

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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**Resolution No. 54: Rescinding Obsolete Resolutions Dealing with National Security**

**Origin: National Security Commission**

**Submitted by: National Security Commission**

WHEREAS, In accordance with resolutions of the 1959 and 1960 National Conventions, the National Executive Committee, through its Program Study Committee, has caused to be made a review of all non-legislative policy resolutions; and such action has been taken in further accordance with the action of the 1936 National Convention which established policy on the life of such resolutions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 3-4, 1962, That the following resolutions are rescinded by reason of (1) being obsolete, (2) accomplishment of purpose, (3) being superseded by later resolutions, (4) being in conflict with later resolutions, (5) being duplicated by later resolutions, (6) having no value because of later changes in program, (7) and for other reasons.**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION ACTIONS RESCINDED**

**41<sup>st</sup> National Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 25-27, 1959**

- #180--"Military Air Transport Services."
- #179--"Accelerate the ICBM Program of the U.S."
- #141--"Investigate requirement of heavy cargo military transportation."
- #637--"Investigate Navy and commercial use of the airship, rigid and non-rigid."
- #282--"Decentralization and new installations of defense industry away from primary target areas."
- #593--"War Surplus materials."
- #411--"Oppose any cuts in National Guard or reserve strength."
- #632--"Support a strong merchant marine policy."
- #352--"Six months training program."
- #101--"Increasing the strength of and modernization of weapons and equipment of the U.S. Army."
- #143--"U.S. Army be maintained at a minimum strength of 900,000."
- #243--"To maintain strength of Army and Air National Guard at 470,000."
- #484--"Oppose reduction in armed forces."
- #147--"Provide funds for adequate Navy construction program."
- #638--"Anti-submarine warfare."
- #639--"Provide ships and submarines with Polaris missiles."
- #641--"Support of the Great White Fleet proposal."
- #643--"Support of modern and future Navy."

**40<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1-4, 1958**

**Statement of Policy of the committee on Aeronautics and Space rescinded.**

- #268--"Investigate naval and commercial uses of airships, rigid and non-rigid."
- #613--"Air Force reserve program."
- #644--"Restoration of fringe benefits to members of the armed forces."
- #45--"Civil Jurisdiction restored upon termination of civil defense emergency."
- #46--"Each post urged to establish a rescue team for disaster relief and civil defense."
- #47--"Encourage future decentralization of new installations of defense industry in locations away from primary target areas."
- #611--"Amateur radio network citation."
- #77--"Establish a separate budget for the ready reserves, including a National Guard, be fixed by law and adopted by Congress."

- #166--“Legislation to increase the quarter allowance for military personnel of the armed services.”
- #618--“Airlift of strategic Army Corps.”
- #619--“Maintain the U. S. Army in its present strength.”
- #600--“Korean Conflict be considered a war in order for veterans to receive benefits.”
- #641--“Maintenance of modern Navy and Marine Corps.”

**39<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Atlantic City, N.J., Sept. 16-19, 1957**

**Preamble to the report of the Committee on National Security rescinded.**

- #30--“Urge legislation to implement the Cordiner Committee report.”
  - #493--“Establish a ready reserve of air transport to ensure a global airlift for armed forces.”
  - #298--“American Legion posts be encouraged to support and participate in local Civil Air Patrol Cadet training.”
  - #300--“Commend air power as peace power program, The American Legion and also Fairchild engine and Airplane corp.”
  - #494--“Endorse developing aviation education in the schools.”
  - #29--“American Legion develop a program to encourage qualified young men to seek appointment to U.S. service academies.”
  - #613--“Airways traffic control system.”
  - #614--“Development of aeronautical weapons”
  - #615--“Investigate the potentialities and use of the airship, rigid and non-rigid, in the defense of this nation.”
  - #435--“Civil jurisdiction restored upon termination of civil defense emergency.”
  - #436--“Decentralization of defense industry away from primary target areas.”
  - #437--“Urge adoption of single supply catalog system.”
  - #598--“Endorse HR 7576 and support efforts of Federal Civil Defense Administration.”
  - #618--“Continuation and promotion of national amateur radio network program.”
  - #495--“Support a strong merchant marine.”
  - #303--“Support military establishment with well-rounded capabilities and oppose squeezing our military forces into a nuclear strait jacket.”
  - #80--“Maintain deployment of armed forces to resist Communist aggression.”
  - #79--“Defense against enemy ballistic missiles be developed in the U. S.”
  - #59--“Approve an adequate budget for our armed forces.”
  - #616--“Aggressive program of job restoration for ex-servicemen, reservists and members of the National Guard.”
  - #497--“Oppose undermining the Joint Chiefs of Staff and substitute a single Chief of Staff of the supreme high command over the armed forces.”
  - #304--“Support strong U.S. naval power and resist efforts to undermine development of carrier aviation and a strong combat-ready Marine Corps.”
  - #224--“Urge Secretary of Navy to require Marine Corps to restore and maintain effectiveness of the reserve officers.”
  - #619--“Reaffirm unification and control of the armed forces through the Joint Chiefs of Staff and oppose a single Chief of Staff.”
  - #620--“Maintenance of a modern Navy and Marine Corps.”
- Conclusion to report of Convention Security Committee.**

**38<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Los Angeles, Calif. Sept. 3-6-1956**

**Statement of Policy of the report of Committee on National Security.**

- #261--“Provide more realistic pay for highly trained and skilled Air Force personnel.”
- #260--“Use of the air power potentials of the U.S. be reviewed.”
- #416--“Restoration of fringe benefits to members of the armed forces.”
- #212--“National Aeronautics Program be intensified.”
- #282--“Civil jurisdiction be restored upon termination of civil defense emergency.”
- #283--“To urge adoption of supply catalog system.”
- #285--“Post-educate the public in self-help and other civil defense programs.”
- #195--“All posts organize rescue teams for civil defense assistance.”

#529--“A general merchant marine policy statement on maritime needs.”  
#250--“Authorize issuance of arms, ammunition, clothing, etc., for use of state defense forces.”  
#268--“14<sup>th</sup> Infantry veterans be restored to status of Army of the United States.”  
#369--“Creditable service of reserve for retirement pay after sixty.”  
#508--“Maintenance of strong U.S. Army.”  
#509--“Available guided ballistic missiles.”  
#510--“U.S. maintain a strong Army in Germany as part of NATO.”  
#533--“Aggressive program of job restoration for reservists.”  
#50--“Security Commission continue its program of re-employment rights effecting reservists.”  
#171--“Equal retirement points for service in war whether in regular or reserve status.”  
#346--“Urge educational program to encourage enlistment in local reserve and National Guard units.”  
#288--“National Security Training be made compulsory.”  
#135--“Urge repeal of the status of forces treaty.”  
#477--“Advocate an armed political, economic, social, psychological, ideological preparedness of U.S.”  
#349--“Issuance of a discharge certificate in lieu of certificate of satisfactory service.”  
#417--“Suitable carrier be constructed in the Great Lakes shipyard to serve as a training carrier.”  
#365--“Modernization of the Panama Canal.”  
# 31--“Government provide selection of training and employment of talented scientists in basic research.”  
#525--“Retention of present housing facilities on military and naval reservations until standard housing is constructed.”  
#526--“Maintenance of modern Navy and Marine Corps.”  
Conclusion to report of Convention Security Committee.

37<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Miami, Florida, Oct. 10-13, 1955

Statement of Policy of the report of Committee on National Security.

Statement of Policy of the Committee on Aeronautics and Space Rescinded.

#885--“Support flight training as part of Air Force ROTC program.”

# 83--“Urge adequate housing for Air Force personnel.”

#501--“Oppose any curtailment of commercial air transportation to Alaska.”

