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... At 10:07 a.m., August 23, 2024, the members assembled for the 2024 Pre-Convention Meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion at the 52nd Annual National Convention, and the following proceedings were had:

... *Gavel.*

Call to Order and Salute the Colors

Terry A. Harris (KS), National Vice Commander

Sergeant-at-Arms, please secure the doors. Thank you. Good morning, everyone.

FROM THE FLOOR: Good morning.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): I'm Terry Harris, National Vice Commander for the Midwest Region.

National Commander J.R. Hall was in the hospital overnight with a kidney stone and infection. He asked me to chair today's session in his absence. Please rise.

... *Gavel*

With the Colors of our Nation in place, join me in offering a right-hand salute.
Two.

National Chaplain Jeffrey Hicks will invoke the blessing of God. Please uncover.

Invocation

Jeffery E. Hicks (NJ), National Chaplain

Before we enter into our invocation this morning, there are some prayer requests I'd like to lift up. They being William Barnett of Idaho had a stroke at the age of 31 from the Detachment of Idaho. National Commander J.R. Hall with a kidney stone. He's in the hotel now. PNC Richard Cook of Oklahoma has an infection, is in the hospital. Our SAL National Liaison Kevin Mook of Maryland is in the hospital at this time.

Any others that we're unaware of, we lift them up for prayer, healing, and strength.

Let us pray. Almighty and gracious God, we come together on this Friday morning to conduct business and promote programs for the good of you, our country, and the Sons of the American Legion.

May each of us seek your wisdom and guidance in what we do, in what we say and in how

we act. For God and country, we are at this pre-convention National Executive Committee meeting. May we discuss all matters with an open mind and the respect commanded to each as they express their opinions. May each of us understand our love for the purpose for which we meet at this time.

In your holy name we pray, amen.

... *Moment of Silence.*

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): In memory of our departed comrades and the comrades of all veterans, let us stand in silence.

... *Moment of Silence.*

POW/MIA Empty Chair Remembrance

To maintain a high awareness that a constant vigil should be maintained so that no POW or MIA will be left unaccounted for, the Sons of The American Legion designate a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all meetings.

This is a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for, as a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners

from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor.

The POW/MIA flag is in place at this time.

I call upon National Sergeant-at-Arms Mark Fayer, Sr. to lead us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mark Fayer Sr. (MD), National Sergeant-at-Arms

... The delegation recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Cover, please.

I now call upon National Vice Commander John Cook to lead us in reciting the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion.

Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion

John R. Cook (NH), National Vice Commander - Northeast

... The delegation recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Serving as a

constant reminder that service men and women, on a daily basis, are putting themselves at risk to ensure our freedoms, the Sons of The American Legion display a Corporate Blue Star Service Banner at all meetings to serve as a symbol of our support of all the military personnel serving this great country. Let us never forget that every day these individuals are protecting our liberty.

The Blue Star Service Banner is in place.

... *Gavel.*

National Adjutant Anthony Wright will now read the Call to the Pre-Convention meeting of the National Executive Committee.

Call to the National Convention

Anthony W. Wright (PA), National Adjutant

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, the National Vice Commander, Midwest, of the Sons of The American Legion hereby calls for a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion to be held August 23, 2024, in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in

New Orleans, Louisiana.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): National
Adjutant Anthony Wright will now call the roll.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA):
We want to apologize in advance. We're not
purposely passing this back and forth. We're just
without a podium, as you can see. It's nothing
that Terry and I concocted since J.R. is not with
us.

Roll call of officers.

Roll Call

National Commander

Donald L. "J.R." Hall, Jr., Maryland - Excused

National Vice Commanders

North: John R. Cook, New Hampshire

South: Linwood A. Moore, Virginia

Central: Robert L. Bristo, Minnesota

Midwest: Terry A. Harris, Kansas

West: James R. Fischer, Sr., California

National Adjutant

Anthony W. Wright, Pennsylvania

National Assistant Adjutant Emeritus

Harold E. Thompson, Jr., Nebraska

National Assistant Adjutant

James E. "Ed" Sheubrooks, Florida
Robert J. Avery, New York
Scott A. Williams, Virginia
Scott J. Thornton, Ohio - Excused
Jeffrey E. Hicks, New Jersey
Clifford E. Hall, Georgia

National Chaplain

Jeffrey E. Hicks, New Jersey

National Parliamentarian

Gary B. Leach, California

National Historian

Jeff Thorne, Maryland

National Sergeant-At-Arms

Mark T. Fayer, Sr., Maryland

National Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms

Brian K. Waters, Pennsylvania
Gregory A. "Greg" Falco, New York
Lyle G. Larson, Kansas - Excused
Matthew W. Griffis, Arizona
Timothy Brower, New York

National Commander's Aide

Thomas G. "Tom" Deal, Maryland

Past National Commanders

Immediate Past National Commander Christopher A. Carlton, Indiana
Michael K. Seaton, California - Excused
Robert A. McBride, Ohio - Excused
J.R. Stillwell, Illinois - Excused
Robert H. Faust, California - Excused
Charles E. Gannon, Maryland
David P. Stephens, Indiana
Christopher R. Cerullo, New York
Frederick L. Hartline, Sr., Ohio - Excused
Douglas P. Bible, Minnesota
David R. Faust, Wisconsin
Robert A. Worrel, Indiana
Eugene L. Sacco, California

Joseph M. Mayne, Minnesota
John T. Dietz, Kentucky
Byron J. Robichaux, Louisiana
Richard L. Cook, Oklahoma - Excused
Kevin N. Winkelmann, Texas
Clifford A. Smith, Massachusetts
Michael J. Deacon, Iowa
Earl R. Ruttkofsky, Minnesota
Raymond P. Giehll, Jr., Indiana
James K. Roberts, III, Florida - Excused
Kevin L. Collier, Alaska
Jeffrey C. Frain, Arizona
Joseph A. Paviglianti, New York - Excused
Michael C. Fox, California.

