

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

**Resolution No. 64: Rescinding of National Convention Commission Non-Legislative Policy Resolutions**

**Origin: National Convention Commission**

**Submitted by: National Convention Commission**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 59, adopted by the National Executive Committee, May 4, 1961, directs that "Each National Commission, National Committee and Board be instructed and directed to classify and codify all approved resolutions which will indicate the existing policies of these commissions, committees, and boards and which will permit a further study to the end that a master codification of all mandates and policies of the National Organization of The American Legion may be completed and maintained by the National Adjutant"; and

WHEREAS, In compliance with the above the National Contests Supervisory Committee of The American Legion has undertaken such a study and has found many resolutions which should be omitted from said codification by reason of their being obsolete, their purpose having been accomplished, or for other reasons; 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meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 2-3, 1962, That the attached resolutions be and they are hereby rescinded for the reason stated.**

No.	Meeting	Subject	Reason
<b>1919</b>			
16	Natl. Conv.	Gratitude to All Who Helped Make 1919 Convention a Success	
28	Natl. Conv.	Expedite Business of Next National Convention	
<b>1920</b>			
None	NEC, March	Departments Authorized to Select Sponsors, Matrons of Honor and Maids as Delegates to See Fit to Bring to National Convention Provide Voting Strength of Delegates is not Altered	
None	NEC, May	Committee Appointed to Arrange for Housing Delegates Attending the 1920 National Convention	
None	NEC, May	Invitation Extended to Veterans' Associations or Veterans Allied With United States in World War I to Attend 1920 National Convention	
<b>1921</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Negotiate with Passenger Association for Reduced Rail Rates for National Convention	
None	Natl. Conv.	Express Appreciation to People of Kansas City for Success of National Convention	
None	Natl. Conv.	Extend Thanks to All Railroads of Assistance	
<b>1922</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Try to get Railroads to Allow Delegates to National Conventions a Choice of Travel Over Different Roads at Reduced Rates	
None	Natl. Conv.	Members of Contests at National Conventions Must be Certified as Members of Legion	Superseded
None	Natl. Conv.	New Orleans is Thanked	
None	Natl. Conv.	Length of Convention	
None	NEC, January	1922 National Convention Authorized for New Orleans	
None	NEC, January	National Commander Authorized to Carry Out Details of 1922 National Convention	
None	NEC, January	Regarding Voting Proxies at National Convention from the Department of the Orient	

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None	NEC, January	Authorization Given to Hold Band Contest at National Convention	
<b>1923</b>			
None	NEC, January	Details About the 1923 National Convention	
None	NEC, May	Accord Same Rights to National Executive Committeemen at National Convention as Regular Delegates Receive on Housing, Entertainment, etc.	
None	NEC, May	Written Contract be Entered into Between the National Organization and Convention Committee of a City Designated for the National Convention	
<b>1924</b>			
184	Natl. Conv.	Thanks to People in State of Minnesota for Help on Convention	
None	NEC, January	Housing and Entertaining Distinguished Guests at National Conventions	
None	NEC, January	System of Registration for Legionnaires Attending National Convention Urged	
None	NEC, May	Approval of Convention Housing Contract Between Hotels and Department Delegations	
<b>1925</b>			
260	Natl. Conv.	Awards for Convention Parade Drill Units	
226	Natl. Conv.	Registration of Convention Delegates	
None	Natl. Conv.	Thanks to all who Helped Make Convention a success	
None	NEC, January	Place and Position of Department Delegates in National Convention Housing, Seating in Convention Hall and Placing in Parade be Based on Current Year Membership Average	
None	NEC, January	Recommended That Trap Shoot, Pistol Shoot and Other Contests be Held at National Conventions	Superseded
<b>1926</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Convention Sessions Limited to Three Days	
None	NEC, January	National Headquarters Employees May Not be Delegates to National Conventions	
<b>1927</b>			
2	Natl. Conv.	Legion in France Thanked	
16	Natl. Conv.	Committee to Investigate France Convention Complaints	
None	Natl. Conv.	New York Ratifying Convention	
None	NEC, January	Host Department of National Convention March Last in Parade Line	
<b>1928</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to Texas and City of San Antonio for Fine Convention	
None	NEC, January	Authorizing Russell Creviston Trophy for Drum Corps Contest and Lemuel Bolles Trophy for Band Contest	
None	NEC, May	Diverse Rail Routings at 1928 National Convention	
<b>1929</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Thanks to Kentucky for Convention	
453	Natl. Conv.	Allocation of Places in Parade	Superseded
None	NEC, January	Drill Team Contest Authorized at the National Convention	
<b>1930</b>			
None	NEC, May	Public Religious Service at National Convention Conducted by the National Chaplain Authorized	
None	NEC, November	Canadian Legion invited to participate in 1932 National Convention parade	
<b>1931</b>			
696	Natl. Conv.	Convention Posts	
None	NEC, November	Conduct of Legionnaires Attending National Conventions be Improved	

