FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Portland, Oregon
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Resolution No. 573: Leadership Development in The American Legion
Origin: Convention Committee on Credentials and Internal Affairs (Membership)
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Credentials and Internal Affairs (Membership)

WHEREAS, Since 1919, The American Legion has been a great training ground for community, business and governmental leaders, as well as for leaders of the organization itself; and

WHEREAS, Great and rapid changes in technology, the growth in population, new governmental programs, and many other factors have created the need for additional competent and dedicated leaders in all aspects of our society; and

WHEREAS, Each year The American Legion needs 16,500 new post commanders and thousands of other post, district, department, and national leaders to carry on its programs of service to the community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has responded to this need by instituting national, department, and district programs of leadership development but has need to expand and accelerate these activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Portland, Oregon, August 24, 25, 26, 1965, That the attention of all Legionnaires, and particularly those in a position of present or future leadership, be called to the six-month correspondence course known as The American Legion Extension Institute, which is now in its 20th successful year; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the national organization through its Membership & Post Activities Committee be directed to continue and wherever possible to expand its programs of leadership training, making use of the most modern methods and materials available and providing all possible assistance and encouragement to departments in their activities in this vital field; that in all of these activities the needs of district commanders be especially considered; and that departments are urged to make available to their district commanders leadership training services provided by the national headquarters.