Detachments

Alabama - (N)
Alaska - (B)
Arizona - (N)
Arkansas - (N)
California - (N)
Colorado - (A)
Connecticut - (N)
Delaware - (B)
Florida - (N)
France - (N)
Georgia - (N)
Hawaii - (N)
Idaho - (N)
Illinois - (N)
Indiana - (B)
Iowa - (N)
Kansas - (B)
Kentucky - (N)
Latin America - (N)
Louisiana - (B)
Maine - (N)
Maryland - (B)
Massachusetts - (B)
Michigan - (N)
Minnesota - (B)
Mississippi - (B)
Missouri - (N)

Montana - (N)
Nebraska - (N)
Nevada - (N)
New Hampshire - (B)
New Jersey - (B)
New Mexico - (B)
New York - (B)
North Carolina - (B)
North Dakota - (N)
Ohio - (B)
Oklahoma - (N)
Oregon - (N)
Pennsylvania - (B)
Puerto Rico - (N)
South Carolina - (N)
South Dakota - (N)
Tennessee - (N)
Texas - (N)
Vermont - (N)
West Virginia - (N)
Wisconsin - (B)
Wyoming - (A)

Commander, that completes roll call. You have a quorum.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Thank you.

I now declare this 2024 Pre-Convention Meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion regularly convened.

As a point of housekeeping business, I would remind everyone addressing the chair to please use one of the microphones located in the aisles on the floor instead of just calling out

from your seat. Please ask the chair to be recognized -- telling us where you are on the floor helps -- then identify yourself by name, title, and your detachment before speaking. This will help ensure that we maintain order and give our court reporter a better opportunity to document the proceedings correctly. Thank you.

At this time, I will have National Adjutant Anthony Wright read the minutes from our last meeting.

Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Anthony Wright (PA), National Adjutant

... Minutes not read.

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Commander, Chris Cook, Oklahoma, make a motion to accept the minutes.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Chris Cook, Detachment of Oklahoma makes a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as published.

Is there a second?

SAMUEL JOHNSON (IA): Sam Johnson, Detachment of Iowa, seconds that motion.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Thank you,
Sam.

The motion is seconded by Sam Johnson of
the Detachment of Iowa. Is there any discussion?

Hearing none, all those in favor of
accepting the previous meeting minutes as published
signify by saying aye.

All opposed, say nay.

Motion carries.

... *Gavel.*

The Sergeants-at-Arms are handing out the
resolutions for the pre-convention NEC. So if you
would stick your hand up so they know who to give
them to.

FROM THE FLOOR: NEC gets them first.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): NEC and Past
National Commanders, please.

At this time we will receive some of our
Commission reports.

I call National Internal Affairs
Commission Chairman Bill Hill to the podium along
with National Membership Committee Chairman Daryl

VerStreate, Jr. Finance Commission is on deck.

Oral Report

*National Convention Internal Affairs Committee
William Hill III (MD), Chairman*

Thank you, Commander. You mentioned membership. They're actually meeting at 10:00 as well. I just want to make sure that was noted.

For the Internal Affairs Commission report, we've had a successful year so far. I took over in May. A lot of accomplishments we've had already in flight.

MT&Ds do an outstanding job. You saw today they conducted and coordinated the Commander's training. We have initial new training that we'll be outlining for the year to possibly expand to some adjutant training and some advisory training and other activities.

We've also been asked to potentially participate in some regional training that's going to take place. We're working on agendas and outlines for that. More information will be available for that at the fall NEC.

In general, the membership and squadron

activity also is doing a fantastic job. As you see through their and other's help, we're at 392,000 members right now. I won't steal all of Daryl's thunder that he's going to use to present tomorrow, but there's a slight possibility the way we're going right now with things, by the end of this calendar year, for 2024, we have a good likelihood of being at 400,000 members. So kudos to that group for everything they're doing in trying to get all that put together.

Also on the Convention Committee, they're working and moving forward and doing a lot of that.

As you'll see in your resolution packages, IA put forward four resolutions or so to be discussed today. There is one administrative correction on the resolution for convention and meetings committee that we put forward that we've submitted. It's just an adjustment in the membership makeup to incorporate the past, current and future Detachment, where the convention is going to be held, as key representatives on that committee, so making sure that's inclusive of that.

I've talked to our liaison, Kevin. It's some administrative work within the resolution itself to incorporate that, but that's kind of the bottom line, just some adjustments of that one event.

At this time, Commander, that is my report.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): I will entertain a motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report, minus the resolutions.

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Commander, can we just not receive and file the report minus the resolutions?

BRANDON K. CURRY (KY): Mr. Commander, Brandon Curry, Kentucky, I second that motion.

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Brandon Curry seconds the motion to accept the report from the IA Commission. I'll make the motion to accept his report. Chris Cook, Oklahoma NEC.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Chris Cook of the Detachment of Oklahoma makes a motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report minus the

resolutions. And the second was by Brandon Curry, NEC of Kentucky.

