

*Internal Affairs Commission Report to  
National Executive Committee  
The American Legion  
October 6-7, 2021*

Disposition of Action of  
Sons of The American Legion

In compliance with Resolution 21 “entitled”, “Establish Procedure for Handling Matters Originating from SAL National Conventions and SAL National Executive Committees”, adopted by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion at its meeting April 30-May 1, 1973, this is to report disposition made by the Internal Affairs Commission of SAL actions taken at the National Executive Committee October 2-3, 2021.

<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b>
SAL Res. NEC 2018-Pre1	Mississippi	National Convention Travel Reimbursement for National Executive Committeemen of the Sons of The American Legion	Renumbered as Res. NEC 2021-Pre3
SAL Res. NEC 2021-Pre1	Texas	Endorsement of Juan R. Torres (TX) for National Commander	Received and Filed
SAL Res. NEC 2021-Pre2	Colorado	Creation of Exploratory Committee to Investigate Separation from The American Legion	Rejected
SAL Res. NEC 2018-Pre3	Mississippi	National Convention Travel Reimbursement for National Executive Committeemen of the Sons of The American Legion	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. 1 – Convention 2021	Standing Internal Affairs Commission	Ratification of Resolution NEC 2019-F6, “Revision to Article X, Section 2 (Finances)”	Consolidated into NC2021-7
SAL Res. 2 – Convention 2021	Standing Internal Affairs Commission	Ratification of Resolution NEC 2020-F13, “Revision to Article IV (Eligibility)”	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. 3 – Convention 2021	Standing Internal Affairs Commission	Ratification of Resolution NEC 2020-F15, “Revision of Preamble of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion”	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. 4 – Convention 2021	Standing Internal Affairs Commission	Ratification of Resolution NEC 2020-F16, “Revision of Article X of the Constitution of The American Legion”	Consolidated into NC2021-7
SAL Res. 5 – Convention 2021	Mississippi	To Correct Inconsistency Between SAL Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions and the SAL National Constitution and By-Laws	<b>Recommend Approval</b>

SAL Res. 6 – Convention 2021	National Convention Internal Affairs Committee	Change to Article VII, Section 2	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. 7 – Convention 2021	Consolidated Resolution	Ratification of Resolution NEC 2019-F6, “Revision to Article X, Section 2 (Finances)” and Resolution NEC 2020-F16, “Revision of Article X of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion”	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. No. 1 Fall NEC, 2021	Veterans Employment and Education Commission	Recognizing Recipients of the “Marvin P. Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment and Education Contributor of the Year Award”	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. No. 2 Fall NEC, 2021	Oklahoma	National Commander Recommendation Committee Formation	Rejected
SAL Res. No. 3 Fall NEC, 2021	Oklahoma	Leadership Selection Committee Formation	Rejected
SAL Res. No. 4 Fall NEC, 2021	Membership Committee	Create the “Squadron Commander of the Year Award”	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. No. 5 Fall NEC, 2021	50 <sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee	Funding for 50 <sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. No. 6 Fall NEC, 2021	Ad-hoc Century Committee	Creation of Standing Committee and Funding for Century Committee (CENTCOM)	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. No. 7 Fall NEC, 2021	Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission	Donation of \$500,000.00 to the Veterans and Children Foundation from the SAL Reserve Fund	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. No. 8 Fall NEC, 2021	Americanism Commission	Donation of \$130,000.00 to American Legion Baseball from the SAL Reserve Fund	<b>Recommend Approval</b>
SAL Res. No. 9 Fall NEC, 2021	50 <sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee	Amend the Makeup of the 50 <sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee	<b>Recommend Approval</b>

  
**George V. West (NH), Chairman  
SAL Subcommittee**

**The Sons of The American Legion  
National Executive Committee**

Held on  
August 27, 2021

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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 3 – Pre-Convention NEC, 2021 (renumbered from S.A.L. Resolution 1 – Pre-Convention NEC, 2018)  
**Title:** National Convention Travel Reimbursement for National Executive Committeemen of the Sons of The American Legion  
**Origin:** Detachment of Mississippi

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion is the governing body of the organization between conventions; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee has the obligation by their office of attending both the Pre-Convention and the Post-Convention meeting of the National Executive Committee as well as Convention meetings; and

