NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 33: Retirement of the POW/MIA Flag as Part of the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony
Origin: Res. No. 229 (IA) 2010 National Convention
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, Resolution #288 adopted at the 67th National Convention outlines the purpose and reason for placement of the POW/MIA flag and gives the command to place the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair; and

WHEREAS, The flag draped over the chair represents a POW/MIA seated in the chair; and

WHEREAS, Many times the POW/MIA flag is not retired at the conclusion of the meeting because there is no reference on how or when to retire the flag; and

WHEREAS, By allowing the POW/MIA to remain seated in the chair after the meeting is adjourned, shows a disrespect to the POW/MIA that we pledged to support in Resolution #288; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2011, That a proper retirement of the POW/MIA flag be given in the closing ceremony of the American Legion's Officer's Guide with the addition of the command to the Sergeant-at-Arms to retire the POW/MIA flag prior to the command to retire the Flag of our Country.