

**OUTLINE OF AUTHORIZATION, MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE
FOR COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicable to all Commissions and Committees

NATIONAL BY-LAWS

Article I, Section 4 and 6

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: National Americanism Commission, National Commission **on Children and Youth**, National Convention Commission, National Economic Commission, National Finance Commission, National Foreign Relations Commission, National Internal Affairs Commission, National Legislative Commission, **The American Legion Magazine** Commission, National Public Relations Commission, National **Veterans Affairs** and Rehabilitation Commission, National Security 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

(Type in bold indicates changes made by 52nd National Convention, September 1-3, 1970.)

LIAISON COMMITTEES

(Applies to all Commissions)

NEC November 1949 Meeting

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 three members from the National Executive Committee to serve as a liaison with each of said commissions; now, therefore, be it

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

National Americanism Commission
National Child Welfare Commission (1)
National Convention Commission
National Economic Commission
National Finance Commission
National Foreign Relations Commission
National Internal Affairs Commission
National Legislative Commission
National Publications Commission (2)
National Public Relations Commission
National Rehabilitation Commission (3)
National Security Commission

- (1) Changed to Commission on Children & Youth, September 1-3, 1970.
- (2) Changed to The American Legion Magazine Commission, September 1-3, 1970.
- (3) Changed to National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, September 1-3, 1970.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that such appointments shall be made annually at the November meeting of the National Executive Committee, and the appointees shall serve until adjournment of the November 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.

EXECUTIVE SECTIONS

(Applies to all Commissions and Committees)

NEC November 1949 Meeting

WHEREAS, under Section 6, Article 1, National By-Laws of The American Legion, certain standing commissions are created, each commission to consist of such number of members of The American Legion as the National Executive Committee may from time to time determine; and

WHEREAS, Under said section the National Executive Committee is further empowered to assign duties and responsibilities to such standing commissions and to group standing committees with such commissions for the purpose of efficient supervision and coordination of activities; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee, by appropriate action, has established said commissions, has determined the number of members to serve on each of them, has assigned

their duties and responsibilities and has grouped the standing committees under appropriate commissions, all as required by said Section 6; and

WHEREAS, It becomes necessary from time to time through the year for the National Commander to seek counsel and advice relative to the current program and activities of such commissions and committees assigned thereto, but due to the expense involved it is inadvisable to call the entire personnel of any standing committee or commission together except on certain occasions; and

WHEREAS, In order to facilitate the execution of the duties for the National Commander and to administer properly the principles and policies of the Legion, the National Commander each year should be empowered;

1. To designate executive sections in each said commissions and committees.
2. To select the personnel thereof not exceeding one-third of the full membership of the commissions or committees from the members of the various standing committees assigned thereto.
3. To change such personnel and the number thereof from time to time, depending upon the problem involved.
4. To call the members of any executive section into meeting during the year as required for advice and guidance with reference to problems, policies, activities, duties, and procedure of the respective commission and/or said committees assigned thereto in which said section is established.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the National Commander be and he is hereby given the foregoing enumerated powers and authority, and all former resolutions in conflict herewith as hereby declared null and void.

Above resolution modified by National Executive Committee resolutions of October 7, 1962, Las Vegas, Nevada, texts of which appear in body of this document.

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."

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVES (Applies to all Commissions and Committees)

Resolution 35, National Executive Committee, October 16-17, 1968

Resolution No. 35 (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, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 16-17, 1968, 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.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO NATIONAL COMMANDER

Authorization

This Committee was authorized in its present form at the November 1949 meeting of the NEC although earlier such committees had been established at the November 1946 and October-November 1947 meetings.

Membership

This Committee consists of nine members, a majority of whom shall be members of the NEC and at least one member from the National Finance Commission. The National Commander nominates the committee with prior 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.

Purpose

It acts as advisor and counselor to the National Commander or other National Officers on matters of administration and management and to study and report on matters referred to it by the National Commander or the National Executive Committee.

CITIZENS' FLAG ALLIANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Authorization

Resolution No. 19, NEC, May 4-5, 1994, entitled "Authorization to Create The Citizens Flag Alliance Advisory Committee", established this committee.

Membership

The resolution stated that the National Commander be and he is hereby authorized and directed to create the Citizens Flag Alliance Advisory Committee to comprise of the following members: the National Commander; the immediate Past National Commander; the Chairmen of the NEC Liaison Committee to the Americanism, Legislative, Public Relations, and Finance Commissions; the Chairmen of the Americanism, Legislative, Public Relations and Finance Commissions; such number of consultants as the National Commander may deem necessary and appropriate; and the National Adjutant and National Judge Advocate shall be **ex-officio** members. The National Commander shall also incite The American Legion Auxiliary in the numbers as deemed necessary.

Purpose

To create a nonprofit corporation known as the "Citizens Flag Alliance," for the purpose of aiding in the campaign to secure a constitutional amendment empowering the Congress and the States to enact legislation to protect the Flag of the United States from physical desecration.

POLICY COORDINATION AND ACTION GROUP**Authorization**

Resolution No. 3, NEC, May 6-7, 1987 entitled "Appointment of a Policy Coordination and Action Group" established this Committee.

Membership

The National Commander is authorized to appoint a Policy Coordination and Action Group, of not more than seven members, one observer, and such number of consultants, from within and without The American Legion. The Chairman of the Group shall be the National Commander and shall include in its membership the Immediate Past National Commander as Vice Chairman and the following as members: one member of the National Executive Committee and the Chairmen of the following Commissions: Foreign Relations, National Security, Americanism and Public Relations. The National Commander may also invite a Candidate for National Commander to participate as an observer.

Purpose

To coordinate decisions dealing with the programs of The American Legion and to establish a plan or plans of action to address foreign or domestic situations that may affect the national security or domestic stability of our nation.

POW/MIA COMMITTEE**Authorization**

Resolution No. 291, 73rd National Convention, September 3-5, 1991, entitled, "The American Legion Policy on Activities Relating to Southeast Asia POWs and MIAs established the authority for this Committee.

Membership

The National Commander given authority to appoint a Committee.

Purpose

To review all available information relating to POWs and MIAs, and investigate all possible avenues of obtaining a full accounting for those who are held prisoner or who are missing.

VETERANS' PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE**Authorization**

Resolution No. 30, NEC, October 13-14, 1982, entitled "Appointment of a Veterans' Planning and Coordinating Committee" established this Committee.

Membership

National Commander is authorized to appoint not more than seven members and such number of consultants as deemed necessary. The Chairman shall be the National Commander or designee and shall include the Chairman of the Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, Chairman of the Economic Commission, Chairman of the Legislative Commission and the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

Purpose

To make short and long-term recommendations, including but not limited to, anticipatory recommendations, in the area of rehabilitation, economics, and in the political field as it pertains to veterans.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE COMMISSION

(Formerly Publications Commission)

Authorization

The present Commission was first created by action of the 1936 National Convention, when the old Legion Publishing Corporation was dissolved and the NEC was authorized to establish a Legion Publishing and Publicity Commission. Pursuant to this 1936 Convention action, the November 1936 meeting of the NEC established such a commission. The 1940 National Convention changed the name to Legion Publications Commission. As a division of National Headquarters it is under the control of the NEC. The November 1935 meeting of the NEC authorized an Advisory Board. The November 1944 meeting of the NEC eliminated the National Commander as Chairman and the November 1946 meeting of the NEC enlarged the membership. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting made it a Committee and assigned it to the Finance Commission. However, the May 1948 NEC meeting and the 1948 National Convention revoked this action making it a constitutional Commission. The name of this body was changed to The American Legion Magazine Commission by amendment of Section 6, Article 1, of the National By-Laws at the 52nd National Convention, September 1-3, 1970. (Resolution 3, p. 69.)

Membership

Resolution No. 1, NEC, October 7, 1962, established current membership and organization of Commissions and Committees. Refer to Appendix A for complete text of Resolution No. 1.

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

The National Commander is authorized to appoint an Advisory Board 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 technically qualified to advise in respect to the editing and publishing of a periodical.

Of the twenty-one members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 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 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.

The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each.

