

**FIFTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 10, 11, 12, 1968**

Resolution No. 315: Bestow Upon Thomas W. Miller the Title of Past National Commander with all the Privileges and Rights Pertaining to Such Office

Origin: Minnesota

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Internal Affairs

(Consolidated with Resolution No. 462 (IA))

WHEREAS, The minutes of the first meetings of the Paris Caucus, Paris, France, dated March 15, 16, 17, 1919, from which caucus ultimately grew The American Legion, disclose that Lt. Col. Thomas W. Miller was vice chairman of the Constitutional Committee; and

WHEREAS, These minutes disclose that on the first day of the caucus, March 15, 1919, the meeting was called to order by Col. Bennett C. Clark, who then had to leave the meeting to attend a meeting of GHQ; and

WHEREAS, These minutes disclose that Col. Clark thereupon turned the meeting over to Lt. Col. Thomas W. Miller to act as temporary chairman for the second day of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Thomas W. Miller did in fact preside over the caucus all day on March 17, 1919, during which meeting most of the business of the caucus was conducted; and

WHEREAS, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., returned to the United States in the Spring of 1919 for the purpose of organizing the St. Louis Caucus and appointed a committeeman from each state to assist him; and

WHEREAS, Col. Roosevelt appointed Thomas W. Miller to be the committeeman for the state of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Miller was before and thereafter continuously active in the founding of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Miller has been, since its founding, one of the true and stalwart pillars of The American Legion, remaining constructively active with unswerving loyalty, serving faithfully and well on post, district, department and national American Legion committees, equally and vigorously at any assignment at any level for The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Miller is presently serving the Department of Nevada as National Executive Committeeman, a position he has held for many years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Miller is in the line of ascension that, as its climax, will see him elevated to the office of president of the Society of American Legion Founders; and

WHEREAS, Precedent has been established to bestow honor, such as herein provided, upon those who chaired the founding meetings of The American Legion, and those others who were their temporary and permanent chairmen, and others of high office at those meetings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 10, 11, 12, 1968, That the title of "Past National Commander of The American Legion" be conferred upon Thomas W. Miller with all the privileges and rights pertaining to such office, in recognition of his services to the founding of The American Legion and for his faithful performance of all duties, and his loyalty to The American Legion since its very beginning and to this very day; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That, appropriate ceremonies shall be observed and that this honor shall be conferred upon Thomas W. Miller during the Fiftieth Convention of The American Legion to be held at New Orleans, Louisiana.