WHEREAS, The Past National Commanders, National Officers (elected and appointed), National Commission and Committee Chairmen are allowed a travel expense reimbursement; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Phoenix, Arizona on August 27, 2021, That Sons of The American Legion adopt the following Travel Expense Reimbursement allowance for the current office holding National Executive Committeeman (or the Alternate National Executive Committeeman) in the absence of the National Executive Committeeman as of the opening of the National Convention, all in compliance with The American Legion guidelines, as follows:**

- 1) **The cost of an airline ticket (coach class), purchased twenty-one (21) days in advance of the Convention.**
  - a. **In case of a cancellation, the individual must notify the National Headquarters prior to the day of departure so that the airline ticket can be used within one year of the date specified.**

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

David A. Blair [mtg. on 08/26/2021]

DAVID A. BLAIR (TX), Acting Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Mark A. Tansel [Comm. Mtg. 08/23/2021]

MARK A. TANSEL (IN), Chairman

Internal Affairs Commission

William G. Hill [confirmed funding in budget to I/A]

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

10/13/21 OK and approved by TAL Finance Commission - Debbie McKee, Chair

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Origin: Detachment of Mississippi

Any cost of a subsequent change fee will be paid provided proper notification of cancellation was made as indicated above.

- b. If a National Executive Committeeman cancels his trip subsequent to the airline ticket being purchased, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman will receive per diem and baggage fees only. No travel or mileage will be allowed.
- 2) Baggage fees if applicable. Receipt required.
  - 3) Mileage, at the current American Legion rate, to and from home to the airport.
  - 4) Parking fees at the airport are not applicable.
  - 5) Transportation from the Convention airport will be reimbursed up to the allowance as determined by The American Legion. Receipt required.
  - 6) Individuals that drive to the Convention will receive a mileage allowance based on the rate as used by The American Legion. The maximum allowable reimbursement shall be the same as the rate set forth by The American Legion.
  - 7) If any person entitled to air transportation needs to cancel their flight, the S.A.L. Liaison must be notified in advance of the flight. The ticket will need to be re-issued prior to the one-year expiration period. If the ticket is not used and the National Organization is billed for the flight, the host Detachment will be responsible for the cost of the ticket to the National Organization of The American Legion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution become effective as funds become available.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

David A. Blair [mtg. on 08/26/2021]

DAVID A. BLAIR (TX), Acting Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

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WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 2 - National Convention, 2021

**Title:** Ratification of Resolution NEC2020-F13, "Revision to Article IV (Eligibility)"

**Origin:** National Internal Affairs Commission

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

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is governed by a National Constitution and By-Laws that may only be amended by action of a National Convention as described in Article XII; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1 of the National Constitution grants administrative power to the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in between National Conventions; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion adopted Resolution NEC2020-F13, "Revision to Article IV (Eligibility)," during its meeting September 26, 2020; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Phoenix, Arizona on August 27-29, 2021, hereby ratify the adoption of Resolution NEC2020-F13, "Revision to Article IV (Eligibility);" and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion is amended as follows:**

**"ARTICLE IV. ELIGIBILITY**

**Section 1. All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during ~~World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods~~ the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941 to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion."; and, be it finally**

*Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation*

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

*Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature*

*Larry C. Weinzirl*

LARRY C. WEINZIRL (MD), Vice Chairman  
National Internal Affairs Commission



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**Origin:** National Internal Affairs Commission

**RESOLVED, That this revision be implemented effective immediately, by all levels of the organization and within all documents of the organization.**

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Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

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Rejected   
Referred to:   
Other Action

Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature

*Larry C. Weinzirl*

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LARRY C. WEINZIRL (MD), Vice Chairman  
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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 3 - National Convention, 2021  
**Title:** Ratification of Resolution NEC2020-F15, “Revision of Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion”  
**Origin:** National Internal Affairs Commission

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

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is governed by a National Constitution and By-Laws that may only be amended by action of a National Convention as described in Article XII; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1 of the National Constitution grants administrative power to the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in between National Conventions; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion adopted Resolution NEC2020-F15, “Revision of Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion,” during its meeting September 26, 2020; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Phoenix, Arizona on August 27-29, 2021, hereby ratify the adoption of Resolution NEC2020-F15, “Revision of Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion;” and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion is amended as follows:**