# 84--“Appraise the four schools of the U.S. Air Force for a possible increase.”

#226--“Single Supply Catalog System.”

#228--“Cooperate with the American Bar Assn., to restore civil jurisdiction upon termination of emergency.”

#229--“Expedite application for defense training equipment.”

#231--“Promotion of self-help programs for civil defense emergencies.”

#232--“Each post urged to establish a rescue team for disaster relief and civil defense.”

#233--“Civil Defense Administration be headed by Secretary with cabinet rank.”

#375--“ROTC and mandatory disaster relief training in high schools.”

#174--“The American Legion take an active part in civil defense program.”

#622--“Merchant Marine Convention Committee reaffirms 37 years support of a strong, privately owned and operated American merchant marine.”

#521--“Pay increase for Filipino enlisted personnel under Executive Order #22 and Circular 11-100.”

#522--“Philippine Scouts shall receive the pay authorized for them in Section 33 of Title 10, U.S. Code.”

#523--“Retirement pay of Filipino Scouts to be on the same basis as that for all regular components of the United States Army.”

#502--“Alaskan resident inductees be on same pay scale as others on active duty.”

# 57--“Committee of The American Legion’s Study coordinated cold war planning board if activated by Congress.”

#537--“Magazine mailing project to win lasting peace.”

#520--“U.S. Army set-up recruitment offices in the U.S. Armed forces installations abroad.”

#616--“Oppose deactivation of reserve divisions.”

Policy statement to the Naval Affair Committees rescinded.

#176--“Urge modernization of Panama Canal.”

#235--“Government care of war disabled be emphasized in national defense publicity.”

# 49--“Develop San Diego harbor to accommodate Essex and Forrestal class carriers.”

#274--“Ship building and repair.”  
#618--“Study of ship building and repair.”  
#619--“Training carrier for Great Lakes.”  
#620--“Armed Forces Reserves.”  
Conclusion to report convention Security Committee.

**36<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Washington, D.C., Aug. 30 – Sept. 2, 1954**

Statement of Policy to report of Aeronautics Committee rescinded.  
# 46--“Funds for base construction adequate to support a combat ready Air Force of 137 wings.”  
#102--“Flight training be authorized as part of Air Force ROTC program.”  
# 47--“Achievement of a 137 wind combat ready Air Force by 1958 and increase it when necessary.”  
Statement of Policy to report of Civil Defense committee rescinded.  
# 82--“Adequate underground shelters.”  
#131--“Surplus property in Civil Defense supplies.”  
#261--“Adequate guard force to give security protection to vital installations.”  
#320--“Executive Department headed by Secretary for Federal Civil Defense.”  
#321--“Legislative guarantee of return to civil jurisdiction upon termination of civil defense emergency.”  
#454--“American Bar Association cooperation in civil defense.”  
#319--“Single supply System reaffirmed.”  
#499--“Support a strong merchant marine.”  
Statement of Policy to Naval Affairs report rescinded.  
#618--“Modernization of the Panama Canal.”  
#196--“Oppose reduction of medical care for dependents of service personnel and other benefits now in effect.”  
#477--“Oppose any effort to curtail privileges and rights of military personnel and their widow and dependents.”  
# 45--“Service careers.”  
#647--“Remove inequities in income tax deductions and exemptions for military personnel.”  
#645--“Relates to retirement grades of temporary Naval, Marine and Coast Guard officers.”  
#231--“Re-examine conduct of reserve training program.”  
#111--“Restore personnel of 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry to Army of U.S. status.”  
#109--“Retirement pay of Philippine Scouts.”  
Conclusion to report of Convention Security Committee.

**35<sup>th</sup> National Convention, St. Louis, MO., Aug. 31-Sept.3, 1953**

Statement of Policy of the Convention Security Committee rescinded.  
Statement of Policy to report of Aeronautics Committee rescinded.  
#438--“Cut-back of Air Force procurement program be re-examined.”  
#208--“Establish U.S. Air Force Academy at fort Custer, Michigan.”  
#439--“Protest drastic cut-back of heavy crash program of Air Force.”  
#605--“Achieve and maintain air superiority.”  
Statement of Policy to Civil Defense report rescinded.  
# 54--“Continue strong defense program following truce in Korea.”  
#483--“Workmen’s compensation coverage for Civil Defense and GOC workers.”  
#443--“Maintain and build-up our military forces to the fullest strength consistent with proper conservation of our national resources.”  
#593--“Merchant Marine program.”  
#75--“Investigation into deferment status of college students.”  
#294--“Oppose use of personnel of the armed forces as laborers to rebuild Korea.”  
#173--“Non-naturalized former Philippine Scouts who request enlistment in the U.S. Army.”  
#174--“Commissary and post exchange privilege to retired and disabled Philippine Scouts in the Philippines.”  
#177--“Equal retirement pay for Philippine Scouts.”  
#292--“Policies on national defense.”  
#508--“Discontinuance of overseas per diem allowance.”

**#581--“Reactivation of Philippine Scouts.”**

**Statement of Policy of Naval Affairs committee rescinded.**

**#131--“Parents dependency affidavits be based on present dependency.”**

**#172--“Urge adequate defenses and fortifications of the Philippines and Far East.”**

**#330--“Preserve present status quo of post exchanges, ships services and commissary operations.”**

**34<sup>th</sup> National Convention, New York, N.Y., Aug. 25-28, 1952**

**Statement of Policy of Convention Security Committee rescinded.**

**Statement of Policy of the Aeronautics Committee rescinded.**

**#410--“Establish a teenage Air Force Reserve.”**

**#627--“To vitalize civil defense administration and utilize experience of veterans.”**

**#626--“Legion leadership in civil defense preparedness and in preserving constitutional liberties.”**

**#617--“Single Supply Catalog System.”**

**# 45--“American Legion Posts cooperate in civil defense.”**

**#338--“Civil Defense Support.”**

**#413--“Support Blood Donor Program.”**

**#618--“Reaffirm support of a strong American Merchant Marine.”**

**#616--“Universal Military Training.”**

**# 13--“Continue maximum effort to provide defenses in Alaska.”**

**#107--“Oppose reclassification of registrants with children.”**

**#279--“Legion Committee to study needless waste and duplication of Defense Department.”**

**#281--“President and Congress take all necessary steps to prevent work stoppages in key war industries.”**

**#388--“Student deferments in Selective Service.”**

**#597--“Channels through which opinions of people of foreign nations formulate opinions about the U.S.”**

**#621--“Investigation of PX and commissary privileges for veterans and retired servicemen.”**

**#623--“Lower Selective Service standards for increased military manpower pool.”**

**#144--“Conscientious Objectors be inducted into work programs at regular Army pay.”**

**#151--“Investigate interference of Selective Service Headquarters of functions of local draft boards.”**

**#624--“Give top priority to completion of Pan American highway.”**

**#522--“Centralization of separation functions of armed forces.”**

**Statement of Policy to report of Naval Affairs committee rescinded.**

**#324--“Completion of a modern sea-level canal at Panama.”**

**33<sup>rd</sup> National Convention, Miami, Florida, Oct. 15-19, 1951**

**Statement of Policy of Convention Security Committee rescinded.**

**Statement of Policy of the Aeronautics Committee rescinded.**

**#679--“Pilot proficiency.”**

**#678--“Support of Civil Defense Program.”**

**#652--“Support a strong Merchant Marine.”**

**#219--“Equality of draft policy.”**

**#296--“Creating American Foreign Legion of Free Men.”**

**#399--“Immediate reactivation of Philippine Scouts.”**

**#495--“Qualification for deferred classification.”**

**#538--“Orientation of servicemen.”**

**#622--“Alcan Highway.”**

**#668--“Reserve program for Alaska.”**

**#677--“Commissary privileges.”**

**Statement of Policy to report of Naval Affairs committee rescinded.**

**#178--“Navy discharge.”**

**#427--“Defense of Alaska.”**

**#494--“Disposal of war surplus.”**

**#658--“Work stoppage.”**

**#655--“Direction of Cold War.”**

**#647--“Integration of plans and productions programs.”**

**#680--“Pre-Convention meetings of National Security Commission.”**

**32<sup>nd</sup> National Convention, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 9-19, 1950**

**Statement of Policy of Convention Security Committee rescinded.**

**Statement of Policy of the Aeronautics Committee rescinded.**

**Statement of Policy of the Civil Defense Committee rescinded.**

**#661--“Civil defense preparedness.”**

**#698--“Dealing with increased civil defense.”**

**#697--“Additional civil defense planning.”**

**#712--“Blood Donor Program.”**

**Statement of Policy of Naval Affairs committee rescinded.**

**#516--“Construction of flush deck aircraft carrier.”**

**#692--“Secretary of Defense inform members of civilian components who may be expected to be called up for active duty.”**

