

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 2-3, 1962**

Resolution No. 46: Rule Changes for Awarding of John R. Quinn, Henry D. Lindsley, John G. Emery, and Alvin M. Owsley Membership Trophies
Origin: Membership & Post Activities Committee
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, Various trophies for recognition of department membership effort have been accepted and the rules governing the awarding of such trophies established by the National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Membership & Post Activities Committee has conducted a review and study of all national membership awards and has found that a number of trophies are failing to serve the purpose for which they were established (i.e., the stimulation of membership effort) for the reasons that there is overlapping among some trophies, or the present rules make it substantially impossible for a majority of the departments to have any opportunity of winning the trophies, or the dates upon which determination of winners are made are no longer pertinent to the present membership program; and

WHEREAS, The Membership & Post Activities Committee is desirous of changing the rules governing the awarding of some of the trophies so that they may make a more positive contribution to the stimulation of department membership effort; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 2-3, 1962, That effective with the 1962 membership year, the John R. Quinn Trophy, which has previously been awarded annually to that department having the highest percentage of membership on June 15 as compared with the average membership for the four preceding years, be awarded to the department which on December 31 has achieved the highest percent of its previous all-time high membership, with the provision that in the event no department attains an all-time high the award will not be made; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That effective with the 1963 membership year, the John G. Emery Trophy, which has previously been awarded annually to that department having the highest percentage of membership on January 31 as compared with the average membership for the four preceding years, be awarded to that department showing the greatest percentage of gain over its previous year's membership as of May 1; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That effective with the 1963 membership year, the Alvin M. Owsley Trophy, which has previously been awarded annually to that department having the highest percentage of membership on December 31 for the ensuing year as compared with the average membership for the immediately preceding ten years, be awarded to that department showing the greatest percentage of gain for the ensuing year's membership over the corresponding date of the previous year as of the close of the Veterans Day membership competition; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Departments of Mexico, Panama, Canal Zone, Canada, Italy, France and the Philippines shall not be eligible to win any of the above named four trophies unless their membership shall be greater than the membership of that department of the remaining fifty-two departments having the least membership; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the above named four trophies shall remain in the permanent custody of the national headquarters and the departments declared to be the winners annually shall receive a suitable plaque in lieu of the trophy.