NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 3, 1972

Resolution No. 15: Golden Certificate Award
Origin: Resolution No. 573 (NY) 1971 National Convention
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The year 1969 was an historic event in the lives of many men and women who in 1919 became members of The American Legion, after having served their country in the time of war; and

WHEREAS, Those who have maintained their membership in The American Legion continuously for a period of 50 years or more, and by so doing, have subscribed to the principles of The American Legion as laid down by its founding fathers at the 1919 Paris caucus, the 1919 St. Louis caucus, and the first National Convention held in Minneapolis in the same year, deserve special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 3, 1972, That The American Legion wishes to recognize and honor those members who have belonged for 50 years or more and for this purpose authorizes the creation of a "Golden Certificate", suitably inscribed by the National Commander, to be presented to all Legionnaires of 50 or more years continuous membership; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That because of loss of post records through fires and other causes has made it impossible for many long-time members to provide definite proof of length of membership, departments so desiring may accept the written certification of individual members as to their length of continuous membership when official records are lacking or are inadequate.