

**EIGHTY-FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA  
August 27, 28, 29, 2002**

**Resolution No. 149: The *USS Charles G. Abrell***

Submitted by: National Security

WHEREAS, Post 40 of The American Legion, Department of Indiana, is an organization of war Veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of their community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, it is a privilege and duty to honor comrades, and those who sacrificed, in order that we may all enjoy, develop and perpetuate in peace, the fruits of victory which had been won by war; and

WHEREAS, United States Marine Corporal Charles G. Abrell was a resident of the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, State of Indiana, prior to his entry into the United States Marine Corps five days after his seventeenth birthday; and,

WHEREAS, Corporal Abrell was killed in action on June 10, 1951 near Hangnyong, Korea, while single-handedly charging an enemy machine gun bunker that had pinned down his platoon with murderous automatic weapon fire; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Abrell, though twice wounded himself, attacked the enemy bunker with a hand grenade, was twice more wounded in his heroic charge, and finally killed when he hurled himself, and his grenade, into the enemy bunker killing the entire enemy gun crew, thereby saving the lives of his comrades; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Abrell, though 19 years of age at the time of his death, has also previously distinguished himself, during other actions, in his ten months of combat action during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Abrell was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Truman, as well as other awards, citations and decorations; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Abrell, and those who served so valiantly in the Korean War, deserve honor, recognition and respect from all Americans; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 27, 28, 29, 2002, That The American Legion honor the life, actions, sacrifice and memory of a brave man, Corporal Charles G. Abrell, of the state of Indiana, who gallantly gave his life for his country and comrades during the Korean War; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the American Legion request that the Secretary of the Navy name the next guided missile destroyer the *USS CHARLES G. ABRELL* in honor of this Korean War Medal of Honor recipient.**