**#617--“Reactive Philippine Scouts.”**

**#660--“Requirement of individuals drafted.”**

**#556--“Changes in court martial system.”**

**#693--“Universal Military Training.”**

**#715--“Oppose anti-vivisection.”**

**31<sup>st</sup> National Convention, Philadelphia, Pa., August 29-Sept 1, 1949**

**Statement of Policy of Committee on Security rescinded.**

**#255--“U.S. retain atomic information.”**

**#258--“Establishment of Air Force Academy.”**

**#333--“Medical care for servicemen.”**

**#400--“Appropriate funds to implement Coast Guard Reserve Program.”**

**#515--“National Security Commission assist in combating further security reductions in Pacific areas.”**

**#518--“Oppose closing of armed forces commissaries.”**

**#519--“Funds for housing on military installation.”**

**#656--“Pay increase for armed forces.”**

**#658--“High school and college aeronautics program.”**

**#665--“Secretary of Defense take aircraft carrier out of moth balls.”**

**#663--“Develop prototype of cargo and transport aircraft.”**

**#667--“Lighter than air.”**

**#668--“Air Force five-year program.”**

**#666--“Civil Air Patrol funding.”**

**#669--“Maintain defense for coastal areas where oil facilities are located.”**

**#670--“U. S. maintain exclusive control of atomic information.”**

**Statement of Policy of Civil Defense Committee rescinded.**

**Statement of Policy of Merchant Marine Committee rescinded.**

**#521--“Extension of ROTC.”**

**#608--“Same facilities for recruiting overseas as in U. S.”**

**#659--“Reserve programs of Army and Air.”**

**#661--“Construction of armories.”**

**#652--“Uniform Code of Military Justice.”**

**30<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Miami, Florida, Oct. 18-21, 1948**

**Statement of Policy of Convention Security rescinded.**

**#768--“System of Civil Defense and disaster relief outlined.”**

**#632--“Two weeks training cruise for men on fleet reserve lists.”**

**#781--“Re-endorse Naval Air Cadet program.”**

**#782--“Requesting superintendent of U.S. Naval Academy to institute an annual American Legion Day at Annapolis.”**

**#784--“Creation of an Assistant Secretary for Reserve components, two Secretaries of Army, Navy and Air.”**

- #795--“Universal Military Training.”
- #165--“Course of compulsory education stressing superiority of American form of government.”
- #237--“The American Legion oppose vigorously mercenary armed forces of foreign subjects to serve America in any capacity.”
- #240--“Reduction in family allowance for enlisted personnel.”
- #263--“Urge prosecution of certain purported religious leaders who have urged youth of American to refuse to register under Selective Service Act.”
- #495--“Strong National Guard.”
- \$506--“Petition Selective Service to provide a minimum of 21 days per notice to definite reporting date for induction.”
- #610--“Awards for scientific advances.”
- #780--“Secretary of Defense create committee of eight.”
- #235--“Succession of five-year programs for Research and Development.”
- #792--“Reaffirm Legion’s long held interest in lighter than air branch of aeronautics.”
- #793--“Recommend CAB review of entire air-out pattern.”
- #794--“CAB give careful consideration to dismemberment of major airlines.”
- #790--“That no further funds be allocated by USAF to support of Civil Air Patrol.”
- # 49--“Sound U.S. Merchant Marine program.”

**29<sup>th</sup> National Convention, New York, N.Y., Aug 28-31, 1947**

**Report of Committee on National Defense rescinded.**

- #859--“Universal Military Training.”
  - #839--“Reaffirm interest in lighter than air branch of aeronautics.”
  - #841--“Government agencies use lighter than aircraft in border patrol activities.”
  - #722--“Continuation of active aero charting program.”
  - #751--“Favor immediate availability of surplus air field operating and maintenance equipment of local air fields.”
  - #843--“Present organization of National Aeronautics Committee.”
- Report of Merchant Marine Committee rescinded.**
- #817--“Make ROTC available to American you in the Canal Zone.”
  - #847--“For immediate installation of bases, equipment and personnel of all forces to make Alaska safe from attack.”
- Military Affairs, page 95: --Unnumbered resolution on development of adequate reserve stock piles or of materials necessary for atomic bombs and weapons and reaffirming the position of The American Legion on national defense and to implement same by encouraging and continuing scientific research and development**
- #311--“American Legion sponsor nation-wide celebration of Navy Day.”
  - #649--“Continue training of the reserve civil engineer corps and construction battalions and the maintenance of such corps.”
  - #833--“That Pacific bases . . . be maintained and not turned over to any other nation.”

**28<sup>th</sup> National Convention, San Francisco, Calif. Sept. 30-Oct 4, 1946**

**Statement of Policy of the report of the Committee on National Defense rescinded.**

- #789--“The American Legion reaffirm its policy in favor of Universal Military Training.”
- #828--“Continuance of the U.S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps and its academy at Kingsport, N.Y., and its cadet schools at San Mateo, Calif. and Pass Christian, Miss., so that needed naval reserve officers may be trained for the merchant marine.”

**Unnumbered resolutions of the Aeronautics Committee, page 155:**

- (a) The Air Forces of the armed forces be made separate of co-equal with the ground forces and the naval forces.
- (b) That adequate steps be taken to correct the neglect of the airships and to secure the broadening of the Maritime Act of 1936 to permit the addition of airships, dirigibles to the Merchant Marine of the United States.

**Unnumbered resolution of Naval Affairs Committee, p. 155:**

**Create a reviewing agency for court martial convictions.**

**#838--“Maintenance of the Island of Puerto Rico as a fortified base and recommended for adoption.”**

**#282--“Enlarge and full support ROTC program in the U.S.”**

**#284--“General overhauling of the court martial system of the armed services.”**

**#674--“Our democracy control all its secrets pertaining to the atomic bomb and other secret weapons created or developed by the United States.”**

**#816--“That Congress enact legislation to establish a single department for national security with provisions for Army, Navy, and Air Forces on any equal level therein.”**

**27<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Chicago, Illinois Nov. 18-21, 1945**

**Report of Committee on National Defense rescinded the Statement of Policy.**

**Merchant Marine Report, Points #1 through 13 are out-dated. Current policy approved by the 42<sup>nd</sup> National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, 1960.**

**The Civil Defense Report consisted of three paragraphs. All are recommended for rescission.**

**The Naval Affairs Report consisted of a series of six recommendations, all of which are either obsolete or replaced by current policy of the Naval Affairs Committee.**