**“PREAMBLE**

**Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of ~~the Great Wars~~ all wars, associate ourselves together as “Sons of The American Legion” for the following purposes:**

**To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in ~~the~~**

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*Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation*

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*Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature*

*Larry C. Weinzirl*

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LARRY C. WEINZIRL (MD), Vice Chairman  
National Internal Affairs Commission

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**Origin:** National Internal Affairs Commission

~~Great Wars~~ all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.""; and, be it finally

**RESOLVED, That this revision be implemented effective immediately, by all levels of the organization and within all documents of the organization.**

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*Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation*

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

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*Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature*

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LARRY C. WEINZIRL (MD), Vice Chairman  
National Internal Affairs Commission

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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 5 - National Convention, 2021

**Title:** To Correct Inconsistency Between SAL Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions and the SAL National Constitution and By-Laws

**Origin:** Detachment of Mississippi

WHEREAS, The Uniform Code of Procedure, under Call of the National Convention, states, “Not less than 30 days prior to the date of assembly of the National Convention as fixed by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) in conjunction with the National Headquarters of The American Legion shall issue an official call for the National Convention”; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion, Article V – Legislative Body, Section 2 states, “The National Headquarters of The American Legion shall issue a Call to the National Convention to each Detachment Headquarters not less than sixty (60) days prior to the opening day of the National Convention”; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has established “30 days” prior to the National Convention as their practice; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Phoenix, Arizona on August 27-29, 2021, hereby amends Article V, Section 2 of the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion as follows:**

**“ARTICLE V. LEGISLATIVE BODY**

**Section 2. The National Headquarters of The American Legion shall issue a Call to the National Convention to each Detachment Headquarters not less than ~~sixty (60)~~ thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the National Convention.”; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That this revision be implemented effective immediately, by all levels of the organization and within all documents of the organization.**

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*Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation*

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

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*Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature*

*Larry C. Weinzirl*

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LARRY C. WEINZIRL (MD), Chairman  
National Convention Internal Affairs Committee

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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 6 - National Convention, 2021  
**Title:** Change to Article VII, Section 2  
**Origin:** National Convention Internal Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Alignment with The American Legion's National Constitution and By-Laws is critically important and required; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 2, does not represent the most current method and means of communication to achieve the intended results; and

WHEREAS, Updating the provisions and options provided will allow a more effective and functional operating premise for the National Executive Committee; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Phoenix, Arizona on August 27-29, 2021, hereby amends Article VII, Section 2, of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution as follows:**

**“ARTICLE VII. National Executive Committee**

**Section 2. The National Executive Committee, without meeting together, may transact business by mail, email, fax or telephone on a matter of urgency not involving new policy and on which action cannot be delayed to the next regular meeting. ~~Thirty (30)~~ Five (5) days shall be allowed for the return, by mail, email, fax or telephone, of the votes thereon by the National Adjutant. The National Adjutant shall notify the National Commander of the results of the vote taken. The National Executive Committee may also meet on the call of the National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion or on written request of at least five (5) Detachments, at any time during the year for sufficient reason to it appearing.”; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That this revision be implemented effective immediately, by all levels of the organization and within all documents of the organization.**

*Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation*

- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

*Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature*

*Larry C. Weinzirl*

LARRY C. WEINZIRL (MD), Chairman  
National Convention Internal Affairs Committee

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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 7 - National Convention, 2021  
**Title:** Ratification of Resolution NEC2019-F6, “Revision to Article X, Section 2 (Finances)” and Resolution NEC2020-F16, “Revision of Article X of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion”  
**Origin:** Consolidated Resolution

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

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is governed by a National Constitution and By-Laws that may only be amended by action of a National Convention as described in Article XII; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1 of the National Constitution grants administrative power to the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in between National Conventions; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion adopted Resolution NEC2019-F6, “Revision to Article X, Section 2 (Finances),” during its meeting October 12-13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion adopted Resolution NEC2020-F15, “Revision of Article X of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion,” during its meeting September 26, 2020; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Phoenix, Arizona on August 27-29, 2021, hereby ratify the adoption of Resolution NEC2019-F6, “Revision to Article X, Section 2 (Finances)” and Resolution NEC2020-F16, “Revision of Article X of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion;” and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion is amended as follows:**

