NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
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Resolution No. 15: Protecting Privacy of Veterans' Personnel Files and Records
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Submitted By: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The privacy of personnel files of all veterans are protected and governed by federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, Access to such records for use in court proceedings, or otherwise, may run counter to and vitiate existing protection for records of government personnel as provided by U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, and may be used to gather information by persons or entities without right and in a manner detrimental to the veteran and in violation of his rights; and

WHEREAS, Such records of veterans may contain classified information which should not be made available to persons outside the military establishment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 1966, That The American Legion declares its support for strict enforcement of all existing federal regulations and constitutional rights regarding the privacy of veterans' personnel files and records; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That it objects to any violation of the privileged and confidential nature of veterans' military records; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That upon the adoption of this resolution, copies thereof be forwarded to the appropriate branches and agencies of the federal government.