**The Aeronautics Committee Report--recommendations:**

**#1. “For American Legion Posts to assume sponsorship of model airplane clubs.”**

**#2. “That federal government pay 50% of the cost of the development of airport facilities.”**

**Report of the Army Section--recommendations:**

**#1. “Maintenance of National Guard of not less than 425,000.” (Current policy is for 400,000 Army National Guard.)**

**#2. Continuance of ROTC, NROTC, AND ARTOC.” (Current ROTC policy adopted by 42<sup>nd</sup> National Conventions, 1960).**

**#3. “All secrets of manufacture of atomic bomb be maintained exclusively by United States, Canada and Great Britain.” (Out of date.)**

**#5. “Urge Congress to create civilian board for study for scientific development of arms and material for modern warfare.” (Department of Defense maintains office headed by civilian devoted to research and development.)**

**#6. “Creation of civilian board to make an exhaustive study of the long-range problems of national defense and national security.” (This would seem to be the National Security Council and to have met the objectives of this recommendation.)**

**#7. President and Congress establish and independent, secret foreign intelligence system reporting direction to the Chief Executive.” (This organization would seem to be the Central Intelligence Agency, thus the objective of this recommendation has been accomplished.)**

**26<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 18-20, 1944**

**Report of the Military Affairs Committee is presented in the form of a series of recommendations, all of which are either obsolete or covered by current policy. The report is recommended for rescission.**

**The reports of the Naval Affairs, Aviation, Merchant Marine and Civil Defense committees contain four recommendations. All are out of date or supplanted by existing policy.**

**NOTE: From 1945 back to 1919 most reports were presented in narrative form. Very rarely were resolutions identified by number or title. However, all proceeding have been reviewed and every effort made to clearly identify all policy actions . . . particularly those policy recommendations to be reaffirmed.**

**25<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Omaha, Nebraska, Sept. 21-23, 1943**

**The report of the Committee on National Defense is comprised of Sections I, II, III and Subsections 1 through 6 all pertaining to World War II.**

**NOTE: They are recommended for Rescission as being out of date, or superseded by existing policies of the Naval Affairs and Merchant Marine Committees.**

**Point #4. “Recommend a manpower figure of 7,700,000 by December 13, 1942.” (Out of date.)**

**In the Merchant Marine Report, Points #1 through 6 are covered by existing policy contained principally in the 1960 Merchant Marine report adopted by the 42<sup>nd</sup> National Convention.**



**24<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 19-31, 1942**

**Statement of Policy to the Report of the committee on National Defense, rescinded.**

**The eight points under the Army Section of the Defense report is rescinded as obsolete or having been accomplished or covered by existing policy.**

**The Navy Section of the report, Points #1 through 4 are recommended for rescission. The Aeronautics Committee report consisting of 11 points, plus a statement of policy, are recommended for rescission as all are outdated, accomplished or superseded by current National Security policy.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> National Conventions, Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 15-18, 1941**

**The Report of the National Defense Committee consists of subsections on Army, Navy and Aeronautics. The first section is comprised of 20 points all out of date pertaining principally to preparations for World War II, which was just in the offing. Recommend that all 20 points be rescinded. Under the Army Section of six points, five were rescinded:**

**#2, 3 and 4 pertain only to the pre-World War II years and are recommended for rescission.**

**#6. "That we are opposed to a superimposed Department of National Defense." Rescinded as The American Legion subsequently supported the National Security Act of 1947 which created the Department of Defense.**

**The Naval Report consisting of 12 points pertain principally to the pre-World War II preparations and all are recommended for rescission.**

**The Aeronautics Section comprised of 7 points is likewise recommended for rescission as all are covered by current policy, having been accomplished or are obsolete.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> National Convention, Boston, Mass., Sept. 23-26, 1940**

**The Report of the Committee on National Defense for 1940 reflects the approach of World War II and the battle taking place in Europe. The report consisted of a general statement of policy and 12 points, all of which are obsolete or have been accomplished, and are recommended for rescission.**

**The Report of the Army Committee: "We commend the U.S. Congress for its adoption of a Selective Service bill and urges this legislation be extended to provide a permanent system of Universal Military Training."**

**The Report of the Navy, Aeronautics and Merchant Marine Committees comprised of 11, 2 and 7 points respectively, are obsolete and out of date, or are covered by more current policy.**

**NOTE: It is, therefore, recommended that these reports be rescinded in their entirety.**

**21<sup>st</sup> National convention, Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 25-28, 1939**

**Report of Committee on National Defense:**

**#1. "The United States remain so militarily strong that invaders could be turned back and battles take place outside of the United States."**

**#2. "Urge stock piling of raw materials in maintenance of one million man military and naval force." (Figure on manpower is less than one-half present size of armed forces.)**

**#4. "Is 10-point program for composition of adequate defense program for the Army." Points have been covered in previous conventions. Those which are not obsolete are covered by more recent policy.**

**The Navy Report consisted of 9 points, the majority of which have been accomplished, or are obsolete. The report on Aviation consisted of 9 points pertaining to the current situation in 1939. The remainder are covered by more recent mandates.**

**The 4-point program is a statement of policy to the Merchant Marine Committee, which is covered in detail in subsequent reports, principally the Merchant Marine report adopted by the 42<sup>nd</sup> National Convention, 1960.**

**20<sup>th</sup> National convention, Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 19-22, 1938**

**The report of the National Defense Committee sets forth an 8-point program which it considered to be the very minimum for an adequate defense program for the Army. Every single point by virtue of numbers used and accomplishment are out of date. NOTE: it is, therefore, recommended that the entire report of the Committee on National Defense be rescinded. Points X to XVIII be rescinded as they are presently covered by more recent Merchant Marine Policy; principally the Merchant Marine Report Adopted by the 42<sup>nd</sup> National Convention, 1960.**

**Recommend that Points I through VIII under the Aviation Report be rescinded, having been supplanted by more recent policy of the Aeronautics and Space Committee. Points I and II under miscellaneous: I--"We are**

opposed to a referendum on war.” II--“If an emergency threatening the territory of the United States arises, we want to be so prepared on sea and land and battles for defense be fought as far from American shores as possible, so that our civilians be not subjected to bombardments from foreigners.” Rescinded as commendable but impractical in the aerospace age of missiles and nuclear weapons.

**19<sup>th</sup> National Convention, New York, N.Y., Sept. 20-23, 1937**

The Report of the National Defense Committee was comprised of a 17-point program covering the Army and coast of defense. The section on aviation consisted of eight additional points while the Navy was made up of 11 points. An added five points came under the miscellaneous section. There is no National Security policy in the 1937 report which has not been rendered obsolete by existing mandates, accomplishment of the objective or manpower recommendations.

**NOTE: Recommended that the entire report of the National Defense Committee for 1937 be rescinded.**

**18<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 21-24, 1936**

The Report of the National Defense Committee consisted of sections dealing with the Army, Coast Guard, Aviation, Navy and Miscellaneous. There are no National Security policy resolutions which are not obsolete by virtue of figures used, the objective having been accomplished or present policy have superseded the policy enunciated in the 1936 report.

**NOTE: Recommended that the entire report of the National Defense Committee for 1937 be rescinded.**

**17<sup>th</sup> National Convention, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 23-26, 1935**

The Report of the committee on National Defense is comprised of a general Statement of Policy and specific recommendations under the headings, Army, Navy, Aeronautics and Miscellaneous. There are no figures used, the objective having been accomplished, or present policy having superseded the policy enunciated in the 1936 report.

**NOTE: Recommend that the Reports of the Committee on National Defense, Army, Navy and Aeronautics be rescinded.**

**16<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Miami, Florida, Oct. 22-25, 1934**

Report if the National Defense Committee consisted of a Statement of Policy and 14 points all previously adopted by prior national conventions. Recommend recession.

