

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 29 – 30, May 1, 1953**

**Resolution No. 63: Copyright “For God and Country” and Contract with the Coronado
Publishing Company to Publish and Sell Same**

Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions

Submitted by: Subcommittee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion has been set to music by one James S. Rule, under the title “For God and Country” and was first rendered over the air by Morton Downey on the “Back to God” program sponsored by The American Legion on February 1, 1953; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that said song be copyrighted in the name of The American Legion and made available on a royalty basis for sale; and

WHEREAS, The said James S. Rule is associated with the Coronado Publishing Company, Inc., which publishes distributes musical compositions on a royalty basis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 29-30, May 1, 1953, That said musical composition entitled “For God and Country” be copyrighted in the name of The American Legion and that a contract be entered into with the Coronado Publishing Company, Inc. giving it the authority to publish and sell said composition at a price subject to the approval of The American Legion, which shall also include royalties to be paid to the Legion, a method of distribution that will properly protect its name, emblem, and Preamble, and such other restrictions as may be necessary and proper, all subject to the approval of the national commander and the national adjutant as to substance, and by the national judge advocate as to form.