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; and the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed seven members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

To publish and distribute The American Legion Magazine. In this connection the Commission shall make a comprehensive report at each regular meeting of the NEC covering all important transactions, proposed commitments, proposed contracts, plans and its financial condition, all of which shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the NEC.

AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Authorization

“While an Americanism Commission was established in 1919 and made a constitutional committee at the 1924 National Convention, it was continued as a Constitutional Commission by the 1947 National Convention and the authorization for the present Commission was re-stated by the October-November 1947 NEC meeting.”

Membership

Resolution No. 1, NEC, October 7, 1962, established current membership and organization of Commissions and Committees. Refer to Appendix A for complete text of resolutions No. 1.

The National Americanism Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed thirty members selected at-large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairman of the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee and the National Americanism Council shall be ex-officio members of the Commission.

Of the thirty members who shall be appointed to the Commission in the Fall of 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, ten shall be appointed for a term of one year, ten shall be appointed for a term of two years, and ten 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 un-expired 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; and the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed ten members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission (*consists of not less than 18 nor more than 24 members*) shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or mission as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

The purpose as stated in the reorganization plan of October-November 1947 is to supervise and coordinate National Committee Activity, promoting understanding and appreciation of

American Government and activity in the American way of life through youth activities, community service, instruction of prospective citizens and immigrants, education and educational facilities, and to combat subversive and terrorist activities.

Assigned to the Commission for supervision and coordination are the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee and the National Committee on Education.

COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (Assigned to Americanism Commission)

Authorization

This committee originally called Un-American Activities, was authorized at the November 1950 meeting of the NEC. It was released from assignment under the Americanism Commission at the May 5-7, 1952 meeting of the NEC, reporting directly to the NEC. Later it was merged and integrated into the National Americanism Commission and assigned again to the Americanism Commission for report and administrative purposes. This change occurred at the October 15-17, 1953 meeting of the NEC; the name was also changed to Counter-Subversive Activities at the same time.

Membership

Resolution No. 1, NEC, October 7, 1962, established current membership and organization of the Commissions and Committees. Refer to Appendix A for complete text of Resolution No. 1.

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

There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Of the fifteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, five shall be appointed for a term of one year, five shall be appointed for a term of two years, and five 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 un-expired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

The members of the General Member Section shall be appointed to serve for terms of one year each, or until the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee. 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; and the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed five members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or mission as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee in an ex-officio member of the National Americanism Commission.

Purpose

To study and recommend the necessary action to be taken from time to time for the purpose of resisting Un-American activities and subversive movements preventing terrorist attacks within the United States, its territories and possessions.

NATIONAL AMERICANISM COUNCIL (Assigned to Americanism Commission)

Authorization

The National Americanism Council was created by approval of Resolution No. 62 at the May 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee and the duties are defined in Resolution No. 3 which was approved at the October 7, 1962 Pre-Convention meeting of the National Executive Committee in Las Vegas, Nevada. The National Americanism Council is assigned to the National Americanism Commission for purposes of supervision.

Membership

The National Americanism Council shall consist of a Chairman, such Vice Chairman as may be required, and such General 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 National Americanism Council shall be for one year or until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.

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

The National Americanism Council shall not form an Executive Section, nor shall it be called into General Meeting at National expense; but, it shall take its directives and instructions from the National Americanism Commission.

The Chairman of the National Americanism Council is an ex-officio member of the National Americanism Commission.

Purpose

To propagate an interest in and a furtherance of the principles of Americanism as advocated by The American Legion, and to serve as a medium of disseminating and understanding of these principles throughout the Nation using the agencies of the Departments and Posts of the American Legion and its affiliated bodies, as well as other patriotic organizations of like mind.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
(Assigned to Americanism Commission)****Authorization**

The National Committee on Education was created by approval of Resolution No. 12 at the May 1976 meeting of the National Executive Committee, assembled at National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana. Resolution No. 12 assigned this committee to the National Americanism Commission for the purposes of supervision and coordination.

Membership

The National Committee on Education shall be composed of the following membership: (1) Six members appointed by the National Commander for term of one, two, and three years-thereafter, each National Commander having responsibility for filling two vacancies during his year in office, (2) Three members appointed annually by the American Legion Auxiliary National President, (3) Two members from the National Americanism Commission appointed annually by the Chairman of that Commission and, (4) The National Executive Committee Liaison Chairman to the Americanism Commission. The Chairman of this Committee, appointed by the National Commander, may or may not be a member of the Committee. The total composition of the Committee shall consist of both educators and lay persons with a strong interest in education.

Purpose

It shall be the purpose of the National Committee on Education: (1) To inform itself and The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary of developments, problems and potentials in the field of education; (2) To recommend appropriate policies and programs for The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary; and (3) 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.

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

Formerly Child Welfare Commission

Authorization

A Child Welfare Committee was authorized as a Constitutional Committee at the 1924 National Convention, but the authorization for the present Commission was the October-November 1947 meeting of the NEC and the 1947 National Convention continuing it as presently constituted. The name of this body was changed to Commission on Children & Youth by amendment of Section 6, Article I, of the National By-Laws at the 52nd National Convention, September 1-3, 1970, Resolution No. 2, and amended by the National Executive Committee meeting of October 17-18, 1979, Resolution No. 7.

Membership

Resolution No. 1, NEC, October 7, 1962, established membership and organization of Commissions and Committees. Refer to Appendix A for complete text of Resolution No. 1. *This resolution was amended by Resolution No. 7, National Executive Committee, October 17-18, 1979. Because the National Leadership and Information Conferences were terminated by Resolution 26, NEC, October 2004, the geographical regions were dissolved thus eliminating the means for selection and appointment of Regional Chairmen and Vice Chairmen. Resolution 2, NEC, August 22, 2005 amended Resolution 7, October 1979 making one group within the Children and Youth Commission.*

The National Commission on Children & Youth (*as amended by Resolution 2, NEC, August 22, 2005*) consists of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and Executive Section and such General Members as may be appointed; provided, however, that the Chairman may and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the six members of the Executive Section.

The General Members of the Commission shall be selected on the basis of not to exceed one from each department.

There is authorized to be affiliated with this Commission a Children & Youth Advisory Board, consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee. Number of members on the Advisory Board is not specified, but must include an official representative of The American Legion Auxiliary, and of the Eight and Forty.

The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Commission *and* six members at-large. 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 and an Executive Section.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged.

Of the six members at-large who shall be appointed to the Executive Section of the Commission, two shall be appointed for a term of one year, two shall be appointed for a term of two years, and two shall be appointed for a term of three years; and of the General Members appointed, one-third shall serve for a term of one year, one-third shall serve a term of two years, and one-third shall serve 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 interim appointments as shall be required to fill vacancies in un-expired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

The members of the Children & Youth Advisory Board 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 Executive Section of the Commission may be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

To formulate, recommend, and implement plans, programs, and activities designed to assure care and protection for the children of veterans and to improve conditions for all children and youth with due concern for maintaining the integrity of the family home, preventing social and physical ills of children and youth where possible, utilizing services of and cooperating with sound organizations and agencies for children and youth, and maintaining a balanced program that provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs. (Note: This purpose was defined by Resolution No. 52, NEC, October 21-22, 1970).

CONVENTION COMMISSION

Authorization

While there was a temporary Committee from November 1934 to November 1935, a permanent National Convention Liaison Committee from May 1935 to November 1944, a National Convention Corporation from November 1944 to July 1945 and a National Convention Bureau from July 1945 to November 1947, the authorization for the present Commission is the action of the October-November 1947 NEC meeting and the 1948 National Convention which made it a Constitutional Commission. At this time, too, the membership was increased.

Membership

Resolution No. 1, NEC, October 7, 1962, established current membership and organization of Commissions and Committees. Refer to Appendix A for complete text of Resolution No. 1.

The National Convention Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twelve members selected at-large, provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairman of the Distinguished Guests Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Commission; and, the retiring President of each Convention Corporation shall be an ex-officio member of the Commission for the following 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.

Of the twelve members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, four shall be appointed for a term of one year, four shall be appointed for a term of two years, and four 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 term of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in un-expired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each.

