

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 17: National Museum Of The United States Army

Origin: 2005 NC Resolution No. 85 (VA)

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

(As amended)

WHEREAS, The United States Army, since its earliest beginnings as a militia in 1636 and its inception as the Continental Army in 1775, has never had a “National Museum” to honor the service of millions of the country’s finest men and women who have taken up the challenge to serve their country and its citizens during times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, There are Army Museum facilities located throughout the country, representing the history of various branches of specific units of the United States Army, such as the Infantry Museum, Aviation Museum, The 1st Calvary Division Museum and so on, none tell the complete story of the service and sacrifice of the American Soldier in its entirety as this capstone to the Army Museum System will; and

WHEREAS, The vision of the museum is to honor the service of millions of American men and women; educate Americans and visitors about the contributions and roles the United States Army has played in our nations growth and success; preserve the legacy of the United States Army; inspire today’s soldiers, veterans and patriots; accurately portray the Army’s significant contributions to our nations history; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of the United States Army is a public/private partnership between the United States Army and the Army Historical Foundation, in which, the Army has Committed to \$100 million in cost and the remainder to be raised in the public/private venture; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of the United States Army, which will have a main gallery of approximately 255,000 square feet and will be located on approximately 90 acres of land, currently part of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, five minutes from Mount Vernon, birthplace of the father of our Nation, and five minutes from Interstate 95 the most traveled interstate highway in the continental United States, and expects to see one million visitors per year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 5-6, 2005, That The American Legion will support the concept of building the National Museum of the United States Army without direct financial obligation on the part of The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion will publicize the status of the Museum to the Departments, Posts and members so they can decide on an individual basis if they choose to support the campaign to build a National Museum of the United States Army to honor members of The American Legion who have, are, or will serve in defense of this great nation as a member of the United States Army.