

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
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**Resolution No. 34: Making The Combat Action Badge Retroactive To World War II**

Submitted by: National Security

(As amended)

WHEREAS, A segment of American fighting men and women have been excluded from recognition for engaging enemy forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, This group of American veterans including armor, artillery and combat engineers, but not limited to just these units, has fought with extreme courage, valor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, These brave soldiers have served without due recognition and are deserving of a badge signifying their courage and valor under fire while serving in the armed forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Since September 18, 2001 any soldier who distinguishes his or herself in actual combat or engagement with enemy forces of the United States are eligible for the Combat Action Badge; and

WHEREAS, Those who served prior to September 18, 2001 are still not recognized as having served in a close combat situation firing at and taking fire from enemy forces; and

WHEREAS, This injustice could be remedied with undue time, effort or expense to the U.S. military; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By National Executive Committee Meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 18-19, 2006, That The American Legion fully urges the Department of the Army to assess the feasibility of extending the eligibility dates for the Combat Action Badge to include all veterans, with the exception of those eligible for the Combat Infantryman Badge and Combat Medic Badge, who have distinguished themselves while exchanging hostile fire with enemies of the United States of America in wartime, dating back to December 7, 1941.**