

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
AMERICANISM COMMISSION
RICHARD W. ANDERSON (CT), CHAIRMAN
OCTOBER 3, 2020**

Digest of Proceedings

The virtual meeting of the Americanism Commission was called to order by Chairman Richard W. Anderson (CT) at 12:00pm (noon EDT), Saturday, October 3, 2020, via virtual platform from the National Executive Committee (NEC) room of The American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Flag of the United States received honors, the invocation was given via video by Edward L. Harris, Jr. (IN), National Chaplain, and respect paid to those listed as POW/MIA. Chairman Anderson next led the Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

Chairman Anderson called upon Jill Druskis (NE), Director, Americanism Division, for roll call. Present were 24 of the 35 commission and ex-officio members authorized voice and vote, thereby constituting a quorum, and was so declared. Chairman Anderson gave brief welcoming remarks.

Chairman Anderson next explained the concept of “unanimous consent,” a much more efficient way of voting on a virtual platform allowed by Robert’s Rules of Order. After a motion has been made and received a second, a call for discussion about the motion is made. Once that discussion has concluded, a vote on the motion is then called for by asking twice if there are any objections to the motion, meaning those authorized a vote remain silent if they agree with the motion. Hearing complete silence during a vote means the motion is unanimously adopted. This helps keep voting members from having to find the electronic raise hand or unmute button every time there is a vote. Those having an objection to the motion speak up to convey their objection and if an objection is conveyed during a vote, the reason(s) for the objection will be articulated, followed by a full roll-call vote on the motion, with each individual voting as one normally would by stating “aye” or “nay” when their name is called.

Chairman Anderson called upon Gary Stone (MO), Chairman, American Legion Baseball Committee, to present the report of the fall meeting of the committee. With the exception of resolutions to be voted upon later, the report was accepted (**Exhibit “A”**).

Larry Price (SD), Chairman, Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Committee, gave the report of the fall meeting of the committee (**Exhibit “B”**). The report was accepted.

Herbert Petit, Jr., (LA), Chairman, Committee on Children and Youth, presented the report of the fall meeting of the committee (**Exhibit “C”**). The report was accepted.

Michael Westergren (AR), Chairman, Committee on Youth Education, provided the report of the spring and fall meetings of the committee (**Exhibits “D” and “E” respectively**). With the exception of proposed resolutions and the proposed enhancement to the Legacy Scholarship, all of which to be discussed in greater detail and voted upon later, both reports were accepted.

The Commission next gave consideration to several proposed resolutions. The first was a new resolution titled *American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament Sites and Dates for 2021-2023*. The Commission voted its recommendation for approval of the new resolution titled *American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament Sites and Dates for 2021-2023* with no objections.

The next resolution was a new resolution titled *Amendment to Resolution No. 28 – “Updated Rules and Conditions for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program.”* This resolution clarified eligibility for a Samsung scholarship. By virtue of the authority provided in the Congressional Charter of The American Legion, departments have the authority to include high school freshmen, sophomores and/or seniors, in addition to the traditional juniors, in their respective Boys or Girls State programs, should they so choose – and several have indicated their intention to do so in the future. By the changing the generic reference in the current resolution which states “selecting one representative from each program”, to more specifically read “one student between their junior and senior year of high school”, it formally continues the longstanding existing practice and policy of awarding Samsung scholarships to high school juniors only. The Commission voted its recommendation for approval of the new resolution titled *Amendment to Resolution No. 28 – “Updated Rules and Conditions for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program”* with no objections.

Next was a new resolution titled *American Legion Boys Nation Eligibility*. This resolution clarified eligibility for participation in Boys Nation. As noted previously, departments have the authority to include high school freshmen, sophomores and/or seniors, in addition to the traditional juniors, in their respective Boys State program, should they so choose, and several have indicated their intention to do so in the future. This resolution formally reinforces that Boys Nation is a youth program under the sponsorship of the national Americanism Commission and formally reinforces eligibility criteria for Boys Nation participants as: 1) those young men who are between their junior and senior years of high school, in order to seek maturity of participants, and; 2) those who also have one more semester of high school remaining, in order for participants to return to school to serve as program ambassadors and share their experience with fellow students. This resolution not only seeks to formally continue the longstanding existing practice and policy regarding Boys Nation eligibility, it also conveys the desired qualities of a Boys Nation delegate when a Boys State program is giving consideration to selecting their Boys Nation representatives. The Commission voted its recommendation for approval of the new resolution titled *American Legion Boys Nation Eligibility* with no objections.