Navy and Aeronautics Committee reports are also restatements of previous policies. Recommend that they too be rescinded.

**15<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Chicago, Illinois, Oct. 2-5, 1933**

Report if the National Defense Committee consisted of a one consolidated resolution with a number of annexes. These are dealt with individually.

#3. “Identical retirement laws for Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel.” (Policy does not include Air Force.)

#8. “Abolish Army and Navy penal institutions and send military prisoners to federal jails.”

**NOTE: The remainder of the report was a general statement of policy reiterating numerous points advocated by prior national conventions.**

The Navy Report contained no National Security policy resolutions. Report of the Air Force Committee:

“The American Legion is opposed to the consolidation of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps within a single Department for national defense.” **NOTE: Rescinded in light of enactment of National Security Act of 1947, as amended.**

Two other recommendations urged that”

1. “The vote of all congressmen on national defense be made known to all American Legion Posts and every Senator and Representative in the United States Congress be advised of The American Legion’s program for an adequate national defense.”

**NOTE: *National Legislative Bulletin* and other new media accomplished the objective of this policy.**

**14<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Portland, Ore., Sept. 12-15, 1932**

The Report of the National Defense Committee is a general Statement of Policy consisting of 3 points, i.e. 1) support of the National Defense Act of 1920; 2) Recommendations of the War and Navy Departments as to what constitutes a minimum for effective application of the National Defense Act; 3) Appropriations necessary to provide this irreducible minimum.

**NOTE:** Policy obsolete, is recommended for rescission.

The report of the Army Committee prescribes certain strength levels far below those now authorized for the Army National Guard and reserve forces. Previous positions have also covered the ROTC and CMTC. The Army section, pages 32-33, is recommended for rescission.

The Navy committee Report supports the U.S. naval policy, which is:

**“To create, maintain and operate a Navy second to none and in conformity with treaty provisions.”**

**NOTE:** In light of current policy adopted by the Miami Beach, Florida, 1960 National Convention, recommend rescission.

**13<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Detroit, Michigan, Sept. 21-24, 1931**

Statement of Policy of the report of the Committee on National Defense is rescinded. Report of the committee on Naval Affairs consisted of the following general statement:

**“We believe that the Navy of the United States should be second to none and should be at the full strength provided by the London Treaty and we further believe that the Navy of the United States should be maintained at sufficient strength to support the national policies and commerce and to guard the continental and overseas possessions of the nation.**

**NOTE:** Existing policy of The American Legion primarily that adopted at the 1960 National Convention, adequately covers those points in the Naval Affairs Committee report. It is, therefore, recommended for rescission.

The report of the Military Affairs Committee consisted of 11 points, all pertaining to strength figures and organizations such as CMTC, which existed at that time.

**NOTE:** It is therefore, recommended that the report of the Military Affairs committee be rescinded in its entirety.

The Report of the Committee Aeronautics is a Statement of Policy consisting of eight points:

**Page 41, Point #2: “That American Legion favors a program of expansion of the air forces of the United States until they are on a parity with those of other powers and recommends that this program inaugurated immediately by appropriate legislation and especially before the U.S. participates in any other disarmament conferences.”**

**NOTE:** Present policy supports a mixed force concept, i.e. missile-manned aircraft, therefore, the U.S. may not desire to have an Air Force as large in number as another nation. Recommend policy be rescinded.

**Point #4: “That all communities should be further encouraged to develop airports by air service participation in their dedications.” (Most cities of any size now have airports for all practical purposes. The objective of this policy has been obtained.)**

**Point #8: “That The American Legion in the interest of efficiency and economy favors and urges the separation of the air services from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps . . . and establishment of a unified separate branch of the country’s forces to be known as the Air Corps of the U.S.A.”**

**12<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Boston, Mass., Oct. 6-9, 1930**

The Report of the Committee on Military Affairs consisted of 8 points. **NOTE:** All are covered by current mandates or are obsolete.

Report of the Naval Affairs Committee consisted of a restatement of prior policy of The American Legion in support of a strong Navy based on the 5-5-3 ration; a strong naval reserve and a maintenance of an American merchant marine. **NOTE:** All are covered in more current mandates.

Report of Aeronautics Committee reaffirmed action of the prior convention. **NOTE:** Recommend entire report be rescinded.

**11<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Louisville, Ky., Sept. 30-Oct 1-3, 1929**

Report of the Committee on National Defense. **NOTE:** This is the first year that the two committees, i.e., Military and Naval Affairs, were brought together and reported as the Committee on National Defense. The

report of the Military Affairs Committee is a restatement of recommendations contained in reports to prior national conventions. All are either obsolete or covered by existing mandates.

This is likewise true of the Naval Affairs report which is also recommended for rescission.

Page 40: "Universal Draft." Prior policy has already been reiterated.

**10<sup>th</sup> National Convention, San Antonio, Texas, Oct 8-11, 1928**

#1 (page 30): "That the Naval Affairs committee be made a permanent committee of each Department and that naval information be disseminated through all American Legion Posts."

NOTE: Committee's structure reorganized in 1947 and 1948 and material on Naval Affairs is being distributed to Departments and Posts on a regular basis.

Report of the Military Affairs committee is a 10-point general policy statement which has been covered in previous reports of the Military Affairs Committee.

NOTE: The majority of the points are obsolete and the remainder are covered by existing mandates. It is therefore, recommended that the general statement comprising the report and the 10 points of the Military Affairs Committee be rescinded.

Report of the Aeronautics Committee contained no new policy resolutions. It is, therefore, recommended that it be rescinded . . . nor resolutions not covered by current mandates.

**9<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Paris, France, Sept. 12-22, 1927 and New York, N.Y. Oct. 18, 1927**

The Report of the committee on Naval Affairs recommended that:

1. "The maintenance of the U.S. Navy on a ratio of 5-5-3."

2. "That our American merchant marine be kept strong and that there be created a naval reserve to be maintained at the highest possible standard of efficiency."

NOTE: The last two points are covered in a later mandate while the support for the 5-5-3 ratio is obsolete. For these reasons, it is recommended the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs be rescinded.

Report of the Aeronautics committee (unnumbered resolutions);

1... "That The American Legion favors the inauguration of a separate Department of National Aeronautics with cabinet representation co-equal with military and naval Departments.

NOTE: Rescinded as this was accomplished by the creation of the Department of the Air Force.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs was composed of 13 points all of which were covered by the prior mandates or adequately covered in current mandates from the 1960 national convention. NOTE: It is recommended that this portion of the report of the Committee on Military Affairs be rescinded.

Page 34, Item 5: "Federal aid and ROTC." Item 6: "Retirement after 25 years." (Retirement after 30 years service is provided under existing law--rescinded)

**8<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Philadelphia, Pa, Oct. 11-15, 1926**

The Report of the committee on Military Affairs consisted of 13 points, only one of which is considered new policy.

#13. "Believing that teaching of national defense to the youth of the nation is the highest patriotism. The American Legion stands resolutely for military training in high schools, colleges and universities, and pledges itself actively to oppose those pacifist, radicals, communists and other who are endeavoring to put a stop to such training."

NOTE: In view of the 1960 policy adopted at the 42<sup>nd</sup> National convention, recommend rescission.

Report of the Committee on Aeronautics is a general statement containing 10 points. Among these are recommendation that the National Guard receive the same flying equipment as the regular Air and that they be supplied with sufficient gas and oil to maintain efficiency. The report reiterated The American Legion's stand for the creation of a single Department of Defense.

NOTE: In light of existing policy and the enactment of the National Defense Act of 1947, as amended, it is recommended that the entire report of the committee on Aeronautics be rescinded.