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, and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed four members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the

Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have an opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

Supervise and coordinate National Committee activity in connection with National Conventions and related activities. Duties and functions are outlined in detail in Resolution No. 21, from the NEC meeting of October 15-17, 1953 (D:46). For a number of years it has been the policy to automatically refer all Convention Resolutions dealing with time, place, and arrangements (except housing) to this Commission, rather than a Convention Committee (Permanent organization reports).

Committees assigned to it for supervision and coordination are: Contest Advisory and Distinguished Guests.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE (Assigned to Convention Commission)

Authorization

The first formal recognition was through the confirmation of Committee appointments by the NEC at its January 1923 meeting. The 1929 National Convention specifically authorized such a Committee. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the Convention Commission for purpose of supervision and coordination.

Membership

Is unlimited, each appointment being for one year. The Chairman as such is an ex-officio member of the Convention Commission.

Purpose

To assist the National Commander and the NEC in extending proper reception and entertainment for distinguished persons in the United States during the year, and in attendance at the National Convention, who are or may be guests of The American Legion or to whom The American Legion desires to show particular courtesy.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Authorization

This Commission was authorized at the October-November 1947 NEC meeting when it was made a Constitutional Commission.

Membership

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

Of the twenty-one members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 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 terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in un-expired 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed seven members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

To supervise and coordinate all activities of committees assigned to the Economics Commission and, 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 Economic Commission. (Resolution No. 52, NEC, October 21-22, 1970).

Committees assigned to the Commission for supervision and coordination are: Employment and Veterans' Preference.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE (Assigned to Economic Commission)

Authorization

The current Committee was authorized by the 1935 National Convention and present construction of it authorized by the November 1937 meeting of the NEC. The Committee was enlarged at the November 1946 meeting of the NEC. At the October-November 1947 NEC meeting it was assigned to the Economic Commission for supervision and coordination.

Membership

Resolution No. 1, NEC, October 7, 1962, established current membership and organization of Commissions and Committees. Refer to Appendix A for complete text of Resolution No. 1.

The National Employment Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-one members selected at-large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, 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 1962 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 terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies in un-expired 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed seven members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Employment Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Economic Commission.

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. (Resolution No. 15, NEC, April 30-May 1, 1975).

VETERANS PREFERENCE COMMITTEE (Assigned to Economic Commission)

Authorization

This particular veterans' preference Committee was authorized at the 1931 National Convention. The duties were expanded at the November 1937 meeting of the NEC. The Executive Section was authorized at the November 1938 meeting of the NEC. The November 1946 meeting of the NEC enlarged the Executive Section. The October-November 1947 meeting of the NEC assigned it to the Economic Commission for purpose of supervision and coordination.

Membership

Resolution No. 1, NEC, October 7, 1962, established current membership and organization of Commissions and Committees. Refer to Appendix A for complete text of Resolution No. 1.

The National Veterans' Preference Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at-large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 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 un-expired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

The members of the General Member Section 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.

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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the

ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the Committee.

In selection of the designees of the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Veterans' Preference Committee in an ex-officio member of the National Economic Commission.

Purpose

To study all questions involved in the protection of preferential rights of Veterans in Civil Service.

The additional duties mandated in 1937 area: "Such matters as may concern the obtaining of Veterans' Preference by Legislation be assigned to the Veterans' Preference Committee with special attention to:

1. Securing a more rigid enforcement and broad extension of federal, state, and municipal civil service, with adequate preference for Veterans by Legislation.
2. 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."

FINANCE COMMISSION

The first record of a Finance Committee was in 1919 but it was established as a constitutional body by the 1922 National Convention. It was made a constitutional commission by action of the October-November 1947 NEC meeting and the 1947 National Convention.

Membership

Seven members will each serve a term of three years, staggered. The National Commander and the National Treasurer are ex-officio members of the Commission, and the National Judge Advocate has ruled they are on exactly equal terms with the appointive members of the commission with equal powers. The National Adjutant is ex-officio Secretary and not a member of the Commission. The Chairman is taken from the membership of the Commission to serve for a term of one year.

Purpose

Charged with the preparation of the yearly budget and the handling of funds under that budget, and 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.

Committees, funds, and trusts assigned to it for supervision and coordination are: Emblem Committee, The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, and Overseas Decoration Trust. The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporations 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 National 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 National 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.

AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION, INC.

(Not assigned to Finance Commission, but placed here for convenience)

Authorization

At the August 30 and September 9, 1953 meetings of the NEC, a committee was authorized to create a Foundation. This Committee reported at the October 1953 NEC meeting and the National Commander, National Adjutant and the National Judge Advocate were authorized and

directed to take the necessary steps to incorporate such a Foundation. The October 1954 meetings of the NEC approved the article 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 gifts, devise, bequest or otherwise, and money or property in trust, and to use and expend the principal and/or income of said 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 of 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.

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

Authorization

The American Legion Endowment Corporation is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware as a non-profit corporation. At the June 1925 meeting of the NEC, Articles of Incorporation and the set-up was approved. The November 1946 meeting of the NEC stated the membership should be nine. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting stated it was a separate corporation, so it's not assigned to any national commission, but would make reports to the NEC through the 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. **Note: The article of Incorporation gives complete purpose statement and defines the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors.**

THE AMERICAN LEGION INSURANCE COMMITTEE (Assigned to Finance Commission)

Authorization

Formerly known as The Group Insurance Committee, and the Trust Committee on Insurance, it was first authorized at a special meeting of the National Executive Committee, which was held in Washington, D.C., on February 22, 1958 (NEC Digest of Minutes, February 22, 1958, page 11).

The name of the Committee was next changed to The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee by action of the National Executive Committee, April 30-May 1, 1964, Resolution No. 53 (NEC Digest of Minutes, April 30-May 1, 1964, pages 47-51). This resolution also removed the Committee from the jurisdiction of the Internal Affairs Commission and placed it under the jurisdiction of the Finance Commission. The Committee shall report to the National Executive Committee no less than two times each year, through the National Finance Commission.

The name of the Committee was again changed to The American Legion Life Insurance Committee by action of the National Executive Committee, October 14-15, 1992, Resolution 13.

In May 1998, the NEC again changed the name to "The American Legion Insurance Committee" by Resolution 6, NEC, May 6-7, 1998.

Membership

The American Legion Insurance Committee shall consist of ten members appointed by the National Commander with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee with the Chairman appointee to serve for a term of one year from among the term members. Ten members shall be appointed, three serving for terms of one year; three serving for terms of two years; and four serving for terms of three years each; and thereafter their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years each.

Purpose

To consider, advise, and recommend to the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, reporting through the National Finance Commission of The American Legion, those step which are necessary and desirable for the proper administration of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, dated May 28, 1958, and the Amendment thereto, including but not limited to, advice and recommendations in connection with the disbursement of trust funds and any increments derived form the investment thereof, and further, in connection with reimbursement of expenses incurred by the American Legion relative to The American Legion's Insurance Program, subject however, to the receipt of an itemized accounting properly certified by the National Treasurer of The American Legion.

To maintain liaison with and surveillance over the activities of the "Administrator" to assure that the several provisions of the Administration and Promotion Agreement, executed December 28, 1960, are properly fulfilled in accordance with the said Agreement and to advise the National Executive Committee, reporting through the National Finance Commission, or its findings, accompanied by appropriate recommendations, when they are deemed necessary.

To maintain liaison with the "Administrator", the insurance carriers and components of The American Legion to ensure that adequate steps are being taken at all times toward the end that The American Legion's Insurance Program may be successfully promoted and to advise the National Executive Committee, reporting through the National Finance Commission, of its findings accompanied by appropriate recommendations when they are deemed necessary.

To keep it informed, consulting with and through the legal department of the respective insurance carriers of The American Legion's Life Insurance Program or those legal developments involving insurance law, which could or might affect any phase of The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan and those instruments executed in connection therewith.

Finally, at all times the said Committee is to protect the legal rights of the individual policyholders under The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, and the good name and integrity of The American Legion.