The next resolution was a new resolution titled *American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Eligibility*. This resolution updated an existing resolution so as to now reflect: 1) proper pronoun references as a result of Boy Scouts of America including young ladies in membership of its programs; 2) the name change of the former “Boy Scouts” program – the new program name is now called “Scouts BSA”; 3) that the Boy Scouts of America has eliminated their Varsity Scout program; and 4) clarification as to son and grandson relationship to a recently deceased Legion member. The Commission voted its recommendation for approval of the new resolution *American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Eligibility* with no objections.

Next was a new resolution titled *Risk Management Mandates for National Youth Programs*. This resolution called for mandating sexual abuse awareness training, in addition to conducting criminal history background checks, for adult coaches, managers, and volunteer staff of junior and senior American Legion Baseball teams and of Junior Shooting Sports teams participating in the national postal tournament, as well as adult volunteer staff of all national-level youth programs, so as to be compliant with federal law and help reduce liability of the national organization. The Risk Manager of the National Organization and the National Judge Advocate recommended that the Americanism Commission consider approval of this resolution. The Commission voted its recommendation for approval of the new resolution titled *Risk Management Mandates for National Youth Programs* with no objections.

The next resolution considered was resolution Register No. 2779 titled *Remove Assigned Topics From Oratorical Contest* originating from the Department of Arkansas. This resolution called for the National Oratorical Contest to remove the requirement of the 3- to 5-minute assigned topic speeches and retain the 8- to 10-minute prepared speech. It is customary for the Americanism Commission to allow its Youth Activities Subcommittee to review and discuss resolutions pertaining to the National Oratorical Contest, so they may assess the supporting documentation and any recommendations put forth by department oratorical chairmen, in order to then make its own recommendation to the Americanism Commission. The Youth Activities Subcommittee is scheduled to next meet at the 2021 Spring meetings. The Commission voted its recommendation to hold resolution Register No. 2779 titled *Remove Assigned Topics from Oratorical Contest* originating from the Department of Arkansas for further study with no objections.

Next was resolution Register No. 2787 titled *2021 Eligibility For Boys State and Boys Nation* originating from the Department of Colorado. This resolution called for the Boys State and Boys Nation programs to have eligibility extended to allow high school seniors to participate in 2021. In May 2020 departments were advised that program research had brought to light that the longstanding resolution which had previously given the Americanism Commission authority to mandate Boys State eligibility requirements was dissolved when Public Law 112-66 amended the federal charter of The American Legion. That charter amendment prohibits the national level of the organization from mandating to department and posts levels, thereby giving American Legion departments the authority to establish their own criteria for Boys State program eligibility, selection, participation, and operation. Additionally, the Americanism Commission just sponsored its own resolution to formally reinforce Boys Nation as a youth program under the sponsorship of the Americanism Commission and to formally reinforce eligibility criteria for Boys Nation participants as young men who are between their junior and senior years of high school, so as to seek maturity among program participants, and; those students having one more semester of high school remaining so that they may have opportunity to serve as program ambassadors with their high school peers. The Commission voted its recommendation to reject resolution Register No. 2787 titled *2021 Eligibility for Boys State and Boys Nation* originating from the Department of Colorado with no objections.

Next was Resolution No. 8 introduced at the 101st National Convention, having originated from the Department of Colorado, titled *Compliance With Flag Code For Flying The Flag At Half-Staff*. Resolution No. 8 called for all national commanders of The American Legion, present and future, to issue a letter to the current, and all future, Presidents of the United States, governors of all 50 states and mayors of the District of Columbia; the purpose would be to reinforce awareness of the U.S. Flag Code, most specifically Title 4, U.S. Code, Chapter 1, section 7 (m) that references half-staffing of the Flag of the United States, and it further called for those same office holders to not bestow the honor of flying the national flag at half-staff for people of celebrity simply because they have name recognition. In discussion prior to its vote, the Americanism Commission noted concern for superseding the decision-making authority which each individual department holds for deciding on their own behalf if there should be consternation for how their respective state governor uses the discretion authorized them in the U.S. Flag Code; and should a department be disturbed, a national resolution would not be necessary for that department's leadership to write op eds or contact their state governor to express concern. Similarly, in the case of the President, a resolution is not necessary should a national commander wish to direct having an op ed or letter of concern issued if he/she becomes troubled for how a particular president may be using the discretion authorized him/her in the

U.S. Flag Code. The Commission voted its recommendation to administratively handle Resolution No. 8 titled *Compliance with Flag Code for Flying The Flag At Half-Staff* originating from the Department of Colorado with no objections.