Report of the Committee on Naval Affairs is a 9-point reiteration of policy adopted by prior national conventions. NOTE: Because existing mandates, principally those adopted by the 42<sup>nd</sup> National Convention, 1960, covers our present stand for a strong U.S. Navy, it is recommended that the report of the committee on Naval Affairs be rescinded.

**7<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Omaha, Nebraska, Oct 5-9, 1925**

**Report of the committee on Aeronautics, Page 37:**

**“Resolve that The American Legion support a proposal reorganize our National Defense under one cabinet officer with subdivision of equal importance for the land-sea-air forces.”**

**NOTE: Recommend rescission based on enactment of National Security Act of 1947 which did create one Department of Defense and later amendments.**

**“That, The American Legion endorse the adoption of an adequate plan for the organization and development of a strong Air Force giving air power developments such attention as its progress demands.” NOTE: Later policy restating this support--rescind.**

**6<sup>th</sup> National Convention, St. Paul, Minn., Sept 15-19, 1924**

**The Report of the convention Naval Affairs committee is a general Statement of American Legion interest in maintaining a strong Navy of 5-5-3 ration with liberal appropriations sufficient to develop naval aviation t the highest possible state of efficiency. In addition, this report called for Congress to approve and pursue a policy for 1) the development of naval bases; 2) the maintenance of a Marine Corps at its historical efficiency and, 3) development of merchant marine and a strong naval reserve.**

**NOTE: In light of present policy, it is recommended that this general statement which constituted the report of the Convention Naval Affairs Committee be rescinded.**

**Report of the convention Military Affairs Committee restated previous policy concerning the adoption of a universal service act, maintenance of a strong Army, National Guard and organized reserve.**

**NOTE: There are no new policy statement contained in the report, therefore, it is recommended that this general statement which constituted the report of the Convention Military Affairs committee be rescinded.**

**Report of the convention Aeronautics Committee asserts The American Legion’s continued interest in the development of commercial and military aviation, with emphasis on the appropriation of sufficient money for intelligent construction and operation of military air service, the air mail an National Advisory Board of Aeronautics. One further recommendation urged the creation of an Air Merchant Marine similar to the present Civil Reserve Air Fleet. NOTE: Present policy covers all points in this report.**

**5<sup>th</sup> National Convention, San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 15-19, 1923**

**RE: Report of the convention Committee on Military Affairs:**

- 1. “Support the National Defense Act of June 4, 1920.”**
- 2. “Support the National Guard and organized reserve.”**
- 3. “Appoint qualified representatives from the reserve components of the Army of the United States to the general staff.”**
- 4. “That principal reliance of the United States in time of national emergency be placed in the citizen soldier components and that they be officered by men from their own ranks.”**
- 5. “Reiterate support for universal service law and the enactment of legislation which will provide equal service for all and special profit for none in time of war.”**

**Report of committee on Naval Affairs:**

- 1. “Provide manpower and ships to support Washington conference 5-5-3 ratio for the U.S. Navy.”**
- 2. “Support the development of naval aviation to supplement other arms of the Navy and to make it a formidable weapon.**
- 3. “Develop a naval base at Alameda, Calif., to give the West coast a naval base unexcelled in any other part of the country.”**
- 4. “Maintenance of the Marine Corps at its historical efficiency and continue development at an integral part of the naval establishment.”**
- 5. “Recommend that at least 50% of the trade of this country be carried in American built ships, flying the American flag and manned by American officers and men.” (Present merchant marine policy covers this point.)**

**4<sup>th</sup> National Convention, New Orleans, La., Oct. 16-20, 1922**

**Report of the Convention Military Affairs Committee consisted of 9 points, plus a special report on Universal Service.**

- 1. “Support formation, recruiting and maintenance of National Guard and organized reserves.”**

2. "That National Guard and organized reserves be chief reliance of the country and officered by men from own ranks."
  3. "Urge enactment of a graded retirement law for enlisted men of the Army after 16, 20, or 25 years of service."
  4. "Continuance of the Military Affairs Committee as a permanent committee."
- The Report of the Naval Affairs committee consisted of a general statement covering many points. Although they are not numbered in the manner for purposes of clarity, the individual subjects are numbered consecutively as follows:
1. "Congress appropriate sufficient funds to provide personnel and ships to fulfill the 5-5-3 ration in order to maintain the United States as a 1<sup>st</sup> class naval power."
  2. "Establish real naval base on the West coast of the United States."
  3. "Establish effective naval reserve with necessary funds for ships, armories and target practice."
  4. "Maintain efficiency of Marine Corps."
  5. "That the number of midshipmen at the Naval Academy be not reduced as the size of the regular Navy is reduced."
  6. "Support a strong American merchant marine."
  7. "Support a ship subsidy bill as a means of establishing essential trade routes."

### **3<sup>rd</sup> National Convention, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 31-Nov. 1-2, 1921**

Report of Committee on Naval Affairs was a general statement demanding an adequate Navy for maintenance of our country as a world power and the protection of those policies which are distinctly American.

1. "Purely sectional advantages and political consideration must be set aside and every American think in terms of the whole America."
2. "Great attention must be given to the development of the underwater arm of our national defense."
3. "The work in developing underwater listening devices must be pursued with renewed energy."
4. "Great attention must be given to research, experiment and development in connection with the aviation arm of our national defense."
5. "Recommend the establishment of one main naval base on each coast, sufficiently large to accommodate the entire Navy. On each coast there should also be secondary naval bases with operating bases for destroyers, submarines and aircraft."
6. "The best interest of our country require that the Navy and Merchant Marine be closely united and commend the uniting of the heads of the Navy Department and the Shipping Board under one roof."

NOTE: Later policy covers all points set forth in this report.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs:

1. Approve military policy outlined in National Defense Act as amended June 4, 1920, and urge that congress appropriate funds for the following:
  - a) "Organizing and training of National Guard and reserve units and individuals."
  - b) "Installation of suitable accommodations at general and special service schools to provide housing and training for officers and noncommissioned officers of National Guard and organized reserves."

### **2<sup>nd</sup> National Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 27-29, 1920**

Report of Committee on Military Affairs:

1. "Support National Defense Act of June 4, 1920 which provided regular Army, National Guard and organized reserve."
2. "Aid constituted authorities in recruiting and maintenance of National Guard."
3. "Large standing Army is uneconomic and un-American."
4. "Favor Universal Military Training."
6. "That training camps, military training in high schools and colleges be continued and encouraged."
7. "Approve education and vocational education in the Army."
8. "Repeal 119 Article of War."
9. "Provide retirement for enlisted men of the Army after 16, 20 and 25 years of honorable service."
10. "Bring to justice and publish name of slackers who evaded military service."
11. "Place retired list of all services on same basis as active list with reference to increased pay."

12. "Military Policy Committee of The American Legion be continued as a permanent committee." (Later organization approved by NEC and National Convention.)

NOTE: All outdated or replaced by later policy.

1<sup>st</sup> National Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 10-12, 1919

Report of committee on Military policy consisted of 10 points:

1. "That a large standing Army is uneconomic and un-American."
2. "Favor Universal Military Training."
3. "Opposed to compulsory military service in time of peace."
4. "Favor a national military and naval system based on Universal Military obligation including a small Army and Navy rapidly expanded by trained citizen Army and Navy."
5. "National citizen Army should be chief reliance of country in time of war."
6. "Favor continuance of training camps for officers to serve in case of national requirement."
7. "National citizen Army should be organized in corps, divisions and small units composed of officers from same state or local."
8. "National citizen Army and Navy should be trained prior to hostilities."
9. "National citizen Army and Navy should be under local control and administration of its own officers."
10. "Appoint committee of seven to advise military and naval committees of House of Representative and Senate." (The present organization of National Security Commission--Committees accomplishes this objective.)