EMBLEM COMMITTEE (Assigned to Finance Commission)

Authorization

This committee was created at the September 11, 1932, meeting of the National Executive Committee. The November 1946, meeting of the NEC enlarged the membership. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the Finance Commission for supervision and coordination.

Membership

The National Emblem Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed nine members selected at large, all of whom are qualified on the basis of their merchandising knowledge and ability; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of nine members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, three shall be appointed for a term of one year, three shall be

appointed for a term of two years, and three 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, and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed three members of the Committee.

In selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

Makes a thorough study of operation and problems of the Emblem Division and submits suggestions or recommendations dealing with changes and general policy to the NEC. This Committee is to pass on all Emblem contracts.

OVERSEAS GRAVES DECORATION TRUST (Assigned to Finance Commission)

Authorization

A fund for the decoration of overseas graves was raised in 1921 and 1922 and at the May 1923 meeting of the NEC a Trusteeship plan was recommended to handle the Fund, which was being held by the National Treasurer in trust. Then, until 1935, the plan was acted upon in various forms, by the NEC, but the Trusteeship never was completed because of objections raised by the designated Trustees. Finally at the November 1935 meeting of the NEC, the reorganized plan was reported approved and signed by all the designated National Officers placing it in current operation. The July 1945, meeting of the NEC authorized certain changes in chairmanship. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the Finance Commission for supervision and coordination.

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 National 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

The trusteeship is charged with the custody, control, and administration of the Fund, the income of which is to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the World Wars who lie buried overseas.

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Authorization

The present Commission was first authorized as a Committee at the 1940 National Convention. The membership strength of the Commission was increased by the adoption of resolutions at the November 1940, the November 1946, and the October 1965, meetings of the National Executive Committee. It was made a constitutional commission by action of the October-November 1947, National Executive Committee and the 1948, National Convention.

The membership and organization of the National Foreign Relations Commission was set forth in Resolution No. 1, adopted at the Pre-Convention NEC meeting of October 7, 1962, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Commission membership strength of the Commission was increased from eighteen to twenty-seven members, and the Inter-American Committee was dissolved and its members transferred to the National Foreign Relations Council (Resolution No. 13, NEC, October 6-7, 1965).

Membership

The National Foreign Relations Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-seven members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairman of the National Foreign Relations Council shall be an ex-officio member of the Commission.

The Commission shall consist of twenty-seven members, nine of who shall be appointed each year 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 un-expired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee as 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed nine members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place, as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be

specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

To supervise and coordinate national activity on all matters of American Legion policy relating to United States foreign policies and programs generally, including those involving relations with foreign governments, property abroad, the United Nations and affiliated organizations, other international organizations and conferences, and the agencies of the United States responsible for development and execution of its foreign policies and programs (Resolution No. 52, NEC, October 21-22, 1970).

The National Foreign Relations Council has been assigned to this Commission for supervision and coordination.

**NATIONAL FOREIGN RELATIONS COUNCIL
(Assigned to Foreign Relations Commissions)**

Authorization

The National Foreign Relations Council was created by approval of Resolution No. 13 at the October 1965, meeting of the National Executive Committee. The National Foreign Relations Council is assigned to the National Foreign Relations Commission for purposes of supervision.

Membership

The National Foreign Relations Council shall be composed of a general membership appointed by the National Commander upon the recommendations of the Departments of The American Legion. The National Commander shall appoint a National Chairman of the Council and such National Vice Chairmen as may be required. The Chairman of the Council shall be ex-officio member of the National Foreign Relations Commission.

The Council shall not form an Executive Section, nor shall it be called into general meeting at National expense; but it shall take its directions and instructions from the National Foreign Relations Commission. Appointments to the National Foreign Relations Council shall be for one year or until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee. At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination of the National Commander, the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Council to serve in such capacity for one year.

Purpose

To propagate an interest in and a furtherance of the principles of Foreign Relations as advocated by The American Legion and to serve as a medium of disseminating and understanding of the principles through the agencies of the Department and Posts of The American Legion and its affiliated organizations.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Authorization

First known as the Internal Organization Commission, it was established as a constitutional commission by action of the October-November 1947 NEC meeting and the 1948 National Convention. The name changed and the duties broadened at the May 1948 NEC meeting.

Membership

The National Internal Affairs Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Graves Registration and Memorial Committee, the Membership and Post Activities Committee, the Pilgrimage Committee, the Resolutions Assignment Committee, and the Trophies Awards and Ceremonials Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Commission. **(Graves Registration and Memorial Committee was subsequently changed to National Cemeteries Committee and transferred to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. Pilgrimage Committee was subsequently dissolved.)**

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 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 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

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 as do not properly come within the scope of any other national commission; further to review and give guidance to the necessary administrative operations of the National Headquarters. (Resolution 52, NEC, October 21-22, 1970.)

The following committees have been assigned to it for supervision and coordination: Constitution and By-Laws, Membership and Post Activities, Resolutions Assignment, and Trophies, Awards, and Ceremonials.

Committee responsibilities relating to memorials exclusive of national cemeteries shall remain the responsibility of the Internal Affairs Commission. Responsibility for policies regarding pollution assigned to Internal Affairs by Resolution 51, NEC, October 21-22, 1970. Responsibility for overseas cemeteries assigned to Internal Affairs by Resolution 31, NEC, May 5-6, 1971. Sons of The American Legion was transferred to Internal Affairs from Americanism in May 1961, as a program under Internal Affairs supervision.

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

Authorization

The present committee was first authorized by the November 1939 meeting of the NEC. It was "reorganized" by the November 1941 meeting of the NEC. The November 1946 meeting of the NEC enlarged the membership. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the Internal Affairs Commission for supervision and coordination.

Membership

The National Constitution and 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 may, 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 1962 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the Committee.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Purpose

To study and make proper recommendations concerning all matters pertaining to the Constitution and By-Laws and all matters pertaining to the Uniform Code of Procedure.

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

Authorization

This Committee has been in existence since November 1942 under various names. The November 1946 meeting of the NEC changed the name to Membership and Post Activities Committee. The name of this Committee was next changed to Department and Post Membership Activities Committee by action of the National Executive Committee, May 3-4, 1961, Resolution 58. By action taken at the National Executive Committee meeting, October 25-26, 1961, Resolution 24, the name of the Committee was changed back to Membership and Post Activities Committee. By action taken at the National Executive Committee meeting, May 1-2, 1963, Resolution 6, the Membership Post Activities Committee was authorized to meet prior to the National Convention each year, 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 National Executive Committee through the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Membership

The National Membership and 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 may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

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.

There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Of the twelve members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, four shall be appointed for a term of one year, four shall be appointed for a term of two years, and four 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 term 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.

The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each.

The members of the General Member Section 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.

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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed four members of the Committee.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Membership and Post Activities Committee is an ex-officio member of the National 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. (Resolution 52, NEC, October 21-22, 1970.)

RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE (Assigned to Internal Affairs Commission)

Authorization

This Committee first known as the “National Policies Commission” was created at the May 1930 meeting of the NEC. The 1930 National Convention changed the name and revised its powers. The Committee was enlarged at the November 1942 and November 1946 meetings of the NEC. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the Internal Affairs Commission for supervision and coordination.

Membership

The National 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 may, and the Vice Chairman, shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

The Chairman or the director of the National Legislative Commission of The American Legion and a member of the National Executive Committee Legislative Commission Liaison Committee are authorized to sit with the 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.

Of the eighteen members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the Committee.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Assignment Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Purpose

To meet at least three days prior to the National Convention to receive and consider all resolutions and to transmit same with or without recommendation to the appropriate Convention Committee.

TROPHIES AWARDS AND CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE (Assigned to Internal Affairs Commission)

Authorization

Until 1942 known as the Trophies and Awards Committee, it started as a sub-committee of the NEC. The 1929 National Convention created it as an independent standing committee and the April-May 1942 meeting of the NEC added "Ceremonials" to the name. The November 1946 meeting of the NEC enlarged the membership. Added duties were given it at the May 1947 NEC meeting. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the Internal Affairs Commission for supervision and coordination.