Is there any discussion?

Hearing none, all those in favor of accepting the Internal Affairs Commission report, minus the resolutions, signify by saying aye.

All opposed by saying nay.

... *Gavel.*

Motion carries. Thank you.

I call on National Subcommittee on Resolutions Chairman Ned Fox.

Oral Report

National Subcommittee on Resolutions
Nedley C. Fox (CA), Chairman

Good morning, and thank you, Commander. This report will be fairly brief, I hope. I'm going to have to take some of Tony's space here.

The Subcommittee on Resolutions met yesterday afternoon, and I want to thank our committee of Brandon Curry, Jay Marsden was excused, Camille LeJeune, Steve Ward, Mark McCue, and Chris Sherman. And special guests, our National Adjutant, Mr. Tony Wright.

The previous minutes from the May meeting were approved.

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Point of order, Commander. Is the Subcommittee on Resolutions giving a report, or are we voting on the resolutions that are coming out of Internal Affairs?

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): I believe he's giving his report.

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Thank you.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): I hope.

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): Thank you. Now, on to the resolutions.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were all candidate resolutions received through Internal Affairs that had been received and filed. We concur.

Resolution No. 10 was the establishment of the Lawrence Hartline Memorial Trophy. This was a cleanup on a practice that has been taking place on an award, and it's just now stated in there. There was no change, nothing being added. And this

was approved by the resolutions committee.

Therefore, I'd like to make a motion that Resolution No. 10, the establishment of the Lawrence Hartline Memorial Trophy, be approved.

CAMILLE A. LEJEUNE, JR. (LA): Camille LeJeune, Louisiana, NEC, makes a motion to approve it.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Ned Fox, California made the motion to approve. And the second was by Camille LeJeune, Detachment of Louisiana. Is there any discussion?

Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting Resolution NEC2024-pre10 signify by saying aye. All those opposed say nay.

SAMUEL JOHNSON (IA): Sam Johnson, Detachment of Iowa. The copy I have, it has the same "resolve" clause twice. The first "resolve" clause and last "resolve" clause are duplicates. So, to say we cleaned it up and then we have this again.

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): Administratively that will be cleaned up. And thank you.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Okay. Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting -- you already did that. The motion did carry. I'm sorry.

... *Gavel.*

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): Resolution No. 11 was the establishment of the National Honors Recognition Council. Its origin was the Internal Affairs Commission. The committee met, discussed, and approved this resolution. Therefore, I motion to accept Resolution No. 11.

BRANDON K. CURRY (KY): Mr. Commander, Brandon Curry, NEC Kentucky, seconds the motion.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Ned Fox, Detachment of California makes the motion to adopt Resolution NEC2024-pre11. And Brandon Curry, Detachment of Kentucky, seconds. Is there any discussion?

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Commander, Chris Cook, Oklahoma, NEC. Yeah, it's going to be on the second page down here, item number 5, "the final decision shall rest with the American Legion's SAL commander's advisory committee."

Why are we establishing a council that will not make the decision but yet give a report to the committee that will make the final decision? This seems silly and redundant. We also have a Past National Commander's Committee that can do all this and still report to that same committee.

PNC DOUGLAS P. BIBLE (MN): Mr. Commander Past National Commander Doug Bible. A question to the Internal Affairs Committee that submitted this resolution.

I guess I'm kind of -- what is the real purpose of this? Did we run into some incidents that is causing this council to be created? Or is this something to just pick out special individuals? Is it really a necessary thing to happen? Thank you.

WILLIAM HILL III (MD): I'll try to address both questions, and both very good questions, starting with NEC Cook's question.

The intent is to establish this as kind of an independent outside council to review this on an ad hoc basis when these are going through. The

oversight from SALCA just basically ties back to The American Legion and the overall final decision and review of that. That's part of that, Chris, what that intends for.

Doug, your question, I don't have a litany of detail as to why other than when it was discussed, it's to help -- and this was also discussed at the spring NEC to a degree; and I would call any other PNC who wants to provide comment -- it was to somewhat establish a means and method to provide the right honor and respect to an honorary title that we may bestow on somebody, be it a Past National Commander or emeritus or such as that. It's not to any type of detriment.

I say this in this way, it's not to remove the emotion but to understand the importance of it. It's not an, okay, something happens today; we want to do something right now; it's an immediate ad hoc.

But also it runs parallel to even when a resolution may occur. Our new resolution process requires it to go in front of the American Legion

anyhow, the Resolution Review Committee.

So this is kind of another subset of that, to help clean that up and get that type of alignment for that overall process.

Commander, I'll defer back because I think there's a comment over to your right.

PNC DAVID R. FAUST (WI): David Faust, Past National Commander from Wisconsin. Chairman Hill said it very well. It's to prevent -- not necessary prevent, but a situation where you have a groundswell of something that happens in the spur of the moment.

It's to provide more of a thoughtful process on bestowing any kind of honor, because we want these to be rare and special and not be something that starts occurring on almost an annual basis because somebody thinks somebody deserves it and then the resolution goes through, and everybody just goes along with it to get along.

I'm going to be very blunt. It's to make sure that we've got a good process in place to manage it and make sure these things stay rare and

special. Thank you.

PNC RAYMOND P. GIEHLL JR. (IN): Mr. Vice Commander, Raymond Giehll, Past National Commander, Indiana. He said "annually." I must have missed something.

Are we annually giving awards to people that don't seem to deserve them, or did I miss something? We've given two in the last five years. Before that there hadn't been any in a long time, all the way back to an honorarium for Pat Shea.