NOTE: All are recommended for rescission--obsolete or supplanted by current policy.

#### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS RESCINDED

November 17-18, 1960, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

October 16 & 20, 1960, Miami Beach, Florida - No National Security policy resolutions.

May 4-5, 1960, Indianapolis, Indiana  
#42--"May 1960 Summit Conference."

August 23-27, 1959, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota - No National Security policy resolutions.

April 29-30, May 1, 1959, Indianapolis, Indiana  
#19--"Revise the reorganization of Class A reserve."  
#34--"Amend the Universal Military Training and Service Act."  
#35--"Cold War."  
#36--"The U.S. Coast Guard Academy."

October 8-9, 1958, Indianapolis, Indiana  
#19--"Endorse Civil Defense Act."  
#21--"Civil Defense."

April 30-May 1, 1958, Indianapolis, IN  
#44--"Endorse changes in organization of Department of Defense and the armed forces."  
#6--"Endorse military assistance of free nations."  
#8--"Oppose personnel reduction in Army Reserve and National Guard through reorganization of pentomic divisions."  
#10--"To investigate the potentialities and uses of rigid and non-rigid airships in the defense of this country."  
#18--"Secure legislation for alleviation of the discrimination against officers and enlisted men of the Army in the Philippines."  
#41--"Amend the reciprocal trade act."

November 20-22, 1957, Indianapolis, Indiana

#21--“Continue effort to obtain an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and operational control of reserve forces.”

September 13-19, 1957, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

May 1-3, 1957, Indianapolis, Indiana

#9--“Return of civil jurisdiction upon cessation of emergency in case of atomic attack.”

#10--“Urge expansion of blood donor program at post level.”

October 17-19, 1956, Indianapolis, Indiana

#70--“Endorse inauguration of pilot civil defense program.”

#71--“Reservists from active duty be transferred directly to National Guard or Air National Guard.”

#72--“Payment of accumulative annual leave due American Prisoners of the Korean conflict.”

May 2-4, 1956, Indianapolis, Indiana

#8--“The U. S. appropriate funds to improve conditions in the U. S. Naval Reservation, Olaongapo, P. I.”

#31--“Civil Defense organization be assigned to radio frequently.”

November 17-19, 1955, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

October 9-13, 1955, Miami, Florida - No National Security policy resolutions.

May 4-6, 1955, Indianapolis, Indiana

#1--“Create position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.”

#3--“Reaffirm position of The American Legion in support of national security training.”

#4--“Discharge buttons for veterans of Korean War.”

October 5-, 1954, Indianapolis, Indiana

#1--“Oppose amnesty for 12,500 persons convicted under Selective Service Act of 1950.”

#2--“Reaffirm stand on Universal Military Training.”

#3--“Release of American POWs still held b Communists.”

May 2-4, 1954, Indianapolis, Indiana

#5--“Korean repeated service ribbon or medal.”

#8--“Protest discontinuing the firing of three volleys by the Air Force at its funeral services.”

Unnumbered resolution--“Universal Military Training.”

October 15-17, 1953, Indianapolis, Indiana

#24--“Armed forces personnel disqualified by disability before earned promotion effected.”

#13--“Commended conviction of Lt. George Schreiver and urge reversal of sentence.”

August 30-September 3, 1953, St. Louis, Missouri - No National Security policy resolutions.

April 29-30, 1953, Indianapolis, Indiana

#52--“American people must not be lulled into a false sense of security.”

#53--“Service flag and service lapel buttons.”

#54--“Chronological, historic statement on Legions; fight of 30 years for Universal Military Training be prepared.”

#55--“Increased budget so as to enlarge National Guard Unit.”

#56--“American Legion Civil Defense Program based on a California Plan.”

October 10-12, 1952, Indianapolis, Indiana

#11--“ROTC Program in high schools and colleges.”

#12--“Redraft of men under Selective Service who served previously.”



- #15--"Preservation and restoration of USS Hartford."
- #16--"Authorized use of Star of David for Poppy Day display."

August 24-28, 1952, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

May 5-7, 1952, Indianapolis, Indiana

- #34--"Single Catalog System."
- #36--"Encourage enrollments in U. S. Merchant Marine Academy and state maritime colleges."
- #37--"Production of military aircraft."
- #38--"Trade with Iron Curtain Countries."
- #39--"Free letter mailing privileges for armed forces."
- #43--"Conscientious objectors."
- #51--"Ammunition for troops in Korea and other possible incidents."

November 18-20, 1951, Indianapolis, Indiana

- #31--"Men 19 to 34 who have not year served in a war be called before veterans are recalled."

October 13-18, 1951, Miami, Florida - No National Security policy resolutions.

November 17-19, 1950, Indianapolis, Indiana

- #37--"Equipment used in transporting troops."
- #41--"Cooperation between the U. S. Weather Bureau and consulting meteorologists."
- #31--"Universal Military Training."
- #30--"Transfer of Selective Service System to the Dept. of Labor."
- #32--"Deferment of conscientious objectors."
- #35--"Establish identification of children in U.S.A."
- #36--"Free mailing privileges for our service personnel."
- #24--"The military service for alien displaced persons."
- #25--"Reduce admission prices to theatres, etc. for armed services."
- #26--"Physical and mental standards under draft laws."
- #27--"Commission of men nurses in the armed forces."
- #29--"Military service for juvenile delinquents."
- #33--"College men deferred from military service."

October 8-12, 1950, Los Angles, California - No National Security policy resolutions.

May 3-5, 1950, Indianapolis, Indiana

- #25--"Roll of National Guard in security of our nation."
- #26--"Augment air security of the United States."
- #67--"National Security Training."
- #68--"Nation-wide radio broadcasts by The American Legion of present security position."
- #69--"National Armory construction program."
- #71--"American merchant marine be enlarged and strengthened."
- #72--"Adequate defense for entire nation, so that all area are properly protected."
- #73--"Filing of flight plans by every type of aircraft into and over the United States."
- #72--(Supplement) "Alaska defense."

November 4-6, 1949, Indianapolis, Indiana

- #18--"Oppose extension of peacetime Selective Service Act."
- #19--"U. S. retain all its atomic energy secrets."
- #20--"Federal plan of Civil Defense."
- #21--"Unification of the armed forces be in fact, rather than in theory."

August 31-September 1, 1949, Philadelphia, Pa. - No National Security policy resolutions.

**May 4-6, 1949, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**#6--“Hopley Report on Civil Defense.”**

**#8--“Gray Board report on National Guard.”**

**#45--“Joint area meeting of the National Security commission and National Americanism Commission.”**

**#46--“Stock piling of strategic and critical war materials.”**

**#48--“ECAT tonnage transported in Arian ships.”**

**November 18-20, 1948, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Unnumbered resolutions:**

**“Maritime service under Navy in wartime.”**

**“Universal Military Training.”**

**May 3-5, 1948, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**#16--“Flight training under the G. I. Bill.”**

**#17--“U. S. secretary for civilian components.”**

**#18--“Support the President’s Air Policy Commission Report.”**

**#99--“Military law and justice in armed forces.”**

**#100--“Continued presentation of The American Legion Civil Defense Program.”**

**#101--“Creation of additional civilian special assistant to the Secretary of Defense.”**

**#103--“Improvement of the Merchant Marine.”**

**#104--“An expanded and more complete system of ROTC.”**

**#105--“Satisfactory progress of unification of the armed forces.”**

**#106--“Promotion of science and research.”**

**#107--“Discharge from draft be issued in event of future emergency.”**

**August 27-31, 1947, New York City, New York - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**May 5-7, 1957, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**#59--“Frequencies for communication and operation of electron equipment.”**