**“ARTICLE X. FINANCES**

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*Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation*

Approved   
Rejected   
Referred to:   
Other Action

*Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature*

*Scott J. Thornton*

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SCOTT J. THORNTON (OH), Chairman  
National Convention Constitutional Amendments Committee

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Origin: Consolidated Resolution

**Section 1. The revenue of the Sons of The American Legion shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion.**

**Section 2. The amount of such annual National dues shall be ~~\$2.00 per member and shall be payable October 20 of each year and for the succeeding~~ determined by each National Convention for the ensuing year.**

~~Section 3. The amount of annual Detachment dues shall be determined by the Detachment organization of the Sons of The American Legion under such procedures as The American Legion Department having jurisdiction over the Detachment provides; such funds shall be transmitted to the officer charged with the custody of Department funds and shall be held and accounted for separately from other funds of such Department.~~

**Section 3. The annual dues amount is determined by the Squadron and Detachment, respectively, which will include the National per capita and will be transmitted within thirty (30) days either electronically direct to the National Organization or via the Detachment of the respective Department of The American Legion to the National Organization not later than October 20<sup>th</sup> of each year for the succeeding calendar year and shall be held and accounted for separately from other funds of such Department.**

~~Section 4. The amount of such annual Squadron dues shall be determined by the Squadron.~~

~~Section 5. The annual National dues shall be collected by each Squadron and transmitted through the Department Headquarters of The American Legion in which the Squadron is geographically located and then to the National Treasurer of The American Legion"; and, be it finally~~

*Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation*

Approved   
Rejected   
Referred to:   
Other Action

*Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature*

*Scott J. Thornton*

SCOTT J. THORNTON (OH), Chairman  
National Convention Constitutional Amendments Committee

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**Origin:** Consolidated Resolution

**RESOLVED, That this revision be implemented effective immediately, by all levels of the organization and within all documents of the organization.**

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Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved   
Rejected   
Referred to:   
Other Action

Committee, Chairman Name, and Signature

*Scott J. Thornton*

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SCOTT J. THORNTON (OH), Chairman  
National Convention Constitutional Amendments Committee

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**The Sons of The American Legion  
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Held on  
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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 1 - Fall, 2021

**Title:** Recognizing Recipients of the “Marvin P. Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment and Education Contributor of the Year Award”

**Origin:** Veterans Employment and Education Commission

WHEREAS, The Marvin P. Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment and Education Contributor of the Year Award was established by the adoption of S.A.L. Resolution 8 – Fall, 2020 by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The recipients of this award have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the principles of the Veterans Employment and Education Commission, including veterans homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Recipients of the Marvin P. Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment and Education Contributor of the Year Award deserve to be recognized by all with an awarded custom Sons of The American Legion Uniform Cap for their Veterans Employment and Education work; and

WHEREAS, The established budget for recognition purposes of the National Veterans Employment and Education Commission will cover the expense of a custom Uniform Cap from American Legion Emblem Sales; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 2-3, 2021, That the National Executive Committee hereby approves the awarding of a custom Sons of The American Legion Uniform Cap to the annual recipient of the “Marvin P. Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment and Education Contributor of the Year Award;” and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the awarding of the custom Marvin P. Nay Award Uniform Cap take effect retroactively for the 2021 recipient of the award and for all recipients in future years.**

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Joseph R. Navarrete - 10/02/2021 meeting

JOSEPH R. NAVARRETE (NM), Chairman  
Veterans Employment and Education Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission



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**No.: S.A.L. Resolution 4 - Fall, 2021**

**Title: Create the “Squadron Commander of the Year Award”**

**Origin: Membership Committee**

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a volunteer-based program of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The heart of our membership begins at the local squadron level; and

WHEREAS, The head of the local squadron is the squadron commander; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to annually recognize squadron commanders on the national level who exemplify outstanding contributions to their communities by way of service to our active duty service personnel, veterans, and their families; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 2-3, 2021, That the Sons of The American Legion hereby creates the “Squadron Commander of the Year Award;” and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the members of the Membership Committee shall judge the nominees annually at the Spring National Executive Committee Meeting; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the presentation of this award shall begin with the 2022 National Convention; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the recipient of this award be presented with an official Sons of The American Legion uniform cap embroidered with “Squadron Commander of the Year” and the designated year; and, be it further**