This just seems to be a way to control who gets what and when. Thank you.

WILLIAM HILL III (MD): I can't comment on the "annual" because I agree with you on that. This was not intended to prevent an annual because there have not been that many of a groundswell.

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Commander, Chris Cook, Oklahoma NEC. I request a roll call vote for this resolution.

DAVID HANSON (IN): David Hansen, NEC for Indiana. I also request a roll call vote.

JON KINGSTON (TX): Jon Kingston, NEC,

Texas. I also request a roll call vote.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA):

All right.

National Vice Commander John Cook - Yes.

National Vice Commander Linwood Moore -

Yes.

National Vice Commander Robert Bristo -

Yes.

National Vice Commander James Fischer -

Yes.

We're going to go through Detachments.

Alabama - No.

Alaska - Yes.

Arizona - Yes.

Arkansas - Yes.

California - Pass.

California passed.

Colorado - Yes.

Connecticut.

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Can we request everyone get to a mic? Just line up. It's alphabetical. It's getting confusing.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA):

Connecticut - Yes.

Delaware - Yes.

Florida - No.

France - Yes.

Georgia - Yes.

Hawaii - Yes.

Idaho - Yes.

Indiana - No.

Iowa - No.

Illinois is only voice.

Kansas - Yes.

Kentucky - Yes.

Latin America - Yes.

Louisiana - Yes.

Maine - Yes.

Maryland - Yes.

Massachusetts - Yes.

Michigan - No.

Minnesota - No.

Mississippi - No.

Missouri - Yes.

Montana - Voice only.

Nebraska - No.

Nevada - No.

New Hampshire - Yes.

New Jersey - No.

New Mexico - Yes.

New York - Yes.

North Carolina - No.

North Dakota - Yes.

Ohio - No.

Oklahoma - No.

Oregon - No.

Pennsylvania - No.

Puerto Rico - No.

Rhode Island - Voice, no vote.

South Carolina - Yes.

South Dakota - Yes.

Tennessee - Yes.

Texas - No.

Utah.

Vermont - Yes.

Virginia.

Washington - Yes.

West Virginia - No.

Wisconsin - Yes.

Wyoming - Yes.

Let me get my Past National Commander list here.

FROM THE FLOOR: They don't have a vote.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA):

They don't have a vote at the NEC?

Okay, I stand corrected.

Immediate Past National Commander Chris Carlton - No.

The vote calculation -- 33 - yes; 19 - no. And based on the two-thirds majority, 33, you passed.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): All right. So Resolution NEC2023-pre2, the motion has carried.

... *Gavel.*

JACK YOUNGS (ID): Jack Youngs, Alternate, Idaho.

Commander, I heard you say 2023. What I have on my paper says SAL Resolution 11

Preconvention 2024.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): To be corrected. Thank you.

DAVID HANSON (IN): Commander, David Hanson, NEC, Indiana. According to my math, it takes 34 to make two-thirds of 52.

MARC CHANEY (OR): Mr. Commander, Marc Chaney, NEC, point of order. This is not a change to our constitution, so shouldn't it be just a simple majority?

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Yes, that is correct.

... Applause.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA): I do stand corrected. I was actually just talking with our parliamentarian regarding that, and that's what he had just stated, that just the majority ruled on that.

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): SAL Resolution No. 12, "Largest Squadron" Award. This is another one of housekeeping, cleaning up -- the Largest Squadron Award has been forgiven many years and it

wasn't to be found anywhere. So this is just the resolution to tell on you on the Largest Squadron Award.

So the committee has recommended approval. So motion to accept the SAL Resolution No. 12 for the pre-convention.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Ned Fox, Detachment of California makes a motion to adopt Resolution NEC2024-pre12. Is there a second?

SAMUEL JOHNSON (IA): Sam Johnson, Detachment of Iowa, seconds.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): The motion is seconded by Sam Johnson, Detachment of Iowa.

Is there any discussion?

MARK A. CANNITO (SC): Mr. Commander, Mark Cannito, NEC, South Carolina. Is this -- at our last NEC we discussed changing the requirements for growth allowing every squadron to be eligible. Is that what this is discussing?

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): No, just the largest squadron. That would be a separate issue.

MARK A. CANNITO (SC): Okay, thank you.

JUAN A. CRUZ-RODRIGUEZ (PR):

Mr. Commander, Juan Cruz, NEC, Puerto Rico. Just to clarify, what we discussed in the last NEC meeting was detachments that were under 200 members that were not qualified for certain membership awards. This is just talking about squadrons. Thank you, Mr. Commander.

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): Thank you.

STEPHEN P. PINTARICH (CT): Steve Pintarich, NEC, Connecticut. Is this based on a number or a percentage?

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): It is based on a number.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Is there any further discussion?

Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting Resolution NEC2024-pre12 signify by saying aye.

All opposed, say nay.

... Gavel.

Motion carries.

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): SAL Resolution

No. 13, Preconvention. This was a Youth Initiative Videos that has been referred to Finance.

Resolution No. 14, this originated from Internal Affairs. This is the restructure of the National Convention Committee, Resolutions Committee. Looked this resolution over and discussed our recommendation.

Motion to approve this resolution.

BRANDON K. CURRY (KY): Mr. Commander, Brandon Curry, NEC, Kentucky, seconds the motion.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Ned Fox, Detachment of California makes the motion to adopt Resolution NEC2024-pre14. And Brandon Curry, Detachment of Kentucky, seconds that motion.

