Resolution No. 7: Establish The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award
Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, One of the basic purposes of The American Legion is “to promote peace and good will on earth”; and
WHEREAS, The development of international friendship and good will is a desirable objective of all Americans; and
WHEREAS, For many years there has existed an ever-growing spirit of confraternity between veterans’ organizations of Canada and The American Legion on both sides of the United States-Canadian border; and
WHEREAS, The manifestation of this great bond of comradeship between veterans’ organizations of two great nations exemplifies the capabilities of freedom-loving peoples to perpetuate international friendship; and
WHEREAS, The American Legion recognition of the role of veteran-citizens of a war-time ally and neighbor in the furtherance of this spirit of international good will and comradeship can be an important contribution in conveying to the entire world the strength of the friendship of the United States of America and Canada; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 8-9, 1969, That there be created and established an award to be known as the “Canadian Friendship Award” under the following specifications:

1. The award shall be in the form of an appropriately designed citation and medal.
2. It shall be awarded to specific individuals who shall be war veterans within the accepted meaning of the term and members of an authentic veterans’ organization in Canada.
3. It shall be awarded to such individuals in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans’ affairs and in the development and perpetuation of the spirit of international good will and comradeship between United States and Canada and between their veterans’ organization and The American Legion.
4. It shall be awarded by the National Commander with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee at such time and place as may be consistent and appropriate.
5. Nominations for such awards may be made by any member of The American Legion in good standing filed with the National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee under such procedures established by that committee as are necessary and consistent with the effective administration of such an award.
6. Between meetings of the National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee and the National Executive Committee, the National Commander with the advice of his Advisory Committee, is authorized to present the Canadian Friendship Award to individuals who qualify under the previously stated provisions. Such presentations shall be reported by and through the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee to the National Executive Committee at the first meeting following the presentation, and the report shall be made a part of the proceedings of that meeting; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee is hereby charged with the administration of this award.