

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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**Resolution No. 23: The American Legion Spirit of Service Award
Origin: Public Relations Commission
Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion Spirit of Service Award was established in 2000 by the National Commander to recognize outstanding volunteerism by junior enlisted service personnel in the five branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, This resolution authorizes the financial cost for this award and the travel costs to the National Convention for the purpose of annual recognition and acceptance of The American Legion Spirit of Service Award; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense and the five military departments have identified the most outstanding men and women each year to receive this distinguished recognition; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Spirit of Service Award recipients have received press coverage in Armed Service News dispatches, the Pentagon Channel, their military base newspapers and their home town publications; and

WHEREAS, Spirit of Service Award recipients will forever carry with them rewarding experiences of their association with their American Legion comrades at National Convention and serve as positive voices among their peers for the organization; and

WHEREAS, All five servicemembers participate in National Convention activities and showcase the professionalism and dedication of today's armed forces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2011, That The American Legion shall provide each of the five Spirit of Service Award Recipients of the Year with one roundtrip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates within the Continental United States to the National Convention and four nights lodging at a convention hotel; one ticket (two tickets if accompanied by spouse or supervisor) for the National Commander's banquet; staff per diem for five days, an engraved glass and marble award trophy not exceeding the cost of \$350, adjusted as needed for inflation; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the National Commander will provide each of the five recipients their first year membership in The American Legion, if not already a member.