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Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

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Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

*Thomas P. Skelley - 10/01/2021 meeting*

THOMAS P. SKELLEY (TX), Chairman  
Membership Committee

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Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

*Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting*

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

*William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting*

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 4 - Fall, 2021  
**Title:** Create the “Squadron Commander of the Year Award”  
**Origin:** Membership Committee

**RESOLVED, That each national nominee will receive a signed certificate of appreciation; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That the criteria and nomination form are attached as supporting documentation.**

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Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved   
Rejected   
Referred to:   
Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Thomas P. Skelley - 10/01/2021 meeting  
THOMAS P. SKELLEY (TX), Chairman  
Membership Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting  
CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting  
WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

**Sons of The American Legion**  
**Squadron Commander of the Year**  
**Award Criteria**

Nominees for the Sons of The American Legion “Squadron Commander of the Year” Award must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing (current membership year dues paid)
- Hold *only* the office of Squadron Commander at the time of nomination at any level within the Sons of The American Legion
- Demonstrate leadership through action and involvement in squadron activities that benefit his community
- Must obtain 100% squadron membership or better by March 15<sup>th</sup> (American Legion Birthday)
- Nominations must be submitted by the Detachment Adjutant and received at National Headquarters by the opening of the Spring National Executive Committee Meeting
- A Detachment may submit only one nomination for consideration

**Sons of The American Legion  
Squadron Commander of the Year  
Nomination Form**

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Squadron Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Squadron Number \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Details

How many events \_\_\_\_\_  
Total volunteer hours \_\_\_\_\_  
Total monies raised / donated \_\_\_\_\_

Description details (who, what, when, where), including picture(s), if possible

Detachment Adjutant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email to: [sal@legion.org](mailto:sal@legion.org) (Subject: Squadron Commander of the Year Nomination)

OR

USPS to: Squadron Commander of the Year Nomination

c/o National S.A.L. Liaison

P.O. Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055

**Forms must be received by March 15th**

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 5 - Fall, 2021  
Title: Funding for 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee  
Origin: 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee / National Commander Michael Fox

WHEREAS, On April 24, 2021, by S.A.L. Resolution 2, Spring 2021, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion established the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Ad-hoc Committee to "formulate, coordinate, and implement plans for the proper recognition, honoring, and celebrating of our 50<sup>th</sup> National Convention" scheduled to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 26-28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Committee has formulated and coordinated many plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> National Convention; and

WHEREAS, In order to properly implement these plans, the Committee is seeking additional funding of up to \$75,000.00 on top of the \$25,000.00 already allocated in the 2022 calendar year budget; and

WHEREAS, These additional funds will be used to create and print a 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemorative Book [\$10,000.00 (500 copies @ \$20.00)], a 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemorative Challenge Coin [\$14,000.00 (2,000 coins @ \$7.00)], and supplement costs associated with a 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Banquet such as the cost of entertainment [\$5,000.00], supplementing the ticket cost per attendee [\$13,000.00 (500 guests @\$26.00)] and guests of the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Banquet [\$2,500.00 (50 guests @\$50.00)], Commemorative Wall [\$15,000.00], printing, advertising, banners, posters, pictures to be used during the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention [\$10,000.00], travel for committee members for oversight and planning of the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration [\$5,500.00 (11 members @\$500.00)]; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated this additional funding can come from a reallocation of line items currently budgeted in the 2022 budget year; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 2-3, 2021, That the National Executive Committee hereby authorizes the additional reallocation of line items of the 2022 budget at the discretion**

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Joseph W. Gladden - 10/02/2021 meeting

JOSEPH W. GLADDEN (MD), Chairman  
50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

*10/5/21 OK and approved by TAL Finance Commission, Saether McKee Chair*

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 5 - Fall, 2021

Title: Funding for 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee

Origin: 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee / National Commander Michael Fox

of the National Finance Commission of funds of up to \$75,000.00 to be used by the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Ad-hoc Committee as outlined above.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

*Joseph W. Gladden - 10/02/2021 meeting*

JOSEPH W. GLADDEN (MD), Chairman  
50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

*Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting*

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

*William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting*

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission



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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 6 - Fall, 2021  
Title: Creation of Standing Committee and Funding for Century Committee (CENTCOM)  
Origin: Ad-hoc Century Committee / National Commander Michael Fox

WHEREAS, On August 29, 2021, at the Post-Convention meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, National Commander Michael Fox established an Ad-hoc Committee entitled, "Century Committee" (CENTCOM), which was charged with the responsibility of development of a true, all-inclusive strategic plan for the Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Committee's work will extend beyond the 2021-2022 administrative year, at least for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, The scope and agenda of the CENTCOM will evolve over the next several months and years, and will include, but not be limited to, creation of the S.A.L. Strategic Plan, in-depth assessment of all facets of its operations and health of the organization, coordination and interaction with all levels of the organization and that of The American Legion, with reporting responsibility to the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, and to the Sons of The American Legion Oversight Committee of The American Legion Internal Affairs Commission; and

WHEREAS, To ensure the longevity of the Committee past its initial creation as an ad-hoc committee, the Committee needs to be a standing committee of the National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, In order for CENTCOM to properly begin its work and plan ahead for 2022, funds will need to be made available out of the 2021 budget surplus funds, and reallocation of funds within the 2022 budget will need to occur; and

WHEREAS, Supporting documentation has been provided to the National Finance Commission of the Sons of The American Legion, which include actions/activities for CENTCOM member in-person meetings, acquiring survey-based apps for gathering of insight of members, potential use of 3<sup>rd</sup> party services in plan development, attendance and participation in regional meetings/conferences and other elements pending development; and

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Joseph A. Paviglianti - 10/02/2021 meeting  
JOSEPH A. PAVIGLIANTI (NY), Chairman  
Ad-hoc Century Committee

William M. Clancy, III - 10/02/2021 meeting  
WILLIAM M. CLANCY, III (NY), Chairman  
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting  
CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting  
WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

10/5/21 OK and approved by TAL Finance Commission - Debbie McKeenes, Chair

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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 6 - Fall, 2021  
**Title:** Creation of Standing Committee and Funding for Century Committee (CENTCOM)  
**Origin:** Ad-hoc Century Committee / National Commander Michael Fox

WHEREAS, It is anticipated this initial funding for 2021 will need to be \$25,000, and can come from the expected budget surplus from the 2021 budget year, and for the 2022 operating year, \$150,000 can be re-allocated within the 2022 budget; and

WHEREAS, It would also be beneficial and practical for the Leading Candidate and Second Leading Candidate for National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion to serve on CENTCOM as ex-officio members, with voice but no vote, so as to ensure alignment and insights for our future national commanders; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 2-3, 2021, That the National Executive Committee hereby establishes the current Ad-hoc Century Committee as a standing committee of the National Executive Committee, with call-in authorization above its other budgeted line items, and be maintained as a standing committee for a period of five (5) years, with the National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion maintaining the ability to change/add/expand its members as seen appropriate, but strongly encouraging the continuity of its initial members; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the Leading Candidate and Second Leading Candidate for National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion be ex-officio members to the Century Committee; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That the requested funds for the 2021 budget year, and the re-allocation of funds for the 2022 operating budget be approved.**

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved   
Rejected   
Referred to:   
Other Action

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting  
CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Joseph A. Paviglianti - 10/02/2021 meeting  
JOSEPH A. PAVIGLIANTI (NY), Chairman  
Ad-hoc Century Committee

William M. Clancy, III - 10/02/2021 meeting  
WILLIAM M. CLANCY, III (NY), Chairman  
Internal Affairs Commission

William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting  
WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

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**No.: S.A.L. Resolution 7 - Fall, 2021**

**Title: Donation of \$500,000.00 to the Veterans and Children Foundation from the S.A.L. Reserve Fund**

**Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission / National Commander Michael Fox**

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, a Sons of The American Legion Liability Account (now called the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund) was established as a restricted fund for use in the event of emergencies such as membership decline, etc., and temporary funds were needed to meet expenses; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11-12, 2017 by N.E.C. Resolution No. 4 established a ceiling of \$750,000 (with a variance of +/- 1.5%) for the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund for each budget year ending in the month of December to be reviewed annually by the Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion at the Spring meetings for adequacy and from a fiscal management viewpoint; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 4 adopted at the Fall, 2017 meeting of The American Legion National Executive Committee further empowers the Sons of The American Legion to request permission to transfer funds from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund to any approved charity that supports America's veterans and youth with the approval and consent of both the Internal Affairs Commission and the Finance Commission of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund is presently over the variance established; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 2-3, 2021, That the National Executive Committee hereby approves the donation of \$500,000.00 from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund to The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation; and, be it further**

