Resolution No. 2: Revised Rules Governing The Award Of The William F. Lenker National Service Trophy

Submitted by: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, The National Service Trophy is awarded annually to that Department of The American Legion excelling in welfare and rehabilitation work for war veterans and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the National Service Trophy embodies the true meaning of that phrase included in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion which states, “To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;” and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20 adopted by the National Executive Committee on May 1-2, 1968, revised the rules governing the award of the National Service Trophy; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 4 adopted by the National Executive Committee on October 17-18, 1990, named the National Service Trophy in honor of William F. Lenker, a true champion of America’s veterans whose long record of outstanding and undaunted service to The American Legion and this nation’s veterans exemplified the spirit and purpose of the National Service Trophy; and

WHEREAS, In order to present the William F. Lenker National Service Trophy plaque to the winning Department upon announcement of the winner at the National Convention, it is necessary to amend the date of submission of the application for this award; and

WHEREAS, Certain other aspects of the rules governing the William F. Lenker National Service Trophy have become obsolete and require amending; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 18-19, 2006, That the Rules governing the William F. Lenker National Service Trophy award be revised to read as follows:

The William F. Lenker National Service Trophy is to be awarded annually to that Department of The American Legion excelling in welfare and rehabilitation work for war veterans and their dependents.

The National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission shall furnish each Department a “Statement of Rehabilitation Activities” questionnaire annually. Departments competing for this trophy shall present the completed questionnaire, duly certified by the Department Commander and Adjutant, to the National VA&R Commission in Washington, D.C., by at least July 15th.
Each year the National Commander shall appoint a committee of three to act as judges. The committee shall consist of the Chairman of the National VA&R Commission and any other two the National Commander shall see fit to designate.

Announcement and presentation of the award is to be made at each National Convention.

The title to this trophy is to remain with The American Legion. A laminated plaque containing a photo of the trophy with an attached engraved plate will be awarded to and retained by the winning Department.