

**EIGHTY-THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
August 28, 29, 30, 2001**

**Resolution No. 107: Blue Star Service Banner Program
Submitted by: Internal Affairs (Membership)**

WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion states, in part, “To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars...” and “To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;” and

WHEREAS, During World War II millions of Americans displayed service banners in the front windows of their homes which indicated they had a son or daughter in the military service of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has instituted a program known as “Operation Reconnect” which endeavors to reconnect the men and women of the armed services of the United States to local communities and to inform service people of how The American Legion can be of assistance to them and their families and how The American Legion is fighting for their veterans’ benefits; and

WHEREAS, By providing information and services to the members of the armed services through The American Legion’s “Operation Reconnect” program, it is hoped that today’s service people will understand the importance of belonging to an organization that is fighting for their interests and the interests of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has designed and has for sale in The American Legion’s 2001 Emblem Catalog (page 68, item 72982) a “Blue Star Service Banner” which can be displayed to indicate a family member in the armed forces of the United States; and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in San Antonio, Texas August 28, 29, 30, 2001, That The American Legion vigorously promote the use of the “Blue Star Service Banner” throughout the United States by encouraging Legionnaires and local American Legion Posts to purchase and present Blue Star Service Banners to the families of service people in their communities to display in the windows of their homes and to offer assistance, information, and services to military personnel and their families, when needed, as part of the “Operation Reconnect” program.