

**NINETIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Phoenix, Arizona  
August 26, 27, 28, 2008**

**Resolution No. 340: Exempting Mailing Charges For Non-profit Organizations**  
**Origin: Convention Committee on National Security**  
**Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security**  
**Consolidated with Resolution No. 242 (OH)**

WHEREAS, The motto of The American Legion has been “For God and Country” since its founding by Veterans of World War I in 1919; and

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

WHEREAS, This service is performed through The American Legion’s basic programs; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America is presently in a state of war in Iraq and Afghanistan and several thousand of U.S. Troops are in both countries fighting the enemies of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Our troops in both countries have expressed their desire to receive any items from the United States, items ranging from non-perishable food to toiletries and personal items; and

WHEREAS, Several non-profit organizations and other entities, both personal and commercial have been organizing banks to collect items for the troops and sending such items to both countries, these actions being done through the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, The cost of mailing items to both countries is very expensive and sometimes, the entities do not have the funds to accomplish the mailing and they have to resort to asking for more monies just to mail the items; and

WHEREAS, The authority of the US Postal Service should exempt such mailing costs for non-profit organizations to accomplish the mailings to our deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of New Mexico voted that the United States Postal Service exempt the postal mailing charges for packages sent to US Armed Forces deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan by all non-profits, including The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Phoenix, Arizona, August 26, 27, 28, 2008, That the United States Postal Service exempt the postal mailing charges for packages sent to US Armed Forces deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan by all non-profit associations including The American Legion.**