

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 35: The *USS Ticonderoga*

Submitted by: National Security Commission

(As amended)

WHEREAS, The U.S. Navy attack carrier, the *USS Ticonderoga* CVA-14 and CG-47 Aegis cruiser have been decommissioned; and, the U.S. Navy no longer has a ship named "Ticonderoga". The Ticonderoga has been in service since 1812, when it was a 120 foot schooner in the War of 1812. She participated in the battle of Lake Champlain on September 11, 1814; and

WHEREAS, The second Ticonderoga was a barkentine-rigged steam-powered sloop of war, serving since 1863 to protect the Caribbean Sea and was the first U.S. Navy ship to circumnavigate the globe; and

WHEREAS, The third Ticonderoga was commissioned in 1918 and was used in Atlantic convoys running supplies to France to supply our US troops in Europe but was torpedoed on September 30, 1918; and

WHEREAS, During WWII, the Ticonderoga was the tenth Essex Class aircraft carrier built and commissioned on May 8, 1944 as the *USS Ticonderoga*; She saw action in Pacific Theater in Philippines and South China Sea and received 12 Battle Stars against Japan; and

WHEREAS, After years in the Naval shipyards she was re-commissioned in 1954 and in 1956 built an angle deck and sent to the Pacific Fleet; during the Vietnam conflict, her pilots dropped 9,600 tons of ordnance and damaged 119 enemy bridges; and

WHEREAS, After being used for recovery of the Apollo 17 astronauts in the Pacific, she then joined the mothball fleet in early 1974; she was then sold for scrap and later was used in reef-making; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion desires another ship be named "Ticonderoga" to preserve its proud heritage of service to the United States and United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Request that the Department of the Navy designate another ship the *USS Ticonderoga* in honor of the thousands of Navy and Marine Corps veterans who served aboard this proud ship in the past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By National Executive Committee Meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 18-19, 2006, That The American Legion urges the Department of the Navy to once again commission a warship named the *USS Ticonderoga*.