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None	NEC, November	Authorization for Legionnaires Holding Congressional Medal of Honor to be Given Honorary Credentials by Posts Entitling Them Seats on National Convention Floor	
<b>1932</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	National Convention Hotels and Housing	
None	Natl. Conv.	Thanks to People of Oregon for Successful Convention	
None	NEC, May	National Convention Registration Fee of \$2.00 Authorized and Registration System Used at 1929 National Convention Proposed	
<b>1933</b>			
3	Natl. Conv.	National Committee to Supervise and Conduct Contests at Conventions	Superseded
12	Natl. Conv.	Quota Basis for Departmental Allocations at National Conventions	
None	Natl. Conv.	Thanks to People of Chicago and Illinois for Successful Convention	
None	NEC, May	National Convention Tour Bureau to be Made Part of the 1933 National Convention Corporation of Chicago	
None	NEC, May	Registration Fee Collection at National Conventions be Done by Department Adjutant at Same Time That Deposit is made for Department Hotel Accommodations	
None	NEC, May	Basis for Distribution of Free Tickets at National Conventions Approved	
None	NEC, May	Executive Control of National Conventions be Placed Under Direction of the National Commander	
None	NEC, October	Posting of Certified Checks for \$10,000 and \$15,000 Sixty Days Later by Convention Cities Approved	Superseded
None	NEC, November	Vendors' Sale of Goods at National Conventions be Controlled by the Convention Corporation	
None	NEC, November	Delegates and Alternates be Required to Pay Regular Registration Fee at National Conventions	
None	NEC, November	All Awards of National Conventions to Cities be Considered as an Award to the Department and City in Question	
None	NEC, November	National Convention Corporation Shall Submit Outline of the Convention Badge Requirements to the National Emblem Division so That the Division can Submit Designs, Sketches and Prices for the approval of the Convention Committee	
<b>1934</b>			
430	Natl. Conv.	Registration Fee for Delegates and Alternates be Abolished	
None	Natl. Conv.	Protect Name of American Legion in National Convention Parades	
None	Natl. Conv.	Thanks to Florida for Successful Convention	
None	NEC, May	Additional Requirements for Convention Cities Include Hotel Information and Contracts and Identity of Corporation Proposing to Manage the National Convention	
None	NEC, May	All Awards of Convention Hereafter to be Given to City in Question and Not Jointly to Department and City.	Rescinds Nov. 1933 resolution
None	NEC, October	Legionnaires Attending 1934 National Convention From Suspended New Mexico Department be Permitted Recognition From the Floor of the National Convention	
None	NEC, November	Trophies and Awards Committee Asked to Withhold Rules on Drum and Bugle Corps Contest Until After National Meeting of the Group on December 2, 1934	
None	NEC, November	Insignia Authorized for American Legion Musical Organization	
<b>1935</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Thanks to St. Louis and Missouri for Successful Convention	
None	NEC, May	Special Convention Liaison Committee Authorized	

