 42, May 6-7, 1970)

Resolution No. 42, National Executive Committee, May 6-7, 1970 (Internal Affairs Commission) authorized the National Commander to appoint seven outstanding Legionnaires to a committee to be known as the "Spirit of '76 Committee" to serve until the culmination of the observance of the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

25. BY THE 59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 23-25, 1977

Resolution No. 519 (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation) discharged the "Veterans Affairs Care Advisory Committee" and created the "Select Committee on Special Problems of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program."

26. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 2, 1979

Resolution No. 11 (Internal Affairs Commission) changed the five areas of Children & Youth and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation to eight regions for the purpose of establishing Regional Leadership Conferences.

27. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 15-16, 1980

Resolution No. 42 (Resolutions Subcommittee of NEC) – Subject: "Dissolving a Committee," approved. This resolution dissolved the Joint Rehabilitation – Economic Subcommittee on Problems of the Aged and Aging. Residual duties shall be vested in the Select Committee on Special Problems of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program.

28. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 12-13, 1982

Resolution No. 29 (Resolutions Subcommittee of NEC) – Subject: "Discharge the Select Committee on Special Problems of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program. This resolution discharged this Select Committee.

29. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 9-10, 1984

Resolution No. 35 (Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: "Pershing Hall Operation's Committee Dissolved." This resolution dissolved the Pershing Hall Operating Committee.

30. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 8-9, 1985

Resolution No. 40 (National Americanism Commission) This resolution authorized the National Commander to appoint a National Committee on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution with said Committee terminating on October 31, 1988.

31. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETINGS, OCTOBER 18-19, 1989, AND MAY 2-3, 1990

Resolution No. 30 (Finance Commission), October 18-19, 1989 and Resolution No. 35 (Internal Affairs Commission), May 2-3, 1990 – Subject: "The American Legion National Emergency Fund." These resolutions, by one of their resolve clauses, authorized the National Commander to appoint a Special Committee to coordinate the solicitation and distribution of funds.

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32. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 17-18, 1990

Resolution No. 37 (Resolution Subcommittee) that the National Commander appoint a Committee to study the possibility of a pilgrimage to Pearl Harbor during the week of December 7, 1991, the 50th Anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

33. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 1-2, 1991

Resolution No. 32 (National Internal Affairs Commission) that the National Commander appoint a Special Committee to recommend and oversee events sponsored commemorating World War II.

34. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 14-15, 1992

Resolution No. 13 (National Americanism Commission) that the name of The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee be changed to The American Legion Life Insurance Committee.

35. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 5-6, 1993

Resolution No. 37 (National Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Creation of Special Committee to Formulate Plans for Observance of 75th Anniversary of The American Legion.”

36. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 5-6, 1993

Resolution No. 37 Subject: “Department Representatives to the 75th Anniversary Committee.” This resolution established the Committee until duties completed at the 1994 National Convention.

37. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 2-4, 1995

Resolution No. 33 (National Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “National Emergency Fund.” This resolution dismissed the Special Committee appointed by the National Commander.

38. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 18-19, 1995

Resolution No. 1 (Resolutions Subcommittee) – Subject: “Discharge of the World War II Anniversary Committee.” This resolution dissolved the World War II Anniversary Committee.

39. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 8-9, 2003

Resolution No. 1 (Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Amend the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of The American Legion.” This resolution amends certain Convention Committee duties and/or changes the names of committees to align with the Department of Homeland Security establishment.

Resolution No. 2 (Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Realign Responsibilities and Rename Certain Committees Assigned to the National Americanism Commission and National Security Commission of The American Legion.” This resolution realigns Commission and Committees to reflect functions either added or changed as a result of the Department of Homeland Security establishment.

40. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 4-5, 2005

Resolution No. 19 (Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Membership and Organization of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.” This Resolution realigns Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation because of the elimination of the National Leadership and Information Conferences (NEC Resolution No. 26, National Leadership and Information Conferences).

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41. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING AUGUST 22, 2005

Resolution No. 2 (Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Membership and Organization of Commission on Children & Youth.” This Resolution realigns Children and Youth because of the elimination of the National Leadership and Information Conferences, (NEC Resolution No. 26, National Leadership and Information Conferences).

42. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING MAY 10-11, 2006

Resolution No. 27 (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission) Subject: “National Convention Veterans Affairs and Screening Committee.” Resolution establishes a National Convention Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Screening Committee to review the resolutions assigned to a Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Commission.

43. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 6-7, 2009

Resolution No. 28 (Finance Commission) – Subject: “Reorganization of National’s Marketing Services Group.” This Resolution dissolves Haynes and Partners Communications, Inc. (HPC), a wholly owned subsidiary of The American Legion, which was approved for purchase by NEC Resolution No. 37, May 2-3, 1990, and amended by Pre-Convention NEC Resolution No. 3, dated August 27, 1990. Also, the Resolution created two new American Legion Headquarters Divisions, Fundraising - reports to Finance Commission and Membership Support Services – reports to Internal Affairs Commission as directed.

44. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 6-7, 2009

Resolution No. 26 (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission) – Subject: “Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to Ensure Proper Representation of Claims Adjudicated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Pension (Management Centers).” This Resolution created an Ad Hoc Committee (subject as above) with members to be appointed by the National Commander with NEC approval to explore all viable options available to ensure proper representation to all claimants represented by The American Legion at three pension maintenance centers with a report provided to the NEC at Fall 2009 meeting.

45. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 5-6, 2010

Resolution No. 11 (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission) – Subject: “Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to Streamline the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Process to Address the Backlog of Claims.” This resolution created Ad Hoc Committee with representation of four American Legion Department Service Officers appointed by National commander with NEC approval to offer recommendations to help streamline and improve accuracy of the VBA claims processing system with final report submitted to National Commander at the Fall 2011 NEC meeting. This resolution was further amended by Resolution No. 186, National Convention, September 2010 (New York and VA&R Convention Committee) – Subject: “Expand Responsibility of The American Legion’s Ad Hoc Committee on Claims to Streamline the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) Processes to Address the Backlog of Appeals.”

46. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, OCTOBER 13-14, 2010

Resolution No. 13 (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission) – Subject: “Creation of Ad Hoc Committee on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). This resolution created an Ad Hoc Committee (Subject as above) with members appointed by National commander to investigate the existing science, procedures, or alternative methods for treating TBI and Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) not currently being employed by VA and the DoD with a preliminary report provided to NEC by the May 2011 meeting.

47. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 4-5, 2011

Resolution No. 31 (Internal Affairs Commission) – Subject: “Creation of a Committee to Formulate Plans for Observance of the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion.” This resolution forms the committee and authorizes National Commander to appoint and replace members as deemed necessary until completion of duties after the 2019 National Convention.

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Resolution No. 41 (Subcommittee on Resolutions) – Subject: “Non-Legislative Resolutions from the Subcommittee on Resolutions. This resolution rescinds Resolution No. 3, NEC, May 6-7, 1987, titled, “Appointment of a Policy Coordination and Action Group” and Resolution No. 30, NEC, October 13-14, 1982, titled “Appointment of a Veterans’ Planning and Coordinating Committee.”

Resolution No. 42 (Subcommittee on Resolutions) – Subject: “Appointment of a Veterans Policy Oversight Committee.” This resolution authorizes the National Commander to appoint a Veterans Policy Oversight Committee (VPOC) of not more than ten members and such number of consultants as deemed necessary.

Resolution No. 43 (Subcommittee on Resolutions) – Subject: “Centennial Task Force for the Future.” This resolution authorizes the National Commander with approval of the NEC to create a Centennial task Force for the Future to examine the current structure and operations of the National Organization with reference to the commissions, committees, councils, boards and similar bodies to make recommendations to the National Executive Committee by the 2013 Pre-Convention meeting.

48. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, MAY 9-10, 2012

Resolution No. 32 (Subcommittee on Resolutions – Subject: “American Legion Insurance Committee.” Dissolved said committee.

Resolution No. 33 (Subcommittee on Resolutions) – Subject: “Revenue Enhancement Committee.” This resolution created said committee.

49. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING, AUGUST 27, 2012

Resolution No. 1 (Subcommittee on Resolutions) – Subject: “Advisory Committee to the National Commander.” Changed the membership of said committee.

50. BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING MAY 8-9, 2013

Resolution No. 1 (Subcommittee on Resolutions) – Subject: “Outline of Authorization”

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A Summary of Significant Emendations in the Proposed Outline of Authorization

AMERICANISM COMMISSION

- Changed the Commission on Children & Youth to the Committee on Children & Youth, reporting to the Americanism Commission (page 9)
- Changed the name of the Committee on Education to Committee on Youth Education (page 10)
- Eliminated the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

- Changed the Commission on Children & Youth to the Committee on Children & Youth, reporting to the Americanism Commission (page 9)

CONVENTION COMMISSION

- Eliminated Distinguished Guests Committee

FINANCE COMMISSION

- Created Marketing Committee (page 18)

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION

- Changed the Foreign Relations Commission to the Foreign Relations Committee, reporting to the National Security Commission (page 35)
- Eliminated the Foreign Relations Council

ECONOMIC COMMISSION

- Changed name to Veterans Employment & Education Commission (page 46)
- Eliminated Employment Committee
- Eliminated Veterans Preference Committee
- Created Employment & Veterans Preference Committee (page 47)
- Created Veterans Benefits, Education and Homelessness Committee (page 48)
- Created Veterans Employment & Education Council (page 49)

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

- Changed the name of Resolutions Assignment Committee to National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee (page 24)
- Eliminated the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee, transferring duties to the Internal Affairs Commission

EXHIBIT B

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

- Merged the Public Relations Commission and The American Legion Magazine Commission into the Media & Communications Commission

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

- Created Media & Communications Commission, merging Public Relations and The American Legion Magazine Commissions (page 29)
- Created the Media & Communications Council (page 30)

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

Eliminated the following (many duties folded into newly created committees, see below)

- Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness Committee
- Law and Order Committee
- Merchant Marine Committee
- Military Affairs Committee
- Naval Affairs Committee

Created

- Conventional Armed Forces Committee (page 34)
- Foreign Relations Committee (page 35)
- Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee (page 36)
- Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee (page 37)
- National Guard & Reserve Forces Committee (page 38)
- Unconventional Forces & Intelligence Committee (39)

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE COMMISSION

- Merged The American Legion Magazine Commission and the Public Relations Commission into the Media & Communications Commission

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMISSION

- Created Health Administration Committee (page 42)
- Created Veterans Benefits Committee (page 44)
- Created Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Council (page 45)