Membership

The National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twelve members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the twelve members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, four shall be appointed for a term of one year, four shall be appointed for a term of two years, and four 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed four members of the Committee.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be

specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Purpose

To recommend policies and procedures relating to trophies and awards given by the National Organization in connection with American Legion activities. (Uniformed group contests are not included inasmuch as they fall under the purview of the Contests Supervisory Committee.) 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 Internal Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award. (Resolution 1 NEC, October 20-21, 1971.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Authorization

This Commission was first authorized as a Constitutional Committee by action of the 1924 National Convention. It was enlarged at the November 1940, November 1944, December 1945, and November 1946 meetings of the NEC. By action of the October-November 1947 NEC meeting and the 1947 National Convention, it was changed to a Constitutional Commission.

Membership

The National Legislative Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed thirty members selected at large, provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. Resolution 45, NEC, April 30-May 1, 1975, which created the National Legislative Council, made the Chairman of the Council an ex-officio member of the National Legislative Commission.

Of the thirty members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, ten shall be appointed for a term of one year, ten shall be appointed for a term of two years, and ten 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed ten members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

To be solely responsible for 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, and to assist the National Executive Committee in formulation of an

appropriate legislative program for each session of the Congress. (Resolution 52, NEC October 21-22, 1970.)

To provide the National Executive Committee with a copy of the Annual Consolidated National Legislative Council Activities Report. This report summarizes the National Legislative Council's grassroots lobbying efforts for each Congressional session. Report is due to the National Executive Committee at its Pre-Convention meeting. (Resolution 28, NEC, October 19-20, 1994.)

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (Assigned to Legislative Commission)

Authorization

The Legislative Council was authorized by the National Executive Committee, Resolution 45, April 30-May 1, 1975, as amended by National Executive Committee, Resolution 18, May 4-5, 1977.

Membership

The National Legislative Council shall be composed of a general membership appointed by the National Commander upon the recommendations of the Departments of The American Legion. Recommendations to the National Commander for appointments of general 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 National Chairman of the Council and National Vice Chairman from each Department. The Chairman of the Council shall be an ex-officio member of the National Legislative Commission.

The Council shall not form an Executive Section, nor shall it be called into a general meeting at National expense; but shall take its directions and instructions from the Legislative Commission. The National Commander may from time to time call one or more members together for the purpose of their helping to carry out specific or various legislative mandates.

The membership of the National 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.

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.

Appointments to the National 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 National Chairman shall be appointed annually, his term of office to extend no longer than December 31 of the next succeeding year.

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

Purpose

To propagate an interest in and a furtherance of the legislative goals of The American Legion, and to serve as a medium for disseminating information and of developing an understanding with our elected representatives in Congress.

To prepare the Annual Consolidated National Legislative Council Activities Report based on the National Legislative Council Vice Chairman's reports submitted to the National Legislative Council Chairman. Each National Legislative Council Vice Chairman's report is due no later than July 31 each year and will summarize the Department's grassroots lobbying efforts. (Resolution 32, NEC, October 14-15, 1992, and Resolution 28, NEC, October 19-20, 1994.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

Authorization

Following a recommendation of the 1944 National Convention that such a Committee be appointed, the November 1944 meeting of the NEC authorized its creation as a Commission. The July 1945 and the November 1946 meetings of the NEC took supplementary action regarding the name and size of the membership. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting and the 1948 National Convention established it as a constitutional Commission.

Membership

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

Of the thirty members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, ten shall be appointed for a term of one year, ten shall be appointed for a term of two years, and ten 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed ten members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee. There is an Advisory Board in the Commission of not more than three Department Adjutants. (NEC 12/13-15/45: D108) The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve a one-year term each.

Purpose

To coordinate and supervise National Committee activity in publicizing the work of The American Legion and in properly positioning The American Legion before the public.

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

Authorization

This Commission was created as a Committee, by action of the 1929 National Convention through the consolidation of the then current Military Affairs Committee and Aeronautics Committee. Since 1929, the NEC has changed the set-up at various times and is presently constituted as a Constitutional Commission, was established by action of the October-November 1947, meeting and the 1948 National Convention. At this time, it was designated Security Commission.

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 may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairmen of the Aerospace Committee, the Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness Committee (*name changed by NEC, October 2003*), the Merchant Marine Committee, the Military Affairs Committee, the Naval Affairs Committee, the Law and Order Committee, and the National Security Council shall be ex-officio members of the Commission.

Of the 21 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 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 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed seven members of the Commission.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

To supervise and coordinate National Security Commission activity, seeking to secure peace for the people of the United States through national and homeland security.

Committees assigned to it for supervision and coordination are: Aerospace, Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness, Law and Order, Merchant Marine, Military Affairs, National Security Council, Naval Affairs, and the 1958, 1962, and 1989 Subcommittees of the Commission.

AEROSPACE COMMITTEE

**(Assigned to National Security Commission)
(Formerly Aeronautics and Space Committee)**

Authorization

An earlier Commission was abolished at the November 1936 meeting of the NEC, at which time a new Commission was established. At the September 29, 1946 meeting of the NEC this latest Commission lost its independent status, and became a Committee of the National Defense group. The re-organization plan, approved by the October-November 1947, NEC meeting, assigned it to the Security Commission for supervision and coordination. Formerly called Aeronautics Committee, the name was changed to the Aeronautics and Space Committee at the October 8-9, 1958 NEC meeting, and to the Aerospace Committee at the April 30-May 1, 1973, NEC meeting.

Membership

The National Aerospace Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however; that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 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 Vice Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the Committee.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the

Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have the opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

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

Purpose

To consider and project the advancement of military and commercial aerospace technologies and programs to include space exploration and research.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND CIVIL PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (Assigned to National Security Commission until 1977) (Formerly Defense Civil Preparedness Committee - 1977 to 2003)

Authorization

This committee was created by action of the November 1941 meeting of the NEC. By action of the November 1942 meeting of the NEC, it was made a sub-division of the National Defense Committee. The membership was enlarged at the November 1946 meeting of the NEC. The duties were enlarged to cover disaster relief at the 1947 National Convention. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the Security Commission for supervision and coordination. At the May 1974 meeting the name was changed from Civil Defense Committee to Defense Civil Preparedness Committee. In October 2003 at the Fall NEC, the name was changed from Defense Civil Preparedness Committee to Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness Committee (see Resolution #2, NEC/October 2003).

Membership

The Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice

and consent of the National Executive Committee, and Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the Committee.

In the selection of the designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that a least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

To consider and urge the furtherance of suitable programs and policies which relate to Homeland Security, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Governmental and non-Governmental roles in disaster management and recovery, and support for first-responders and civil preparedness at all levels.

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE (Assigned to National Security Commission)

Authorization

This Committee was originally created by action of the 1933 National Convention, but the November 1950 meeting of the NEC reorganized it, creating its present set-up and re-assigned it to the National Security Commission. It had formerly been assigned to the Americanism Commission.

Membership

The National Law and Order Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed nine members selected at large, all of whom are qualified by occupation or avocation; provided, however that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

An advisory Board to the Committee consisting of not to exceed five members shall be appointed by the National Commander, subject to the ratification of the National Executive Committee.

There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section, consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee

Of the nine members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, three shall be appointed for a term of one year, three shall be appointed for a term of two years, and three 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 term 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 the ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each.

The members of the General Member Section shall be appointed to serve for a term of one year each, or until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.

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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed three members of the Committee.

In the selection of the designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The chairman of the Law and Order Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

To consider and promote the observance and enforcement of law and order policies for the internal and external security of the United States and citizens.

MERCHANT MARINE COMMITTEE (Assigned to National Security Commission)

Authorization

The November 1941 meeting of the NEC created this Committee. By action of the November 1942 meeting of the NEC, it was made a sub-division of the National Defense

Committee. The November 1946 meeting of the NEC enlarged the membership. The October-November 1947 meeting assigned it to the Security Commission for supervision and coordination.

Membership

The National Merchant Marine Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at Fall 1962 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 term 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 the 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the Committee.

In the selection of the designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

To consider and further those maritime policies supportive of a stronger Merchant Marine role in the National Defense posture of the United States.

MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Assigned to National Security Commission)

Authorization

In the make-up of the old National Defense Committee with its subdivisions, the subdivision dealing with the military phase was also called National Defense Committee. In order to eliminate the confusion of both the overall Committee and the subdivision being designated

National Defense Committee, the name of the subdivision was changed to Military Affairs Committee at the July 1945 meeting of the NEC. The membership was enlarged at the November 1946 meeting of the NEC. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the Security Commission for supervision and coordination.

Membership

The National Military Affairs Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, 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 1962 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 fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for a term 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 the 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 and Vice Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the committee.

In the selection of the designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

To consider policies affecting the full spectrum of military activities, including quality of life and readiness issues, for the active and reserve components and for the military retiree veterans.

**NATIONAL AND HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL
(Assigned to National Security Commission -- title changed to National and Homeland Security Council by Resolution No. 2, NEC Meeting, October 8-9, 2003))**

Authorization

The National Security Council was created by approval of Resolution No. 62 at the May 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee and the duties were defined in Resolution No. 4, which was approved at the October 7, 1962 Pre-Convention meeting of the National Executive committee in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Council takes the place of the former National Security Training Committee. The National Security Council is assigned to the National Security Commission for purposes of supervision.

Resolution No. 18, adopted at the 1989 Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee, authorized the establishment of the Sub-Committee on Conservation of Natural Resources, whose Chairman and membership would be annually appointed by the Chairman of the National Security Commission.

The name National Security Council was changed to National and Homeland Security Council at the October 2003 NEC meeting.

Membership

The National and Homeland Security Council shall consist of a Chairman, such Vice Chairmen as may be required, and such general 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 National and Homeland Security Council shall be for one year or until the close of the next succeeding Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.

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

The National and Homeland Security Council shall not form an Executive Section, nor shall be it called into general meeting at National expense; but it shall take its directives and instructions from the National Security Commission.

Purpose

To propagate an interest in and a furtherance of the capstone principles of national security as advocated by The American Legion and to serve as a medium of disseminating and understanding of these principles through the agencies of the Departments and Posts of The American Legion and its affiliated associations.

NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Assigned to National Security Commission)

Authorization

While there were earlier ones, the present Committee was established by the November 1941 meeting of the NEC. By action of the November 1942 meeting of the NEC, it was made a subdivision of the National Defense Committee. The November 1946 meeting of the NEC enlarged the membership. The October-November 1947 NEC meeting assigned it to the National Security Commission for supervision and coordination.

Membership

The National Naval Affairs Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eighteen members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, 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 1962 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 term 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 the 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee and Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed six members of the Committee.

In the selection of the designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have the opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission.

Purpose

To consider issues and policies affecting the Sea Services, namely, the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and the United States Coast Guard.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION

Formerly Rehabilitation Commission

Authorization

The first authorization for the present Commission was the action of the 1924 National Convention, establishing it as a Constitutional Committee.

The authorization for an Executive Committee for the Rehabilitation Committee was by action of the November 1939 meeting of the NEC with additional changes at the November 1942, and November 1943 meetings of the NEC.

Establishment as a Constitutional Commission was approved at the October-November 1947 NEC meeting and the 1947 National Convention. The name of this body was changed to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission by amendment of Section 6, Article I, of the National By-Laws, at the 52nd National Convention, September 1-3, 1970. (Resolution No. 1, page 68, as amended).

Membership

The membership for this Commission was established by action of the National Executive Committee meeting of May 3, 1979, Resolution No. 38 outlined the “region” concept. Since Resolution No. 26, October 2004 eliminated the National Leadership and Information Conferences and the means for selection and appointment of the eight Regional Chairmen and Vice Chairmen.

The National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission shall consist of a Chairman, and a Vice Chairman, and Executive Section, and such general members as may be appointed; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the twenty-one members of the Executive Section.

The general members of the Commission shall be selected on the basis of not to exceed one from each Department.

There is authorized to be affiliated with this Commission a Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Advisory Board, consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Commission, not to exceed twenty-one members at large. 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, and an Executive Section.

Of the twenty-one members of the Executive Section who shall be appointed to the Commission. Seven shall be appointed to 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; and, of the general members appointed at such meeting, one-third shall be appointed for a term of one year, one-third, shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one-third 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 of unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

The members of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Advisory Board 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 Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Purpose

To formulate and recommend to the National Executive Committee of The American Legion policies, plans, and programs as they concern veterans in their physical and vocational rehabilitation, their education, their social and economic readjustments, their entitlement to compensation and pension, and the support of their dependents and survivors; to coordinate the activities of the National Organization in veterans affairs; and to oversee the effectiveness of The American Legion's program of services to these war veterans and their dependents in claims for benefits administered by both federal and state governments.

NATIONAL CEMETERY COMMITTEE (Assigned to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission)

Authorization

This Committee was formerly known as the Graves Registration and Memorial Committee until the name was changed and it was transferred to the Rehabilitation Commission (now Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission) from the Internal Affairs Commission, with the approval of Resolution No. 2, at the May 1968 National Executive Committee meeting.

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 may, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee. The National Historian shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

Of the twenty-four members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 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 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and not to exceed eight members of the Committee.

In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the National Cemetery Committee is an ex-officio member of the National Rehabilitation Commission.

Purpose

To supervise and coordinate National Committee activity relating to national cemeteries and the internment of deceased veterans and servicemen.

Committee responsibilities relating to memorials, exclusive of national cemeteries, shall remain the responsibility of the Internal Affairs Commission.

Responsibilities for policies relating to overseas cemeteries also have been assigned to the Internal Affairs Commission (NEC, Resolution No. 31, page 102, May 5-6, 1971).

COMMITTEES DISSOLVED AND OTHER CHANGES AUTHORIZED

A. 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**.

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**. Resolution 51.

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

B. 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.

C. 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 Subcommittee 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.

D. 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 this last period, and the Sub-Committee was inoperative. Routine matters which would have been referred to it have been handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.*

E. 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.

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. 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 remains 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. 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.

I. 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.

J. 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.

K. 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.

L. 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 of the Executive Director of 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.)**

M. 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 at memorials.”

N. 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.

O. 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.

P. 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.

Q. 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.

R. 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.

S. 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.”**

T. 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 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 the publication.)

U. 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**.

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

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

W. 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**, entitled “**National Legislative Council**,” extend 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.

X. 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.

Y. 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**.”

Z. 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**.

AA. 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.

BB. 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.

CC. 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.

DD. 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.

EE. 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.**

FF. 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.**

GG. 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.**

HH. 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.**”

II. 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.

JJ. 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.

KK. 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.

LL. 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.

MM. 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).

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).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1 (NEC, October 7, 1962)

SUBJECT: Membership and Organization of National Commissions and Committees

SUBMITTED BY: Subcommittee on Reorganization

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2-3, 1962, adopted **Resolution No. 60**, thereby reaffirming the basic organizational structure of the National Commissions and Committees, the terms of all members thereof to be for three years with one-third expiring in each year, and providing that the vice-chairman of each Commission and Committee shall be appointed from among the term members thereof, and providing further for the appointment of an “executive section” for each Commission and Committee consisting of not to exceed one-third of the membership thereof, with one-half of the members of such section to be rotated each year; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee at the aforesaid meeting also adopted **Resolution No. 61**, the resolving clause of which reads:

“RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2-3, 1962, that the Subcommittee on Reorganization be and it is hereby instructed:

- 1) To review the memberships of all Commissions and Committees as hereinafter specified; and
- 2) To draw suitable resolutions to increase the authorized memberships as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.”;

and

WHEREAS, The “Exhibit A” attached to the aforesaid resolution and made a part thereof by reference recommended that the authorized membership strengths of the several Commissions and Committees (listed hereafter in the order of their appearance on said Exhibit A) be increased as follows:

NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION – from 21 to 30 members;
NATIONAL COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – From 9 to 15 members;
NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE COMMISSION (Executive Section) – from 12 to 18 members;
NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMISSION – from 10 to 12 members;
NATIONAL CONTESTS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE – from 18 to 21 members;
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION – from 10 to 21 members;
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE – from 18 to 21 members;
NATIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE – from 7 to 12 members;
NATIONAL VETERANS’ PREFERENCE COMMITTEE – from 12 to 18 members;
NATIONAL FINANCE COMMISSION – from 7 to 9 members;
NATIONAL EMBLEM COMMITTEE – from 6 to 9 members;
NATIONAL FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION – from 12 to 18 members;
NATIONAL INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE – from 5 to 9 members;
NATIONAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION - from 14 to 18 members;
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – from 15 to 18 members;
NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE – from 22 to 24 members;
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – from 7 to 12 members;
NATIONAL RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE – from 12 to 18 members;
NATIONAL TROPHIES, AWARDS AND CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE – from 9 to 12 members;
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION – from 21 to 30 members;
NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION – from 18 to 21 members;
NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION – from 24 to 30 members;
NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMISSION (Executive Section) – from 18 to 21 members;
NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION – from 10 to 21 members;
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE COMMITTEE – from 15 to 18 members;
NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE – from 12 to 18 members;

NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE COMMITTEE – from 15 to 18 members;
NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – to continue at 18 members;
NATIONAL NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – from 15 to 18 members;
NATIONAL LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE – from 7 to 9 members;

and

WHEREAS, The recommended increase in the membership of the National Finance Commission is the subject of a separate resolution to be considered by the 44th Annual National Convention in accordance with Article VIII of the By-Laws of The American Legion (inasmuch as the organization and membership of said Commission is prescribed by Article I, Section 5, of the By-Laws); and

WHEREAS, The recommended revision in the membership and organization of the remaining Commissions and Committees referred to in the aforesaid Resolution No. 61 is set forth in detail on exhibits numbered I through 29 attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6, of the By-Laws of The American Legion empowers the National Executive Committee to determine from time to time the number of members of the several Commissions and to group standing Committees with Commissions for the purpose of efficient supervision and coordination of activities; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the National Executive Committee in pre-convention meeting assembled in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 7, 1962, That the increases in the authorized memberships of the National Commissions (other than the Finance Commission) and Committees, as proposed by **Resolution No. 61** and adopted by the National Executive Committee at its meeting of May 2-3, 1962, are hereby approved; and, be it further

RESOLVED That, effective with the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, the membership and organization of the Commissions and Committees affected by this resolution shall be as prescribed on exhibits 1 through 29 attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference; and, be it further

RESOLVED That all resolutions heretofore adopted by the National Executive Committee which relate to the membership and organization of the Commissions and Committees identified on the hereto attached exhibits, and which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded; and, be it further

RESOLVED That nothing in this resolution shall be interpreted to affect or in any way modify the status, function, membership or organization of those committees, boards, or other previously authorized and currently existing agencies of The American Legion or of the National Executive Committee that are not covered by this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED That the National Adjutant is authorized and directed to cause to be revised and published the official “Outline of Authorization, Membership and Purpose for Commissions and Committees of The American Legion” in keeping with the provisions of this resolution.

Exhibit 1. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Par. 1-1.

(a). The National Americanism Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 30 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairmen of the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee and the National Americanism Council shall be ex officio members of the Commission.

(b). The American Legion Advisory Committee on Education and Scholarships is an advisory adjunct to the Commission and shall consist of the following members:

The Administrator of Veterans Affairs; The National President, The American Legion Auxiliary; Le Chapeau National, Eight and Forty, or her designated representative; The National Chairman, Education of War Orphans, The American Legion Auxiliary; and The National Chairman, Juniors of The American Legion Auxiliary.

Par 1-2.

(a). Of the 30 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 10 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 10 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 10 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.

(b). The members of the Advisory Committee on Education and Scholarships 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.

Par. 1-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 10 members of the Commission.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 1-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 2. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Par. 2-1.

(a). The National Counter-Subversive Activities Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 15 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

(b). There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 2-2.

(a). Of the 15 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 5 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 5 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 5 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.

(b). The members of the General Member Section 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.

Par. 2-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 5 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 2-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 2-5.

The Chairman of the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee is an ex officio member of the National Americanism Commission.

Exhibit 3 Membership and Organization of the – NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE COMMISSION

Par. 3-1.

(a). The National Child Welfare Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, an Executive Section, and such General Members as may be appointed; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

(b). The General members of the Commission shall be selected on the basis of not to exceed one from each Department, and such members shall be formed into five subcommittees on a geographical basis following the customary Departmental groupings known as Areas A, B, C, D, and E. A Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for each such Area shall be appointed from among the members of their respective subcommittees.

(c). There is authorized to be affiliated with this Commission a Child Welfare Advisory Board, consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee. Number of members on the Advisory Board is not specified, but must include an official representative of The American Legion Auxiliary, and of the Eight and Forty. Terms are for one year.

Par. 3-2.

(a). The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, the five Area Chairmen, the five Area Vice-Chairmen, and six members at large. 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; a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for each of the five Area subcommittees to serve in such capacity for one year, and an Executive Section.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged.

(c). In the selection of an Area Chairman, first consideration shall be given to the outgoing Area Vice-Chairman; and, in the selection of an Area Vice-Chairman, first consideration shall be given to that individual who previously shall have been selected and nominated for such purpose by the members of his respective Area, and whose term extends at least two years beyond the date of his appointment.

Par. 3-3.

Of the six members at large who shall be appointed to the Executive Section of the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 2 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 2 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 2 shall be appointed for a term of three years; and, of the General Members appointed, one-third shall serve for a term of one year, one-third shall serve for a term of two years, and one-third 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.

Par. 3-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 4. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMISSION

Par. 4-1.

(a). The National Convention Commission shall consist of a Chairman, A Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 12 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairmen of the Contests Supervisory Committee and the Distinguished Guests Committee shall be ex officio members of the Commission; and, the retiring President of each Convention Corporation shall be an ex officio member of the Commission for the following year.

(b). Not to exceed three Department Adjutants may be designated to serve as an Advisory Board to the Commission.

Par. 4-2.

(a). Of the 12 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 4 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 4 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 4 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.

(b). The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each.

Par. 4-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 4 members of the Commission.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 4-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 5. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL CONTESTS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Par. 5-1.

The National Contests Supervisory Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 21 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the member of the Committee.

Par. 5-2.

Of the 21 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 7 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 7 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 7 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.

Par. 5-3.

(a). At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 7 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 5-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 5-5.

The Chairman of the Contests Supervisory Committee is an ex officio member of the National Convention Commission.

Exhibit 6. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Par. 6-1.

The National Economic Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 21 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the member of the Commission. The Chairmen of the Employment Committee, the Housing Committee, and the Veterans' Preference Committee shall be ex officio members of the Commission.

Par. 6-2.

Of the 21 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 7 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 7 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, and 7 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.

Par. 6-3.

(a). At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 7 members of the Commission.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 6-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 7. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Par. 7-1.

The National Employment Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 21 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the member of the Committee.

Par. 7-2.

Of the 21 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 7 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 7 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 7 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.

Par. 7-3.

(a). At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 7 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged;

provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 7-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 7-5.

The Chairman of the Employment Committee is an ex officio member of the National Economic Commission.

Exhibit 8. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE

Par. 8-1.

(a). The National Housing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 12 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

(b). There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 8-2.

(a). Of the 12 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 4 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 4 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 4 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.

(b). The members of the General Member Section 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.

Par. 8-3.

(a). At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 4 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 8-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 8-5.

The Chairman of the Housing Committee is an ex officio member of the National Economic Commission.

Exhibit 9. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL VETERANS' PREFERENCE COMMITTEE

Par. 9-1.

(a). The National Veterans' Preference Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

(b). There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 9-2.

(a). Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

(b). The members of the General Member Section 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.

Par. 9-3.

(a). At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 9-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 9-5.

The Chairman of the Veterans' Preference Committee is an ex officio member of the National Economic Commission.

Exhibit 10. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL EMBLEM COMMITTEE

Par. 10-1.

The National Emblem Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 9 members selected at large, all of whom are qualified on the basis of their merchandising knowledge and ability; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Par. 10-2.

Of the 9 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 3 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 3 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 3 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.

Par. 10-3.

