**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
**OF**
**THE AMERICAN LEGION**
**October 9-10, 2024**
**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 18: Use of the Bequest of Hattie K. Tedrow, Deceased**
**Origin: Finance Commission**
**Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 40: "Use Of The Bequest Of Hattie K. Tedrow, Deceased," NEC, May 9-10, 2001, established guidelines for investing fixed income of the trust by The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 40 provided for amendment concerning the use of the proceeds of the bequest from Hattie K. Tedrow in any manner or fashion in compliance with the mandates of the order of the District Court of the County of Billings, State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Initial criteria on the distribution of available funds allocated a disproportionate amount to American Legion youth program participants, non-American Legion youth program participants and post projects wherein annual applications were marginal and awards were negligible, resulting in funds being routinely returned to the trust; and

WHEREAS, Requests for college scholarships from eligible and deserving North Dakota youth regularly far exceeded allocated funds made available for scholarship resulting in denial of or limited scholarship opportunity for promising youth; and

WHEREAS, Serving to address the financial needs of America's youth to achieve post-secondary education is in keeping with the spirit of The American Legion pillars of Americanism and Children & Youth and is a worthy and enduring tribute to the benevolence of Hattie K. Tedrow; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 9-10, 2024, That the account of the settlement of the bequest from the Hattie K. Tedrow Estate is hereby updated and shall be divided as follows:**

1. **An amount equal to 2% of the principal balance shall be deducted from accrued interest as of January 1 of each year as an administrative fee to cover the expense of the segregated fund;**
2. **2% of the remaining balance of the income shall be reinvested as principle for continued growth of the segregated fund;**
3. **Of the amount available for award, the board of trustees, consisting of the chairman of the Finance Commission or his designees, the vice chairman of the Finance Commission, the national adjutant, the national treasurer, the corporate financial controller and the director of Americanism and Children & Youth shall determine financial award in memorial to Hattie K. Tedrow based on the following criteria, as prioritized, until funds are expended:**

a. **Scholarships awarded to qualified high school seniors for continuing education for residents of the State of North Dakota to be divided equitably based on determined need and other awarding criteria as may be established by the board of trustees;**
b. **Aid to veterans and veterans' families and such other charitable purposes as determined by the board of trustees for the 17 American Legion posts in Southwest North Dakota listed on the attached exhibit to this resolution in accordance with procedures and policies established by the ad hoc committee and forwarded to the 17 posts; and, be it further.**

**RESOLVED, That no money shall be expended by the board of trustees until each application has satisfied all the requirements for information and documentation required by the board which shall meet prior to the spring and fall Finance Commission meetings or at such other meetings as called by the chair of the Finance Commission; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution shall allow the board of trustees to implement criteria, policies or procedures concerning the use of the proceeds of the Bequest from Hattie K. Tedrow in any manner or fashion that contradicts the mandates of the order of the District Court of the County of Billings, State of North Dakota, entered October 17, 2000 by Judge Zane Anderson, presiding; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the board of trustees may conduct business by mail, telephone, telegraph, email, video conference or by any other such means available provided that in the case of meetings by other means a record of the decision(s), if any, shall be made by the chair of the Finance Commission and delivered to the next regular meeting; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That each and every expenditure shall be identified as a memorial to Hattie K. Tedrow; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 40, "Use Of The Bequest Of Hattie K. Tedrow, Deceased," approved by the National Executive Committee in May 2001 is hereby superseded and rescinded.**

**EXHIBIT TO RESOLUTION TITLED:**
**USE OF THE BEQUEST OF HATTIE K. TEDROW, DECEASED**

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