NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 17 – 18, 2012

Resolution No. 53: Cooperation with The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion (21st Century)
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The National Commander's 21st Century Ad Hoc Committee met and reported to the National Executive Committee, October 15-16, 1997, its findings and recommendations and six resolutions were approved by the National Executive Committee in May 1998; and

WHEREAS, The National Commander's 2006 Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Retention, which met July 5 and 6 and July 24 and 25, 2006 recommended all six resolutions be reaffirmed because of their importance on the membership program of The American Legion for the future; and

WHEREAS, That Resolution No. 32, dated May 6, 1998, subject as above, was reaffirmed by the 2006 Fall National Executive Committee as Resolution No. 32, dated October 18-19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, A portion of the Preamble of the National Constitution of The American Legion states, "to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness"; and

WHEREAS, A portion of the Preamble of the National Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary states "to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness"; and

WHEREAS, A portion of the Preamble of the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, a program of The American Legion, states, "to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness"; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion preambles state, "to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State, and Nation"; and

WHEREAS, The vision of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion is to help and assist veterans and their families, therefore, in the spirit of rendering support and assistance, all must work together for the same principle; and

WHEREAS, Due to the importance of this resolution in the foundation of our membership plans for the future, Resolution #32 (NEC, 2006) should be rescinded and replaced by this resolution to keep all six of the original 21st Century resolutions together; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 17-18, 2012, That all department, district, county and local American Legion leaders are urged to develop a cooperative relationship with the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 32, of the National Executive Committee, October, 2006, titled, "Cooperation with The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion" (21st Century) is hereby superseded and rescinded.