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None	NEC, November	Departments Asked to Warn Their Delegates not to Throw Bags of Water from Hotel Windows at Future Conventions; Departments Warned About Removing Objectionable Units and Features From the Parade	
<b>1936</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Allocations at Conventions	
None	Natl. Conv.	Transportation Rates to National Convention	
None	Natl. Conv.	Thanks to Cleveland and State of Ohio for Successful Convention	
None	NEC, May	Existing Contract Between the Convention City and the National Organization Amended	
None	NEC, September	Ban Use of Saluting Cannons and Firearms at 1936 National Convention	
None	NEC, November	1937 Foreign Pilgrimage Committee Recommended for Establishment and Legionnaires Urged to Accept Invitations to Visit France and Italy Following the 1937 National Convention	
None	NEC, November	1937 National Convention Railroad Rates	
10	NEC, November	Authorization for Creation of National Contest Supervisory Committee	
<b>1937</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Committee on Time and Place for Succeeding National Convention Discontinued, and its Work was Delegated to the Convention Liaison Committee; all Invitations to Hold National Convention to be Submitted to this Committee at the May National Executive Committee Just Previous to the Convention Which is to Make the Award, and that at the Time Shall Have a Convention Corporation already Organized; Contracts for Housing Shall be in Hands of This Committee at Least 60 Days Prior to the Date When the Convention May be Awarded; That Invitations Specify the Definite Dates Upon Which the Inviting Cities want to Hold the Convention; That the Financial Capacity to Carry out a Convention Contract Shall be Established to the Satisfaction of this Committee; Recommendation to Hold 1938 National Convention in Los Angeles	Superseded
None	Natl. Conv	National Adjutant Made the Permanent Secretary of the Convention with Authority to Appoint such Assistant Secretaries as Needed; Convention Committees named and duties given; Matters on Time and Place and Arrangements of National Conventions to be Referred to National Convention Liaison Committee	Superseded
<b>1938</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	National Adjutant be Made Permanent Secretary of the Convention with Authority to Appoint Such Assistant Secretaries as Needed; Convention Committee named and Duties given	Superseded
None	Natl. Conv.	Recommendation that 1939 National Convention be Held in Chicago	
<b>1939</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	National Adjutant made permanent secretary of the convention with power to appoint such assistant secretaries as needed; convention committees named and duties given	
None	Natl. Conv.	Recommendation that 1940 National Convention be held in Boston	
None	NEC, May	Housing department delegations at National Conventions be in accordance with membership standing as of March 1 instead of May 1; no charge be made for any tickets that are made a part of the registration books. Tickets for added attractions at reduced rates could be place individually in the registration envelopes; hotel rates not be based on an inflexible formula, but be left up to approval of this committee and the Convention Corporation	Superseded
None	NEC, May	National Convention contest rules	Superseded

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None	NEC, September	Returning 1940 National Convention deposit if convention cancelled	
5	NEC, November	No publicity concerning National Convention Committee reports be given until the report is given	
11	NEC, November	Rules for National Convention contests amended	Superseded
<b>1940</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	National Adjutant made permanent secretary of the convention with power to appoint such assistant secretaries as needed; convention committees named and duties given	
None	Natl. Conv.	Recommendation that 1940 National Convention be held in either Milwaukee or Kansas City	
37	NEC, May	Junior groups attending National Convention be disciplined by sponsor posts	
38	NEC, May	National Chorus Contest rules	Superseded
None	NEC, November	Contest rules adopted; only residents of departments can participate in band contest and outsiders cannot be employed as soloists, etc.; Colors permitted to be used in championship bugle contest for first time	Superseded
None	Natl. Conv.	National Adjutant made permanent secretary of the convention with power to appoint such assistant secretaries as needed; convention committees named and duties given	
5	NEC, September	Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23 trophy for chorus competition at National Conventions	
None	NEC, November	Donations of trophies for the drum and bugle corps finals by specific business firms to be eliminated at future conventions because of commercial inferences attendant to such gifts; department's choice of housing accommodations be exercised definitely and finally by June 1, to avoid confusion created by late changes of mind	Superseded
<b>1942</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	National Adjutant made permanent secretary of the convention with power to appoint such assistant secretaries as needed; convention committees named and duties given.	
None	Natl. Conv.	Resolution authorizing the convention Liaison Committee to receive invitations for the 1943 Convention and to report its recommendations to the National Executive Committee for its consideration and final action.	
None	NEC, May	1942 National Convention be held purely for business reasons because of the war; no parade or contests be held	Not applicable
42	NEC, May	Leadership for runner-up position in National Convention parades.	Superseded
None	NEC, September	All championship titles held by various units be retained until the next contest is held; no championship titles to be designated for 1942.	Not applicable
<b>1943</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	National Adjutant made permanent secretary of the convention with authority to appoint such assistant secretaries as needed; convention committees named and duties given.	
None	Natl. Conv.	For duration of World War II, Convention Liaison Committee authorized to fix the time and place and make necessary arrangements for holding future National Conventions.	
None	NEC, May	1943 National Convention recommended for Chicago and that the convention be held along restricted lines as prevailed in 1942 because of the war.	
<b>1944</b>			