Is there any discussion?

CAMILLE A. LEJEUNE (LA): Mr. Commander, Camille LeJeune, NEC from Louisiana. I would like Mr. Fox to please read the resolved clause.

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): All the resolved clause? Happily.

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in

regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby renames the National Convention Committee as the National Convention and Meetings Committee;

And be it further RESOLVED that the renamed Committee shall continue to be a standing committee of the National Executive Committee charged with supporting the activities of the National Convention, the Spring and Fall NEC meetings and other national meetings as established, while reporting to the Internal Affairs Commission of the Sons of The American Legion;

And be it further RESOLVED, that the Committee shall be comprised of an appointed Chairman, five members selected at large. However, that the Chairman shall not be selected from the five members, of which one shall be named the Vice Chairman and one authorized National Commander's Representative. Optional, who shall serve with voice and vote, and such number of Consultants

and/or Advisors to the Committee as deemed appropriate and necessary who shall serve with voice but no vote;

And be it further RESOLVED, that the National Vice Commanders of the Sons of The American Legion shall serve as ex-officio members of the Committee with voice but no vote;

And be it finally RESOLVED that Sons of The American Legion Resolution NEC8-74 is hereby rescinded.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Is there any further discussion?

Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting Resolution 2024-pre14, signify by saying aye.

All opposed, say nay.

Motion carries.

... *Gavel.*

Thank you.

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): SAL Resolution No. 15 was a George W. Rulon Player of the Year Scholarship. That has been referred to Finance.

Commander, that concludes our report for the resolutions for the pre-convention from the subcommittee of resolutions. Therefore I'd like our report to be filed.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Thank you, chairman.

BRANDON K. CURRY (KY): Mr. Commander, Brandon Curry, NEC, Kentucky, seconds that motion.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Ned Fox, Detachment of California, made the motion to accept that resolution, pass that resolution to Finance --

FROM THE FLOOR: Report.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): To accept Ned Fox's report, I apologize. I'm new at this. Don't throw anything, please. If you do, hit him.

... *Laughter.*

Brandon Curry, Kentucky, seconds that motion. Is there any discussion?

JACK YOUNGS (ID): Jack Youngs, Alternate, Idaho. I've got a question. I've got concern about the resolution number on it, is Resolution 2, National Convention 2024 -- I stand

corrected. Thank you.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Moving on, thank you. I call National Finance Commission Chairman Jeff Van Horn to the podium for his report.

FROM THE FLOOR: There's still a motion on the floor.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): That's right. All those in favor of accepting Ned's report, signify by saying aye.

Those opposed, nay.

... *Gavel.*

Motion carried.

Written Resolutions

(See Attachment)

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): I call National Finance Commission Chairman Jeff Van Horn to the podium for his report.

Oral Report

National Convention Finance Commission
Jeffrey J. Van Horn (IL)

Mr. Commander, Chairman Van Horn here. I'm unaware of any report. Nothing was given to me. So I have no report at this time -- unless Mr. Hill can enlighten me a little bit.

WILLIAM HILL III (MD): Apologize, that was a wrap-up of the year, of information you have already. And you can prepare it for tomorrow for convention.

JEFFERY J. VAN HORN (IL): I'll save my report for tomorrow.

WILLIAM HILL III (MD): Blame it on the previous guy.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): If any other chairman has information that needs to be brought up before the National Executive Committee and not

wait for the convention, please come forward now.

Sorry about the delay.

New Business

New Business, is there any New Business to be brought before the National Executive Committee?

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): Mr. Vice Commander, Joe Schultis, Alternate NEC, Indiana. I wanted to bring up about the consolidated reports. There was some missing reported.

In Indiana, we have 283 squadrons. There's 102 recognized by national reported. We had down 159. These were recognized at National via email that they did receive these consolidated reports via the email process.

So that would have been a total of 261. That would be 92.23 percent that we had instead of the 36 percent. At my math, using \$32 an hour for volunteer hours, we lost out on \$4.4 million recognized. That's 780,000 hours.

So my issue is that because of this, the awards that will be given out this weekend are not

recognizing all the squadrons that worked hard for everything.

So I would like to propose a motion that it be noted before each of the awards by the CSRs that it is documented and noted that these awards are given out by the CSRs received by national in time and the ones recorded by national because there are a lot of squadrons that have been excluded at no fault of their own. Thank you.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): We have a motion from Joe Schultis of the Detachment of Indiana. Joe, would you repeat your motion, please?

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): My motion is that before each of the awards, it is noted that the awards are only counted for by the squadrons that sent in their CSRs on time and documented by national.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA): Here's what we'll do, just for clarification purposes, I will request, if the motion passes, that you put the verbiage down that you would like

to have stated, and we'll just do one blanket, one before the awards are presented.

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): That's fine. I also have a copy for you if you would like, my data.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA): Perfect.

CHRIS L. COOK (OK): Chris Cook, NEC, Oklahoma seconds the motion.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): We have a second from NEC Chris Cook, Detachment of Oklahoma.

Is there any discussion?

Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, nay.

PARLIAMENTARIAN GARY B. LEACH (CA): First, for clarification, I have no authority to make a ruling as a parliamentarian, but I can make a recommendation. Rather than having to go through an entire roll call, the way you confirm the outcome of a voice vote when it's uncertain is to conduct a rising vote.