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Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

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Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Seth A. Rippe - 10/02/2021 meeting

SETH A. RIPPE (NE), Chairman  
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

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Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

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**No.: S.A.L. Resolution 7 - Fall, 2021**

**Title: Donation of \$500,000.00 to the Veterans and Children Foundation from the S.A.L. Reserve Fund**

**Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission / National Commander Michael Fox**

**RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion hereby recommends to the Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion that said funds be distributed from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund.**

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Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

*Seth A. Rippe - 10/02/2021 meeting*

SETH A. RIPPE (NE), Chairman  
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

*Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting*

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

*William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting*

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

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**No.: S.A.L. Resolution 8 - Fall, 2021**

**Title: Donation of \$130,000.00 to American Legion Baseball from the S.A.L. Reserve Fund**

**Origin: Americanism Commission / National Commander Michael Fox**

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, a Sons of The American Legion Liability Account (now called the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund) was established as a restricted fund for use in the event of emergencies such as membership decline, etc., and temporary funds were needed to meet expenses; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11-12, 2017 by N.E.C. Resolution No. 4 established a ceiling of \$750,000 (with a variance of +/- 1.5%) for the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund for each budget year ending in the month of December to be reviewed annually by the Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion at the Spring meetings for adequacy and from a fiscal management viewpoint; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 4 adopted at the Fall, 2017 meeting of The American Legion National Executive Committee further empowers the Sons of The American Legion to request permission to transfer funds from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund to any approved charity that supports America's veterans and youth with the approval and consent of both the Internal Affairs Commission and the Finance Commission of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund is presently over the variance established; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 2-3, 2021, That the National Executive Committee hereby approves the donation of \$130,000.00 from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund to American Legion Baseball; and, be it further**

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Charles E. Treat, 11 - 10/01/2021 meeting

CHARLES E. TREAT, II (AZ), Chairman  
Americanism Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission

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**No.: S.A.L. Resolution 8 - Fall, 2021**

**Title: Donation of \$130,000.00 to American Legion Baseball from the S.A.L. Reserve Fund**

**Origin: Americanism Commission / National Commander Michael Fox**

**RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion hereby recommends to the Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion that said funds be distributed from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund.**

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Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

*Charles E. Treat, II - 10/01/2021 meeting*

CHARLES E. TREAT, II (AZ), Chairman  
Americanism Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

*Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting*

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

*William G. Hill - 10/02/2021 meeting*

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman  
Finance Commission



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**No.:** S.A.L. Resolution 9 - Fall, 2021

**Title:** Amend the Makeup of the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee

**Origin:** 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee / National Commander Michael Fox

WHEREAS, On April 24, 2021, by S.A.L. Resolution 2, Spring 2021, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion established the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Ad-hoc Committee to “formulate, coordinate, and implement plans for the proper recognition, honoring, and celebrating of our 50<sup>th</sup> National Convention” scheduled to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 26-28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2 further set the Committee’s makeup at an odd number not less than five (5) and not more than (9) members, with eight (8) of the positions filled during the Spring 2021 N.E.C. meeting and National Commander Michael Fox naming three (3) additional members to the Committee at the 2021 Post-Convention N.E.C. meeting; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 2-3, 2021, That the National Executive Committee hereby amends the makeup of the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Ad-hoc Committee to consist of eleven (11) members.**

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Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

*Christopher L. Cook - 10/02/2021 meeting*

CHRISTOPHER L. COOK (OK), Chairman  
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

*Joseph W. Gladden - 10/02/2021 meeting*

JOSEPH W. GLADDEN (MD), Chairman  
50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee

*William M. Clancy, III - 10/02/2021 meeting*

WILLIAM M. CLANCY, III (NY), Chairman  
Internal Affairs Commission