

**NINETY-THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 30, 31, September 1, 2011**

Resolution No. 58: Appreciation to the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance

Origin: Virginia

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Credentials and Other Internal Matters (Section II)
(As amended)**

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001, is a day Americans will forever remember, due to the terrorist attacks that resulted in nearly 3,000 lives being lost at New York City's World Trade Center; in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and the Pentagon in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of active duty military and veterans formed to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is further dedicated to preserving the memories and incidents of association in the great wars, and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The September 11th National Memorial Trail is an 1,100-mile planned continuous connection of trails, roads and greenways being established as a perpetual remembrance of the heroes America lost that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, The September 11th National Memorial Trail would begin at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania, continue to New York City and then to the Pentagon, and then back to the Flight 93 National Memorial; and

WHEREAS, One leg of proposed trail would extend from Virginia along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, following the Potomac River to Cumberland, Maryland, and then continue along the Great Allegheny Passage which passes near Shanksville as it terminates in Pittsburgh; Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The second leg of the proposed trail would connect the Great Allegheny Passage to the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville to continue east through Harrisburg to New Jersey and then to the September 11 National Memorial at the World Trade Center site in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The third and final leg of the proposed trail would extend along the East Coast Greenway from New York City to the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, The September 11th National Memorial Trail would provide a connecting on-road or off-road trail between all of the September 11 sites never to be broken; and

WHEREAS, The September 11th National Memorial Trail would be a multi-use trail for enjoyment by our veterans, including hikers, cyclists, boaters, and equestrians, along varied sections of the trail to portray the story of how America responded to the crisis on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, The September 11th National Memorial Trail would be highly beneficial to our active duty military and veterans and other citizens as a recreational trail to promote healthy bodies and minds, and provide economic benefit to the local communities along the trail corridor through tourism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The America Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 30, 31, September 1, 2011, That The American Legion commend the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance for the development of the National Historic Trail connecting the planned and existing memorial sites of the World Trade Center, Pentagon and the Flight 93 National Memorial on or before the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2011, by sending them a letter of appreciation.