So that would be my recommendation and it

would save a lot of time. Just have those detachments who are here to vote, you would say all in favor, rise. Okay. Thank you, be seated. All opposed, rise. And determine the outcome that way. Much simpler than conducting another roll call.

MICHAEL GRAICHEN (RI): Michael Graichen, Department of Rhode Island, Department Commander, request a standing vote.

FROM THE FLOOR: Out of order.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA): All those in favor of the motion by Joe Schultis, rise if you are for the motion.

FROM THE FLOOR: Can we have the motion restated?

FROM THE FLOOR: NECs only.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA): Joe, can you go to the microphone? I don't want to put words in your mouth. So everybody sit down until Joe's completed.

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): The only thing I'm asking for is that it is only recognized that squadrons were left off. That's it. There were

squadrons left off. If we want to just state that, that there were some squadrons not documented, I'm good with that.

So I guess if I'm okay, I'll just make my motion that it was brought forth that there were squadrons, CSRs, not recognized.

So my original motion was to just make a statement at the beginning before the awards stating that all of these squadrons that are being recognized only -- all the squadrons being recognized had submitted their CSRs on time and the ones that were recorded by national.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA): Does that clarify everyone's, what his motion is? I can't interpret what his motion is, and neither can the chair.

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA): Ned Fox, NEC California. We have a motion on the floor right now that was made by the gentleman. So if we want clarification to simplify it, it would seem that that motion would need to be rescinded so that you could restate the motion, maybe that will clarify

what you're looking for so that the confusion is taken away.

I understand what you're trying to do, but that would be -- we need to vote on the first motion, or it needs to be rescinded.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Mr. Schultis, would you like to rescind that motion?

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): All I'm trying to get is that squadrons that were not recorded, that the national understands. And it's not just an Indiana thing, guys. I don't know how many squadrons out there were not recorded. So if this doesn't happen, all I'm saying is, why were we browbeat about getting these CSRs in?

I'll rescind the motion.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): PNC Fox.

PNC MICHAEL FOX (CA): Thank you. I think what he's trying to get at is he's recognized that there's a problem with the recording of the CSRs on the national level. I think the best thing to do would be for an NECman to make a motion to direct somebody, whether it be the SAL or National

Headquarters, to fix the problem so that we can get that resolved so that all the squadrons' information is recorded, because we're missing out on a lot. Would that make more sense?

PNC DAVID R. FAUST (WI): Mr. Chairman, PNC Faust. I agree with Mr. Fox. I think we need to fix the problem. I understand where Mr. Schultis is coming from 100 percent. There is a problem with getting all of this paperwork recorded and processed at National Headquarters in a timely fashion.

We need to recognize that, but I also don't want to see us put an asterisk on every award that's given out this weekend and to make some feel like maybe they weren't worthy of getting it. That's not their fault either.

So it's a tough spot that we're in, but I don't think we need to do this on the convention floor. I think the NEC needs to make a strong statement to national staff that we'd like them to look into this and fix it. Thank you.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Mr. Schultis.

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): Joe Schultis, Alternate NEC, Indiana. I'd like to make a motion to have the National Adjutant work with National Headquarters to recognize and fix the recording of data problem that's been brought forth.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Are you amending your original motion?

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): I already rescinded that, sir.

PARLIAMENTARIAN GARY B. LEACH (CA): Even as the maker of the motion you don't have the authority to rescind on your own. Once it's stated by the chair it's the property of the assembly. You can request without objection that it be rescinded or retracted; is that what you really want to do?

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): Sure.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): And now you're making a new motion?

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): Correct.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Okay, would you state that again for clarification, please?

JOSEPH SCHULTIS (IN): Joe Schultis, Alternate NEC, Indiana, makes a motion to instruct the Adjutant to work with the National Headquarters to fix the problem of recording of data submitted by the squadrons on the CSR.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Do we have a second for Mr. Schultis' motion?

BRANDON K. CURRY (KY): Brandon Curry, NEC, Kentucky, seconds the motion.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Is there any further discussion?

PNC RAYMOND P. GIEHLL JR. (IN): Past Commander Raymond Giehll, Indiana. Now I'm speaking as a Detachment adjutant for Indiana because what we really said in Indiana about this is if this is the way it's going to work, we're not going to chase down CSRs next year.

I'll be blunt. That's what we will keep saying in Indiana. It's sad that we have to say that. I'm just in agreement with him. You can understand our thinking there. Thank you, sir.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Thank you. Is

there any further discussion?

The motion on the floor, I'm going to try this, by Joe Schultis, Detachment of Indiana, is to assign the National Adjutant for the SAL to communicate with National about the process of receiving and recording the CSRs that are submitted. And we also have a second by Brandon Curry of Kentucky.

Any further discussion?

SAMUEL JOHNSON (IA): Yes. Is there a timeframe on which we're looking to get an answer?

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Your name and detachment, please.

SAMUEL JOHNSON (IA): Sorry, Sam Johnson, Detachment of Iowa. Is there a timeframe that we can maybe expect an answer or that we're looking for an answer for what the problem is and how it's going to be fixed?

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA): I'll get an answer as soon as I can. I'll send an email out as soon as I get back to the office.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): We have this

motion on the floor. All those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed, nay.

Motion carries. Thank you.

Is there any other New Business to be brought before the National Executive Committee?

For the Good of the Sons

Is there anything For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion?

All right, seeing none there, are there any final announcements at this time?

Final Announcements

NATIONAL ADJUTANT ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA):
Joe, upon conclusion of this meeting, I wanted to speak with you. So don't run away. Thank you.

