

**FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 575: Formation of New American Legion Posts

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Submitted by: Convention Committee on Credentials and Internal Affairs (Membership)

WHEREAS, The United States is a nation on the move and hundreds of new residential areas and new communities have been and are being developed throughout the land; and

WHEREAS, An active American Legion post for 46 years has been considered an essential factor to a complete community in order that the youth, the veterans and the citizenry in general might have the advantage of those programs and services that The American Legion traditionally offers and is uniquely equipped to provide; and

WHEREAS, Many new highly successful American Legion posts have been chartered in new residential areas during recent years but there are still hundreds of areas that have not yet been covered; and

WHEREAS, The National Membership & Post Activities Committee has demonstrated methods and procedures by which local Legion leaders can take the initiative to bring together groups of non-member eligible veterans for the purpose of forming a new post; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Portland, Oregon, August 24, 25, 26, 1965, That the attention of all department, district and local American Legion leaders be called to the need for new posts in new residential or other areas that are not being adequately serviced by existing posts and that they be urged to take all steps necessary to bring about the formation of successful new posts in such areas, so that:

- 1. The opportunity to join The American Legion will be available to all qualified veterans**
- 2. There will be different types of posts with appeal to a wide variety of veterans**
- 3. The formation of posts can keep pace with the population shift and the growth of metropolitan areas**
- 4. Each community and neighborhood will have the benefit of active Legion programs**
- 5. The American Legion can remain a vital force in the preservation of the American way.**