

**FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Houston, Texas
August 31, September 1, 2, 1971**

**Resolution No. 560: Uphold Rights and Benefits of Women Serving in the United States
Armed Forces**

Origin: Arizona

Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security

WHEREAS, Women in the uniformed services are required to perform under the same standards and regulations as men in the uniformed services; and

WHEREAS, It is the stated executive and legislative policy of the United States that women shall in all respects be entitled to the same rights, privileges, emoluments, and compensations as men performing the same duties; and

WHEREAS, Present policies and regulations do not afford the same privileges for spouses and dependent children of women in the uniformed services, but in fact, actually discriminate in denying the spouses and dependent children equal privileges with the spouses and dependent children of men in the uniformed services, in such widely diversified areas as accompaniment into exchanges and commissaries, hospitalization privileges, space available travel, and others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Houston, Texas, August 31, September 1, 2, 1971, That we advocate all present policies and regulations discriminating against the spouses and dependent children of women in the uniformed services be ended, and that the rights, privileges, emoluments, and compensations for performing duties be made exactly the same regardless of the sex of the individual performing such services and duties.