**#60--“Replacement of WWI relics contributed to scrap drive.”**

**#61--“Adequate funds for Naval Air Patrol of the Arctic’s.”**

**#62--“Appointment of a Board of Consultants to advice Civil Defense Committee.”**

**#63--“Veterans Adm. have persons qualified in aviation on staff.”**

**#64--“Unified armed services.”**

**#65--“Army system of courts-martial.”**

**#68--“Government construct adequate air fields in Alaska.”**

**#69--“Improved transportation facilities in Alaska.”**

**November 21-23, 1946, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**#47--“Furlough rates for members of the armed forces.”**

**#51--“Universal Military Training.”**

**June 5-7, 1946, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**#5--“American Legion-U. S. Army Volunteer Recruiting agencies.”**

**#7--“Official Legion policy on unification of the armed forces.”**

**#8--“Official policy of the Legion on use and control of atomic energy.”**

**#9a--“Continue Selective Service Act.”**

**#81--“Retention of Picatinny Arsenal as a research center.”**

**#11--“Participation of National Advisory Panel on juvenile problems.”**

**February 17, 1946, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**December 13-15, 1945, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**November 17-21, 1945, Chicago, Illinois**

**#34--“That the program of the Civil Aeronautics Administration for the expansion of its services, the stimulation of private flying and the resumption of government assisted civil pilot training, receive the early attention of Congress.”**

**#36--“No financial assistance be given to the Civil Air Patrol by the Army.”**

**#37--“The practicability of the use of large rigid air ships as means of transportation of fully explored by the federal government.”**

**#38--“That in the interest of returning veteran and the hope he might find a career in aviation. Recommendation that the proposed economic regulation of non-scheduled flying be deferred for a period of at least two years.”**

**Unnumbered resolution--“That American Legion is opposed to the release of persons convicted of violation of Selective Service Training Act of 1940.”**

**July 26-28, 1945, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**November 18-30, 1944, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**September 17 & 20, 1944, Chicago, Illinois - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**April 30-May 2, 1944, Washington, D. C.**

**Unnumbered Resolutions:--**

**“Denounce an immediate and negotiated peace.”**

**“Retention of a strong, thoroughly manned and well equipped Navy.”**

**“Retain men with minor disabilities in armed forces.”**

**“Office of Civil Defense medical supplies.”**

**“Campaign ribbons for armed services to continental United States.”**

**“Recognition and promotion of our prisoners of war.”**

**May 6-7, 1943, Indianapolis, Indiana**

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**Army Subdivision #1: “Performance of limited service. Resolved that those who**

**Prefer the detail to duty in Washington or other administrative centers to release able bodied men for field duty or such personnel who because of disability cannot be assigned to duty with the armed forces shall have priority and selection for state and federal civil positions and that a special effort be made to use these persons to replace men who are now deferred from draft because of occupational deferment.” (wartime)**

**Page 52: Navy Subdivision #14: “Censorship--Resolved that The American Legion condemn as un-American and treasonable any person who knowingly makes a announcement of any news or dispatch that is being within by either the Army, Navy, the State Department or the Office of War Information.” (wartime)**

**#22--“Resolve that The American Legion strongly urge the War and Navy Departments, the Manpower Commission, the National Selective Service System, to immediately agree on a plan which would provide for a pre-induction physical examination at the request of local Selective Service Boards.”**

**April 30-May 1, 1942, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Page 88: “That the principle of universal service in its entirety as advocated by The American Legion since 1922 be immediately made the law of the land.”**

**November 6-7, 1941, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Recommendation #3 (page 25): “That the National Director of Selective Service require local boards to call the attention of registration to the advantages and opportunities of the air service of the Army and Navy. On the same page were cited three policies and objectives: 1) the establishment and maintenance of a sound national policy with respect to military aeronautics; 2) the promotion of civil aeronautics as**

a necessary adjunct to national defense, national development and community welfare; 3) the furtherance of The American Legion through aeronautics.”

May 1-2, 1941, Indianapolis, Indiana

Recommendations: (page 5)

#1--“The American Legion favors an adequate naval lighter-than-air program.”

#2--“Favors a rigid airship program.”

#3--“Encourage national aerial roundups and their coordination and in coordination with the state aerial roundups. That The American Legion aid the Army and Navy in the recruitment of flight students.”

Page 46: “That posts and department of the American Legion invest their surplus funds in defense bonds of the United States.:

November 21-22, 1940, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

September 22-26, 1940, Boston, Massachusetts - No National Security policy resolutions.

May 2-3, 1940, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

November 23-24, 1939, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

May 4-5, 1939, Indianapolis, Indiana

Page 63: “Compulsory military training in land grant colleges. Military training of the youth of our nation is essential to its defense; therefore, the receipt of benefits of land grant aid to universities should be made contingent upon compulsory military training in such universities.”

November 18-19, 1938, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

May 5-6, 1938, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.

November 11-20, 1936, Indianapolis, Indiana

Page 65: “That the proper officials of The American Legion be instructed to publish in the *National Legionnaire* as much information on the subject of national security as is available to them through the National Legislative reports and from all other sources.”

“Enact law to provide that immediate re-enlistment after 11-11-18 and before 7-2-21 be considered as continuous, active service in the event the individual concerned had active military service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918.”

May 2-3, 1935, Indianapolis, Indiana

Page 13: “Support enactment of Universal Draft legislation.”

November 23-24, 1934, Indianapolis, Indiana

Page 13: “Enact universal draft law to freeze prices at the inception of war, confiscate 95% of all war incomes above normal, provide constitutional amendment for congressional control of prices during wartime.”

May 3-4, 1934, Indianapolis, Indiana

Page 47: “Enact universal draft law which in the event of war would conscript all of the resources of the nation without profit to anyone.”

May 4-5, 1933, Indianapolis, Indiana

Page 41: “Secure the enactment of a Universal Draft Act.”

Page 42: “Support National Defense Act of 1920 and oppose any further reduction in our defense forces including efforts to eliminate CMTC and substantiating reduction ORC, ROTC, The national Guard, the Naval militia and the Marine Corps Reserve.”

**May 5-6, 1932, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**September 20 & 24, 1931, Detroit, Michigan - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**May 14-15, 1931, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**January 25, 1931, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**November 13-14, 1930, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**May 17-18, 1928, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**January 13-14, 1938, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**May 12-13, 1927, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**January 10-11, 1927, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**January 14-15, 1926, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Page 5: "Report of National Americanism Commission, resolution entitled 'National Defense Act.' Resolve that The American Legion reaffirms its confidence and pledges its support to the National Defense Act and the Reserve Officer Training Corps."**

**June 15 & 19, 1925, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**January 12, 1925, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Reports of Aeronautics, Military Affairs and Naval Affairs are general statement reiterating previous policies of The American Legion. Existing policy covers all points, therefore, these three reports are recommended for rescission.**

**September 19, 1924, St. Paul, Minnesota - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**January 19, 1924, Indianapolis Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**January 14, 1923, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Approved the organization of standing committees on Military Affairs, Naval Affairs and Aeronautics. Should be rescinded in light of later reorganization by National Executive committee in 1947 and in 1948 by the National Convention.**

**Naval Affairs report recommended The American Legion support ship construction subsidies as the only means of maintaining a strong American merchant marine. Rescind as present policy covers ship construction and operating differential subsidies.**

**October 15 & 20, 1922, New Orleans, Louisiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**January 20, 1922, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**November 2, 1921 Kansas City, Missouri**

**A general statement reiterating support for the military policies adopted at the previous National Convention and points recommended are covered in current mandates. It is recommended that this report be rescinded.**

**June 14, 1921, Indianapolis, Indiana - No National Security policy resolutions.**

**May 18, 1920, Washington, D. C. - No National Security policy resolutions.**