

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
MAY 7 – 8, 2014**

**Resolution No. 17: Paul H. Griffith National ROTC & JROTC Program**  
**Origin: National Security Commission**  
**Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has consistently supported the Reserve Officers Training Programs of the Armed Services of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Past National Commander (PNC) Paul H. Griffith served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense and throughout his life maintained an active interest and participation in our nation's national defense; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion established an award program in 1975 to honor the memory of PNC Griffith; and

WHEREAS, For more than five decades posts and departments have recognized and continue to recognize the dedication of Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) cadets by awarding military medals for military and scholastic excellence; and

WHEREAS, This program has always been national in scope involving all departments of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The continuation of a national program, bearing the name of Paul H. Griffith demonstrates The American Legion's steadfast support for ROTC and JROTC programs; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has been reviewed by the National Security Commission and with concurrence from the Internal Affairs Commission, is recommended to the National Executive Committee for favorable action; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 7-8, 2014, That The American Legion shall continue to recognize those departments which demonstrate leadership in encouraging students involved in Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) achievements through a program bearing and honoring the name of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That department adjutants are requested to complete the Paul H. Griffith Annual Report and to forward it to the director of the National Security Division no later than July 15 each year; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the winning departments shall be announced during The American Legion National Convention and each awarded with a congratulatory letter of appreciation certified by the National Commander's signature and delivered by regular mail to the department adjutants as appropriate; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That this resolution supersedes and rescinds Resolution No. 21 (October 8-9, 1975) entitled: Create a Paul H. Griffith National Trophy.**