

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 5-6, 1965**

Resolution No. 29: American Legion Trophies, Awards or Citation Policy
Origin: Reorganization Committee
Submitted by: Reorganization Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 5, titled "American Legion Trophies, Awards or Citations Policy," adopted by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, October 21-22, 1964, and appearing on page 95 of the printed proceedings of that meeting, provides that, pending a comprehensive review of the practice of awarding unofficial awards and citations, no award or citation shall be made in the name of The American Legion without the knowledge and approval of the national commander by and with the approval of the National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, The review of the awarding of such citations contemplated in the adoption of this resolution has found that there are occasions when the timely awarding of suitable forms of recognition are in the best interest of The American Legion and its programs and that the national commander should be afforded some latitude in this area; and

WHEREAS, It has also been found that there are many standard citations and awards that have been issued from year to year by national commissions and committees and which, by precedent, have become a well-established part of the various national programs without having been formally adopted or approved by the National Executive Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 5-6, 1965, That the national commander, upon the recommendation of national commissions and committees concerned, is authorized to present suitable awards to members of The American Legion or to organized groups of The American Legion in recognition of outstanding activities or contributions within the area of interest of the recommending national commission or committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the national commander, with the advice, or upon recommendation, of the Advisory Committee to the National Commander, is authorized to present suitable awards to individuals and to groups outside The American Legion in recognition of outstanding activities contributing to the fulfillment of American Legion policies, principles, and objectives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all awards made under the authorization of the preceding two paragraphs shall be reported by and through the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee to the National Executive Committee at its first meeting following the presentation of such awards and the report shall be made a part of the proceedings of that meeting; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That continuing awards or annual awards that have been created by national commissions and committees and that have been issued for a period of at least two years prior to the adoption of this resolution are approved.