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None	Natl. Conv.	National Adjutant made permanent secretary of the convention with authority to appoint such assistant secretaries as needed; convention committees named and duties given.	
None	NEC, May	Paid-up representation at National Conventions	
None	NEC, September	Changes in post-war convention contract giving national organization right to cancel for no reason the convention city bid up to 120 days of the date fixed for the opening of the convention; National Organization to return to cancelled convention city the deposit it made and to defray a reasonable extent cost of preparations which city incurred; Convention Director and staff authorized for post-war conventions; plans for the Victory Convention in Chicago discussed; recommendation made to separate the National Conventions of American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Forty and Eight should cities not be able to house a National Convention in the future; name of this committee became National Convention Corporation or Bureau with the adoption of Resolution No. 35 at this meeting of the National Executive Committee.	
35	NEC, November	Authorization for American Legion Convention Corporation approved	
None	NEC, November	No elimination contest should be held at any time other than at the National Convention; resolution approved establishing a firing squad contest; in all contests the requirement for departmental approval of contest entries was eliminated, (superseded); changes in contest rules given; rifle drill team and Legion color guard contests eliminated because of lack of interest (not applicable); new contest is Legion color guard and firing squad contest.	Superseded
<b>1945</b>			
None	NEC, July	Discussion of general policies for future National Conventions, including post-war convention bids, contracts, etc.	Superseded
None	NEC, December	Contests prize money increases approved; contest rules approved; changes in penalty points given.	Superseded
<b>1946</b>			
13	NEC, June	Increase in National Convention registration fees from \$2.000 to \$3.00	
111	NEC, June	National ritualistic contest approved	Superseded
None	NEC September	Authorization given to create subcommittee on musical organizations under Contests Supervisory Committee	Superseded
None	NEC, November	Sponsored junior band contest approved	
33	NEC, November	1947 National Convention contest rules approved	Superseded
53	NEC, November	Junior color guard contest approved.	
54	NEC, November	American Legion color guard and firing squad contest approved	
<b>1947</b>			
383	Natl. Conv.	Speaking at National Convention Limited to give more time to reports	
446	Natl. Conv.	Provide \$1,000.00 prize for chorus contest at National Convention for 1948	Superseded
857	Natl. Conv.	Duties of convention on internal organization	
1	NEC, May	1947 Convention contest rules revision	Superseded
21	NEC, May	National Convention Corporation	
26	NEC, October	Awards for junior championship bands, bugle corps at National Conventions	
None	NEC, October	Rules for National Convention contests	Superseded
<b>1948</b>			
689	Natl. Conv.	Adequate police protection at National Conventions	
33	NEC	Program to improve firing squads, authority for National Convention contest	Superseded

