

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**Resolution No. 11: Presentation Of American Legion ROTC Medals To Collegiate
And High School Students**

Submitted by: National Security Commission

WHEREAS, Collegiate and high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs are cost-effective and build character, citizenship and leadership among the Nation's youth while exposing them to discipline and instilling a sense of patriotism and pride in our Country; and

WHEREAS, Senior ROTC programs continue to serve as the major source of commissioned officers for the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Although collegiate ROTC programs have downsized as the military downsized, JROTC programs continue to expand largely as a result of the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Colin Powell's calling for an increase of JROTC units to over 3,200 units all across the Country coupled with the concurrent funding of Congress; and

WHEREAS, The aim of The American Legion ROTC Achievement Program has been to associate Departments and Posts with specific high school and collegiate ROTC programs and nearly 7,500 ROTC medals per year have been presented by Departments and Posts in recent years; and

WHEREAS, In recent years as the total number of ROTC medals presented by Department and Posts have been steadily decreasing, the number of medals presented by the National Headquarters have been significantly increasing by over 500 medals a year; and

WHEREAS, This grassroots association between schools and The American Legion should be reinforced and reemphasized by Department, District and Post Commanders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 10-11, 2006, That The American Legion urges its Departments, Districts and Posts to exert greater efforts to present American Legion ROTC medals to requesting colleges and high schools in their States.