(a). At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 3 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 10-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 11. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Par. 11-1.

The National Foreign Relations Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the member of the Commission. The Chairman of the Inter-American Committee shall be an ex officio member of the Commission.

Par. 11-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

Par. 11-3.

(a). At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Commission.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 11-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 12. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE

Par. 12-1.

(a). The National Inter-American Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 9 members, of whom not less than 3 shall be selected from among the membership of Latin American Posts and Departments, with the remainder selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

(b). There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 12-2.

(a). Of the 9 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 3 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 3 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 3 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.

(b). The members of the General Member Section 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.

Par. 12-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 3 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 12-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the national Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 12-5.

The Chairman of the Inter-American Committee is an ex officio member of the National Foreign Relations Commission.

Exhibit 13. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Par. 13-1.

The National Internal Affairs Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairmen of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Graves Registration and Memorial Committee, the Membership and Post Activities Committee, the Pilgrimage Committee, the Resolutions Assignment Committee, and the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee shall be ex officio members of the Commission.

Par. 13-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, 6 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.

Par. 13-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Commission.

Par. 13-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 14. Membership and organization of the NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Par. 14-1.

The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Par. 14-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

Par. 14-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 14-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 14-5.

The Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee is an ex officio member of the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Exhibit 15. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Par. 15-1.

The National Graves Registration and Memorial Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 24 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee. The National Historian shall be an ex officio member of the Committee.

Par. 15-2.

Of the 24 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 8 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 8 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 8 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.

Par. 15-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 8 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 15-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 15-5.

The Chairman of the Graves Registration and Memorial Committee is an ex officio member of the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Exhibit 16. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Par. 16-1.

(a). The National Membership and Post Activities Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 12 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

(b). Not to exceed three Department Adjutants may be designated to serve as an Advisory Board to the Committee.

(c). There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 16-2.

(a). Of the 12 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 4 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 4 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 4 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.

(b). The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each.

(c). The members of the General Member Section 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.

Par. 16-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 4 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 16-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 16-5.

The Chairman of the Membership and Post Activities Committee is an ex officio member of the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Exhibit 17. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

Par. 17-1.

(a). The National Resolutions Assignment Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

(b). The Chairman or the Director of the National Legislative Commission of The American Legion and a member of the National Executive Committee Legislative Commission Liaison Committee are authorized to sit with the 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.

Par. 17-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

Par. 17-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 17-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 17-5.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Assignment Committee is an ex officio member of the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Exhibit 18. Membership and organization of the - NATIONAL TROPHIES, AWARDS AND CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE

Par. 18-1.

The National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 12 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Par. 18-2.

Of the 12 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 4 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 4 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 4 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.

Par. 18-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 4 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 18-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 18-5.

The Chairman of the National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee is an ex officio member of the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Exhibit 19. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Par. 19-1.

The National Legislative Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 30 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

Par. 19-2.

Of the 30 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 10 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 10 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 10 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.

Par. 19-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 10 members of the Commission.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 19-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 20. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

Par. 20-1.

(a). The National Publications Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 21 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

(b). The National Commander is authorized to appoint an Advisory Board to the Commission of not more than 5 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 the editing and publishing of a periodical.

Par. 20-2.

(a). Of the 21 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 7 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 7 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 7 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.

(b). The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each.

Par. 20-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission to serve in such capacity for one year; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 7 members of the Commission.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charge; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 20-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 21. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

Par. 21-1.

The National Public Relations Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 30 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission.

Par. 21-2.

Of the 30 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 10 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 10 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 10 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.

Par. 21-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 10 members of the Commission.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 21-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 22. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMISSION

Par. 22-1.

(a). The National Rehabilitation Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and Executive Section, and such General Members as may be appointed; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the 21 members of the Executive Section.

(b). The General Members of the Commission shall be selected on the basis of not to exceed one from each Department, and such members shall be formed into five subcommittees on a geographical basis following the customary Departmental groupings known as A, B, C, D, and E. A Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for each such Area shall be appointed from among the members of their respective subcommittee.

(c). There is authorized to be affiliated with this Commission a Rehabilitation Advisory Board, consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 22-2.

(a). The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, and not to exceed 21 members at large. 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; a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for each of the five Area subcommittees to serve in such capacity for one year, and an Executive Section.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged.

(c). In the selection of an Area Chairman, first consideration shall be given to the outgoing Area Vice-Chairman; and, in the selection of an Area Vice-Chairman, first consideration shall be given to that individual who previously shall have been selected and nominated for such purpose by the members of his respective Area, and whose term extends at least two years beyond the date of his appointment.

Par. 22-3.

(a). Of the 21 members of the Executive Section who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 7 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 7 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 7 shall be appointed for a term of three years; and, of the General Members appointed at such meeting, one-third shall be appointed for a term of one year, one-third shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one-third 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.

(b). The members of the Rehabilitation Advisory Board 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.

Par. 22-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 23. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

Par. 23-1.

The National Security Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 21 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Commission. The Chairmen of the Aeronautics and Space Committee, the Civil Defense Committee, the Merchant Marine Committee, the Military Affairs Committee, the Naval Affairs Committee, the Law and Order Committee, and the National Security Council shall be ex officio members of the Commission.

Par. 23-2.

Of the 21 members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 7 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 7 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 7 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 appointment 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.

Par. 23-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Commission for the ensuing year. The executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 7 members of the Commission.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Commission Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged;

provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Commission shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 23-4.

The Executive Section of the Commission shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Commission as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Exhibit 24. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE COMMITTEE

Par. 24-1.

The national Aeronautics and Space Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Par. 24-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the national Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

Par. 24-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 24-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 24-5.

The Chairman of the Aeronautics and Space Committee is an ex officio member of the National Security Commission.

Exhibit 25. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Par. 25-1.

The National Civil Defense Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Par. 25-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

Par. 25-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all member of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 25-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 25-5.

The Chairman of the Civil Defense Committee is an ex officio member of the National Security Commission.

Exhibit 26. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE COMMITTEE

Par. 26-1.

The National Merchant Marine Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Par. 26-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

Par. 26-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 26-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 26-5.

The Chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee is an ex officio member of the National Security Commission.

Exhibit 27. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Par. 27-1.

The National Military Affairs Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Par. 27-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

Par. 27-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 27-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 27-5.

The Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee is an ex officio member of the National Security Commission.

Exhibit 28. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Par. 28-1.

The National Naval Affairs Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 18 members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Par. 28-2.

Of the 18 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 6 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 6 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 6 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.

Par. 28-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 6 members of the Committee.

(b). In the section of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 28-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 28-5.

The Chairman of the naval Affairs Committee is an ex officio member of the National Security Commission.

Exhibit 29. Membership and organization of the – NATIONAL LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE

Par. 29-1.

(a). The National Law and Order Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 9 members selected at large, all of whom are qualified by occupation or avocation; provided, however, that the Chairman may, and the Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

(b). An Advisory Board to the Committee consisting of not to exceed 5 members shall be appointed by the National Commander, subject to the ratification of the National Executive Committee.

(c). There is authorized to be affiliated with this Committee a General Member Section consisting of such members as may be appointed by the National Commander from time to time and ratified by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 29-2.

(a). Of the 9 members who shall be appointed to the Committee at the Fall 1962 meeting of the National Executive Committee, 3 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 3 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and 3 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.

(b). The Advisory Board members shall be appointed at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to serve for terms of one year each.

(c). The members of the General Member Section 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.

Par. 29-3.

(a). 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; and, the National Commander shall designate, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, an Executive Section of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Section shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and not to exceed 3 members of the Committee.

(b). In the selection of designees to the Executive Section, the National Commander shall consult with the Committee Chairman to assure a competent working group familiar with the subjects with which they are charged; provided, that at least one-half of the membership of the Executive Section shall be rotated each year in order that all members of the Committee shall have opportunity to serve thereon.

Par. 29-4.

The Executive Section of the Committee shall be called into meeting at such time and place as the National Commander shall determine, to perform such tasks or missions as shall be specified between meetings of the full Committee as prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

Par. 29-5.

The Chairman of the Law and Order Committee is an ex officio member of the National Security Commission.