

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 4-5, 1960**

Resolution No. 54: Correcting Grammar in National Constitution and By-Laws

Origin: Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article IV and Section 2, Article XIII have both used the word “either” to refer to World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict, instead of using the proper adjective “any”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4- 5, 1960, That Section 1, Article IV and Section 2, Article XIII of the National Constitution of The American Legion be repealed and the following substituted so that Section 1, Article IV will read as follows:

Any person shall be eligible for membership in The American Legion who was a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Air Force of the United States and assigned to active duty at some time during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to September 2, 1945; June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953; all dates inclusive, or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods; provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable discharge or honorable separation, or continued honorably after any of said periods; provided further, that no person shall be entitled to membership who, being in such service during any of said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject himself to military discipline or unqualified service; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Section 2, Article XIII read as follows:

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of members of The American Legion, and to the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of all men and women who were in the armed forces of the United States during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to September 2, 1945; June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, all dates inclusive, or who, being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods, and died in line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the national adjutant be and he is hereby directed to circularize these proposed amendments as provided under Section 1, Article XVI of the National Constitution.