

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
MAY 8 – 9, 2013**

**Resolution No. 17: Include Department Service Officer Website Link on Annual Dues Notices**  
**Origin: Resolution No. 92 (IL) 2011 National Convention**  
**Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, The four pillars of our organization consists of Americanism, Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and National Security; and

WHEREAS, All state Legion departments have accredited service officers who can assist veterans in receiving their benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or have developed a network of referrals in that area; and

WHEREAS, There are unfortunately many veterans who are ill-informed and unaware of their VA entitlements and seldom come to post meetings or interact with their post service officer when they have a benefits question; and

WHEREAS, The annual dues notices that are mailed would be an excellent time to alert our comrades that their state Legion department has an active and accredited service officer; and

WHEREAS, This interaction between Legionnaires and our department service officers would help insure that our veterans obtain all the VA benefits they are entitled to as well as generate positive public relations by word of mouth; 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 American Legion change its annual dues notices to include our National website link [www.legion.org/departmentofficers](http://www.legion.org/departmentofficers) with a short comment stating veterans can obtain benefit information at this site.**