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1958 MEMBERSHIP IS ON THE MARCH!

(QUOTES FROM NATIONAL COMMANDER'S SPEECH AT ATLANTIC CITY)

The American Legion was forged in the fires of common dangers and hardships. You and I are linked by a comradeship tested in the crucible of war and strengthened by a common faith in our country's ideals and institutions. We have shouldered a common responsibility of United States citizenship. We have never forgotten that liberty and dignity of the individual are the foundation stones of the American system.

...The cardinal purpose of The American Legion is the care of the wounded and disabled and their dependents. Therefore, we have an abiding duty to our comrades who still bear the scars of war, and to the widows and orphans of those who did not return. They have a right to be remembered. It is my firm belief that the casualty lists of war must never become the forgotten rosters of peace!

...One of the great tasks facing The American Legion is to keep alive with all patriotic Americans the value and traditions that make up the root stock of our free Republic. With this in mind, we should invite all eligible veterans of the World Wars and the Korean War to join with us in our American Legion membership march for 1958.

John S. Gleason, Jr.
National Commander

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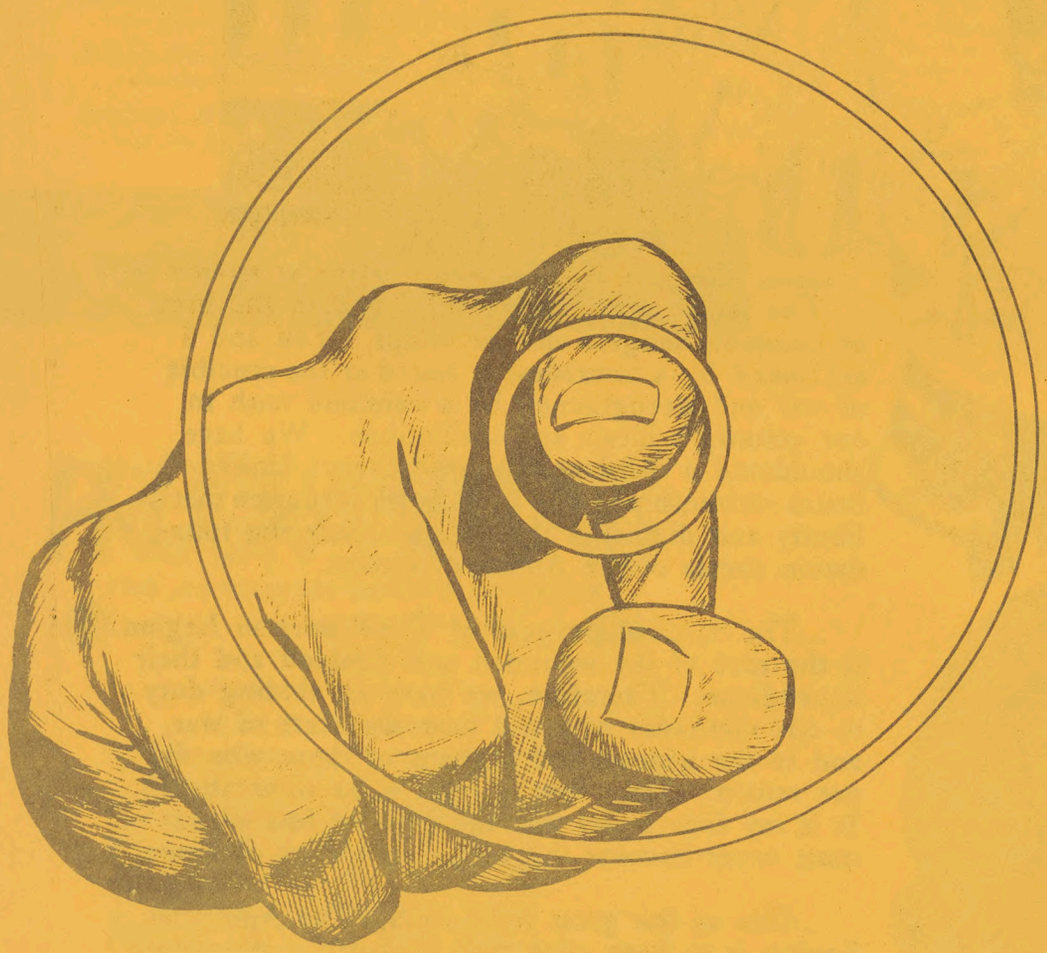

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YOU SAW THE HAND AT THE DOOR. WHOSE DOOR WAS IT?

ACTUALLY IT WAS MY FRIEND JOE KEEFER'S DOOR... I'M PETE LARSON. I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT JOE AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTER I RANG HIS BELL. BUT FIRST, LET'S GO BACK TO JUNE 1944...

JOE AND I WERE IN THE SAME PLATOON IN WORLD II AND WE GOT TO BE BUDDIES.

After The War He Moved To Our Town -

OUR FAMILIES GOT ALONG FINE, BUT JOE WASN'T LIKE HIMSELF. HE SEEMED WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING.

TO TAKE HIS MIND OFF WHATEVER WAS BOTHERING HIM, I ASKED HIM TO OUR AMERICAN LEGION BARBECUE ONE NIGHT.

TO MY SURPRISE, JOE SAID, "I DON'T BELONG TO THAT OUTFIT, PETE. IT'S NOT FOR ME."

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a) April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
b) December 7, 1941 to September 2, 1945
c) June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953