

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

Resolution No. 402: Junior ROTC Program

Origin: Illinois

Submitted By: Convention Committee on National Security

WHEREAS, The objectives of the Junior ROTC program, which include habits of orderliness, precision, discipline, patriotism and respect for constituted authority as well as elementary military training, are in the best interest of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 88-647 (ROTC Vitalization Act of 1954) provides for gradual expansion of the Junior ROTC from an authorization of 434 Army units in school year 1966-67 to an authorized 650 Army units in school year 1970-71; and

WHEREAS, Although the Army Junior ROTC program has expanded to 513 units, the opportunity exists for an additional 137 schools to enter the program through school year 1970-71; and

WHEREAS, The strongest support of the expansion of the Junior ROTC program by The American Legion will critically assist in attaining these national objectives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 10, 11,12, 1968, That

1. The widest possible information be disseminated to high school students, parents and school officials, publicizing the opportunities and benefits of the Junior ROTC program

2. Our resources be fully utilized to personally contact the appropriate authorities connected with high schools and conducting the Junior ROTC program with the intention of establishing the program at those schools; and

3. Our wholehearted support be furnished to the over-all mission and objectives of the Junior ROTC program and to the institutions and cadets that are participating therein.