... Laughter.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): If there is no further business to come before this National Executive Committee meeting, National Chaplain Jeffrey Hicks will now lead us in the closing prayer. Please rise and uncover.

... Gavel.

Benediction

Jeffrey E. Hicks (NJ), National Chaplain

Let us pray. May the strength of God sustain us. May the power of God preserve us. May the hands of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. May the love of God go with us this day and forever more, amen.

NVC TERRY A. HARRIS (KS): Please cover. Until we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our country can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship.

Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the Sons of The American Legion. Let us ever be watchful of the honor of our country, the American Legion, our organization, and ourselves that nothing shall swerve us from the path of justice, freedom, loyalty, and democracy.

Salute to Colors

With the Colors of our Nation in place, join me in offering a right-hand salute. Two.

Adjournment

I now declare this 2024 Pre-Convention Meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion adjourned.

... At 11:18 a.m., Friday, August 23, 2024, the 2024 Pre-Convention Meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion was adjourned.

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WRITTEN RESOLUTION ATTACHMENT

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No.: SAL Resolution 1 – Pre-Convention 2024
Title: Endorsement of Dan Ashley (AZ) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Arizona

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Dan Ashley has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Arizona as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona hereby endorses Dan Ashley for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Arizona and the Department of Arizona with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, Dennis Pittman, and Department Adjutant, Angel Juarez, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

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William G. Hill 07/25/24

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No.: SAL Resolution 2 – Pre-Convention 2024
Title: Endorsement of Matthew C. Thalasinios (NJ) for National Chaplain
Origin: Detachment of New Jersey

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Thalasinios has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of New Jersey as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New Jersey hereby endorses Matthew C. Thalasinios for the high office of National Chaplain at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of New Jersey and the Department of New Jersey with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, Thomas Marsden, and Department Adjutant, John D. Baker, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

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No.: SAL Resolution 3 – Pre-Convention 2024
Title: Endorsement of Henry Hasselhan (NJ) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of New Jersey

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hasselhan has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of New Jersey as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New Jersey hereby endorses Henry Hasselhan for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of New Jersey and the Department of New Jersey with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, Thomas Marsden, and Department Adjutant, John D. Baker, are on the submitted resolution.

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**No.: SAL Resolution 4 – Pre-Convention 2024
Title: Endorsement of Harl D. “Butch” Ray (IL) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Illinois**

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Harl “Butch” Ray has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Illinois as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Illinois hereby endorses Harl D. “Butch” Ray for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Illinois and the Department of Illinois with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Adjutant, JR Stilwell, and Commander, Chris Friedman, are on the submitted resolution.

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No.: SAL Resolution 5 – Pre-Convention 2024
Title: Endorsement of Jeff Trout (IL) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of Illinois

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Trout has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Illinois as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Illinois hereby endorses Jeff Trout for the high office of National Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Illinois and the Department of Illinois with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Adjutant, Bill Passmore, and Commander, Paul Hayse, are on the submitted resolution.

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No.: SAL Resolution 6 – Pre-Convention 2024
Title: Endorsement of Bryan Hine (TN) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Tennessee

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hine has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Tennessee as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Tennessee hereby endorses Bryan Hine for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Tennessee and the Department of Tennessee with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Department Adjutant, Dean Tuttle, and Department Commander, Lanny Culver, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

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No.: SAL Resolution 7 – Pre-Convention 2024

Title: Endorsement of Christopher M. Casey (NE) for National Vice Commander

Origin: Detachment of Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Casey has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Nebraska as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Nebraska hereby endorses Christopher M. Casey for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Nebraska and the Department of Nebraska with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, Christopher Casey, and Department Adjutant, David W. Salak, are on the submitted resolution.

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No.: SAL Resolution 8 – Pre-Convention 2024
Title: Endorsement of George Gray (GA) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Georgia

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, George Gray has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Georgia as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Georgia hereby endorses George Gray for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Georgia and the Department of Georgia with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, Ronnie Grist, and Department Adjutant, Lewis Kent, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

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No.: SAL Resolution 9 – Pre-Convention 2024
Title: Endorsement of Jamey Holloway (GA) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of Georgia

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Jamey Holloway has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Georgia as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Georgia hereby endorses Jamey Holloway for the high office of National Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Georgia and the Department of Georgia with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, Ronnie Grist, and Department Adjutant, Lewis Kent, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

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**No.: SAL Resolution 10 – Pre-Convention NEC 2024
Title: Establishment of the Lawrence Hartline Memorial Trophy
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities**

WHEREAS, No existing resolution can be found establishing this pre-existing award and there is no additional financial intent to perpetuate this award, and the first winner was the Detachment of Indiana; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby establishes the Lawrence Hartline Memorial Trophy Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Lawrence Hartline Trophy Award shall be presented to the Sons of The American Legion Detachment that charters the most new squadrons in the membership year that runs from July 1st to June 30th each year and follows the established instructions to receive this award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the award shall consist of one engraved plaque; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee, convened in regular session at the annual National Convention August 23-25, 2024, in New Orleans, Louisiana officially establishes the prestigious Lawrence Hartline Memorial Trophy Award.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Daryl V. VerStreate, Jr. 07/16/24
DARYL V. VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

William G. Hill 07/25/24
WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

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No.: SAL Resolution 11 – Pre-Convention NEC 2024
Title: Establishment of the National Honors Recognition Council (NHRC)
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Sons of The American Legion to adopt an approach to properly recognize the exceptional actions of individuals who distinguish themselves in this manner to assist in such vital endeavours; and