No.	Meeting	Subject	Reason
None	NEC, November	Contest rules for 1940 National Convention	Superseded
None	NEC, November	No initiation team contest at 1949 Convention	Not applicable
<b>1949</b>			
403	Natl. Conv.	Junior Drum and Bugle Corps Contest for Members of SAL Only	Superseded
404	Natl. Conv.	SAL Members Over 18 Years of Age Can be Members of Senior Musical Outfits	Superseded
49	NEC, November	Contest Rules for 1950 National Convention	Superseded
36	NEC, November	Awarding 1950 National Convention	Superseded
37	NEC, November	Awarding 1951 National Convention	Not Applicable
33	NEC, November	National Convention Housing	
<b>1950</b>			
None	Natl. Conv.	Parade rules for Forty and Eight to follow at Legion National Conventions.	
322	Natl. Conv.	Express thanks to city and state officials for help on Los Angeles Convention	
43	NEC, November	Elimination of junior sponsored band contest	Superseded
44	NEC, November	1951 National Convention contest rules	Superseded
<b>1951</b>			
32	NEC, November	1952 Convention Contest Rules	Superseded
33	NEC, November	Certificates to Competing Musical and Drill Teams	
36	NEC, November	Retiring president of each Convention Corporation and ex-officio member of Convention Committee for following year	
<b>1952</b>			
1	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation	
22	NEC, May	Flag award to winner of junior drum and bugle corps.	Superseded
20	NEC, October	Provisions for proposed National Convention contract	
18	NEC, October	Contest rules for 1953 National Convention	Superseded
19	NEC, October	Discontinue ritual team contest	
29	NEC, October	Special committee on music authorized	Superseded
<b>1953</b>			
106	Natl. Conv.	Reinstate Junior Band Contests at 1954 National Convention	
372	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to convention city	
18	NEC, October	Contest Rules for 1954 National Convention	Superseded
<b>1954</b>			
1	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to convention city	
30	NEC, May	Forty and Eight Parade at 1954 Convention	
29	NEC, May	Awarding of 1955 National Convention	
41	NEC, October	National Convention parade	
42	NEC, October	Date of 1956 Convention	
43	NEC, October	Post-Convention to Hawaiian Islands 1956	
44	NEC, October	Contest Rules for 1955 Convention	Superseded
40	NEC, October	National Convention program	Superseded
<b>1955</b>			
1	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to convention city	
10	NEC, November	Pilgrimage to Europe following 1957 Convention	
12	NEC, November	National Commander's Dinner at National Conventions	
13	NEC, November	Contest rules for 1956 National Convention	Superseded
30	NEC, November	Departments assign qualified delegates on convention committees	
95	NEC, May	Commercial insignia on floats in American Legion parades	
<b>1956</b>			
1	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to convention city	

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18	NEC, May	Arm or shoulder patch be worn by national champions	
64	NEC, October	Contest rules for 1957	Superseded
81	NEC, October	Speakers at National Conventions refrain from remarks of politically partisan nature	
<b>1957</b>			
1	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to all who contributed to success of National Convention	
27	NEC, May	Time of Forty and Eight parade at 1957 National Convention	
55	NEC, May	Financing National Conventions	
26	NEC, November	Award 1961 Convention to Miami Beach, Florida	
27	NEC, November	Contest rules for 1958 Convention	Superseded
4	NEC, November	Fair and equitable system for collection of convention delegates' fees	
<b>1958</b>			
1	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to those who contributed to success of National Convention	
57	NEC, May	Senior Drum and Bugle Corps rules	Superseded
18	NEC, October	Contest Rules for 1959 National Convention	Superseded
40	NEC, October	Registration fees for National Convention	
41	NEC, October	Advertising contract for National Convention program	
42	NEC, October	Urge inclusion of American Legion national champion uniformed groups in Escort Division in parade at National Convention	
<b>1959</b>			
1	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to all who contributed to success of National Convention	
133	Natl. Conv.	Appreciation to radio, television and news media for convention coverage	
56	NEC, May	National Convention dates	
49	NEC, May	Amend Uniform Code of Procedure for organization of National Convention	
44	NEC, May	Deadline date for determination of National Convention housing based upon membership	Superseded
13	NEC, October	Contest rules for 1960 National Convention	Superseded
16	NEC, October	National Convention city requirements	
<b>1960</b>			
26	NEC, May	National Convention to New Orleans in 1963	
27	NEC, May	National Convention to Dallas in 1964	
28	NEC, May	National Convention to Las Vegas in 1965	Superseded
52	NEC, May	Unsportsmanlike and ungentlemanly conduct of competing units	
53	NEC, May	No change in bugle as authorized under Rule No. 11	
57	NEC, May	Change in National Convention requirements	
4	NEC, November	Contest rules 1961 National Convention	Superseded