NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 14-15, 2015

Resolution No. 21: Veterans in Community Schools
Origin: Committee on Youth Education
Submitted By: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting, May 8-9, 2002, adopted Resolution No. 33 "Veterans in the Classroom," developing the program and outlining the basic reasons for involvement of Legionnaires in their local schools; and

WHEREAS, Involvement in and guidance about the "Veterans in the Classroom" program has deteriorated over the course of time to the point of seeming non-relevant; and

WHEREAS, The American veteran remains a source of vital information about service to our country, an invaluable mentor to the young, a pillar of their community and bears the responsibility of passing on the lessons gained from their service; and

WHEREAS, Local school systems and the manner in which 'external' groups and volunteers operate with and within them have changed rapidly since the inception of this program, requiring a broader focus on how Legionnaires interact with their local school communities; and

WHEREAS, The Americanism Commission was given administrative responsibility of the program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 14-15, 2015, That The American Legion encourage a renewed effort be taken up by its posts and departments to revitalize a consistent and ongoing partnership between the membership of local posts and their community school systems; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this initiative be retitled "Veterans in Community Schools" in order to more easily communicate the breadth of potential involvement with said schools, and all media be updated to reflect this change in title; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Americanism effort "Reinvigorating Veteran Awareness" be folded into this initiative as a part of the ongoing effort to be a consistent, relevant presence in community schools; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission shall identify resource materials to further the revitalization of this initiative with the understanding that said resources may be obtained in alliance with an external organization; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 33 of the National Executive Committee, May 2002, Veterans in the Classrooms Programs, is hereby superseded and rescinded.