WHEREAS, recognition of said distinguished actions would be in the manner of an Honorary title, equivalent to the position within the national organization which they've held; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion recognizes the importance of bestowing exceptional honors upon individuals for their outstanding contributions and achievements; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a formal policy may lead to ad hoc decisions lacking thorough consideration and potentially resulting in negative consequences; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion National Organization hereby establishes a committee entitled, "National Honors Recognition Council;" and be it further

RESOLVED, the purpose of the National Honors Recognition Council (NHRC) is to establish a structured process and criteria for awarding exceptional national honors on behalf of the national SAL organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, the process of the NHRC will be:

- 1. The NHRC shall meet as needed to consider candidates for honors.**

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

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Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

William G. Hill *07/25/24*

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

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National Executive Committee**

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**No.: SAL Resolution 12 – Pre-Convention NEC 2024
Title: National Membership “Largest Squadron” Award
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities**

WHEREAS, no existing resolution can be found establishing this pre-existing award, and there is no additional financial intent to perpetuate this award, and the first winner was the Detachment of Indiana; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby establishes the prestigious Largest Squadron Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the criteria to receive such an award is for the single squadron with the largest membership as of December 31st of the prior membership year. Their Detachment must submit the appropriate current form by March 31st of the current calendar year; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that the squadron that meets the above criteria will be awarded a plaque at each National Convention indicating such accomplishment.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Daryl V. VerStreate, Jr. 07/16/24
DARYL V. VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

William G. Hill 07/25/24
WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 13 – Pre-Convention NEC 2024
Title: Membership and CENTCOM Parent and Youth Initiative Videos
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sons of The American Legion is to support and promote the four pillars of The American Legion: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth; and

WHEREAS, the production of a series of professional videos that focus on content that will educate children on American history, values, democracy, and patriotism would fulfill part of that mission; and

WHEREAS, one video shall focus on potential members for the Sons of The American Legion in the age demographic of 16-34 years old; and

WHEREAS, two to three similar story videos intended to support CENTCOM's Parent and Youth Initiative – telling stories that inspire parents to want their children to be a part of the curriculum, service, and community of the Sons and their programs shall be produced; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby expend \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) from the Fiscal Year 2025 budget to be earmarked for this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contractor be Chastain Creative Video Service, an approved vendor for The American Legion, with the cost breakdown for this project being attached as supporting documentation.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved
Rejected
Referred to:
Other Action

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Daryl V. VerStreate 07/16/24
DARYL V. VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
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WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

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No.: SAL Resolution 14 – Pre-Convention NEC 2024
Title: Restructure the National Convention Committee
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, Sons of The American Legion Resolution NEC8-74 established the National Convention Committee as a standing committee of the National Executive Committee that defined the purpose, scope, function, authority and membership of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the increase in activities at the national convention and meetings of the national organization and need for clarity and continuity suggests that a revision to the original resolution is in order; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby renames the National Convention Committee as the National Convention and Meetings Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the renamed Committee shall continue to be a standing committee of the National Executive Committee charged with supporting the activities of the national convention, the Spring and Fall NEC meetings, and other national meetings as established, while reporting to the Internal Affairs Commission of the Sons of The American Legion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee shall be comprised of an appointed Chairman; five (5) members selected at large, however, that the Chairman shall not be selected from the five (5) members, of which one (1) shall be named Vice Chairman; and, one (1) authorized national commander's representative (optional) who shall serve with voice and vote, and such number of Consultants and/or Advisors to the Committee as deemed appropriate and necessary who shall serve with voice but no vote; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Vice Commanders of the Sons of The American Legion shall serve as ex-officio members of the Committee with voice but no vote; and be it finally

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Approved
Rejected
Referred to:
Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Tommy Vassar, Jr. 07/09/24
TOMMY VASSAR, JR. (LA), Chairman
National Convention Committee

William G. Hill 07/25/24
WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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**No.: SAL Resolution 15 – Pre-Convention NEC 2024
Title: Creation of The American Legion Baseball George W. Rulon Player of the Year Scholarship
Origin: Detachment of Texas**

WHEREAS, the American Legion Baseball program has established scholarships for the All-Academic Team based on their respective manager’s nomination; and

WHEREAS, there is no established scholarship for the George W. Rulon Player of the Year recipient; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 23, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby establishes a scholarship of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars), to be adjusted for inflation, awarded to the George W. Rulon Player of the Year of the American Legion Baseball World Series; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the money for this scholarship come from the Sons of The American Legion national annual budget; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this scholarship commence with the 2025 American Legion Baseball World Series.

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- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Chris Casey 07/15/24
CHRIS CASEY (NE), Chairman
Americanism Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

Jeffrey Van Horn 07/18/24
JEFFREY VAN HORN (IL), Chairman
Finance Commission

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION

I, DENISE HINXMAN, Certified Court Reporter, do hereby certify;

That on August 23, 2024, I was present and took verbatim stenotype notes of the 2024 Pre-Convention Meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion entitled herein, and thereafter transcribed the same into typewriting as herein appears;

That said meeting was taken in stenotype notes by me, a Certified Court Reporter, and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my direction as herein appears;

That the foregoing transcript is a full, true, and correct transcription of my stenotype notes of said meeting.

Dated at Reno, Nevada, this 20th day of September 2024.

DENISE HINXMAN, CSR, RDR, CRC