The next resolution was a Resolution No. 49 introduced at the 101st National Convention, having originated from the Department of Oregon, titled *Changes to The American Legion Eagle Scout Of The Year*. This resolution called for changing the name of “The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award” to “The American Legion Top Scouting Award of the Year Scholarship” and extending that Eagle Scout award eligibility to females of the Boy Scouts of America’s Scouts BSA program, Venture program, and Sea Scout program. It is customary for the Americanism Commission to allow its Youth Activities Subcommittee to review and discuss resolutions pertaining to Legion Scouting, so they may then assess any recommendations put forth by department Scouting chairmen in order to then make its own recommendation to the Americanism Commission. The Youth Activities Subcommittee is scheduled to next meet at the 2021 Spring meetings. The Commission voted its recommendation to hold Resolution No. 49 titled *Changes to The American Legion Eagle Scout Of The Year (OR)* originating from the Department of Oregon for further study with no objections.

The Commission next discussed the retention of legislative resolutions. Next year is a new Congress and typically consideration for the retention of legislative resolutions would have been conducted by the Convention Committee on Americanism at National Convention, however, this year there was no National Convention due to health and safety concerns arising from the global coronavirus pandemic. As such, this year it fell to the Americanism Commission to fulfill that duty. Voting members of the Commission received copies of each individual resolution that is listed the report titled *Report of Americanism Resolutions Recommended For Retention (Exhibit F)*. Committees of the Commission previously discussed several of the resolutions listed and made recommendations for retention as reflected. The Commission voted its recommendation to approve the *Report of Americanism Resolutions Recommended For Retention* with no objections.

Chairman Anderson next proceeded to Old Business. Discussion of old business involved the final tally of an email vote conducted last spring. In May 2020 the Americanism Commission conducted an email vote on the following two motions:

- Motion 1: That all 2020 American Legion Baseball national tournaments be canceled, inclusive of all eight 2020 regional tournaments and the 2020 American Legion World Series.
- Motion 2: That the awarding of Samsung American Legion Scholarships for 2020 be completely suspended.

Both motions were rooted in the impact of health and safety concerns arising from the global coronavirus pandemic. The following is the final tally of that e-vote, now to be included and documented as part of the official written report of the Americanism Commission:

- Motion 1: received 27 votes to approve and none to reject
- Motion 2: received 26 votes to approve and one to reject

A majority is considered 50% + 1, therefore, 18 votes were needed for the Americanism Commission to carry the motion, and that majority was achieved for each motion.

Chairman Anderson next introduced New Business. The first order of new business was a recommendation put forth by the Committee on Youth Education proposing another enhancement to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. Chairman Anderson called upon Michael Westergren (AR), Chairman, Committee on Youth Education, to address the commission regarding the proposal. Chairman Westergren reported that at the time the last

enhancement to the Legacy Scholarship was implemented in 2017, it was agreed there should be three to four award cycles, conduct an in-depth assessment to identify if any trends for concern exist, and then give consideration as to whether incorporation of another possible enhancement or adjustment should be considered. As a result of extensive assessment and discussion, the Committee on Youth Education recommended incorporation of the following changes as another enhancement to the Legacy Scholarship.

First, adopt a maximum tuition ceiling. Adopting a maximum tuition ceiling is a means for equalizing tuition disparity when calculating financial gap need. When financial need is currently calculated for each applicant, there is no consideration given to the tuition disparity between a student going to private university, such as Harvard, and one going to a public state university, for example Indiana State University. Tuition at a private institution is generally far greater than that of a public institution, and as such, typically creates a greater financial need for the student going to the private institution. By virtue of their gap being larger, students going to private universities tend to rise to the top of the list for scholarship fulfillment, while those going to the public schools tend to be ranked lower down the list because their financial need is lesser. By the time award fulfillment of the greater-gap students is fulfilled, which is generally those who are going to private schools, there is less directed toward those students going to public institutions. The Committee on Youth Education recommended implementation of using the same Post-9/11 GI Bill maximum tuition rates for each year as a maximum tuition ceiling for the Legacy Scholarship; this means that tuition rates submitted on a Legacy scholarship application which are higher than the Post-9/11 GI Bill maximum rate would be capped at the GI Bill maximum rate, and no greater, while tuition rates submitted on a Legacy Scholarship application that are lower than the Post-9/11 GI Bill maximum rate would be acceptable and remain unchanged. The GI Bill maximum tuition rate for the August 2020 through July 2021 academic year is \$25,162. The GI Bill maximum tuition rate is re-established by the VA each year.

Second, cap the maximum Legacy scholarship award amount at \$10,000 for children of a disabled veteran. To do so would provide a greater opportunity to assist a larger number of youths. Top priority would still be given to children of the fallen – all children of the fallen will continue to receive first consideration and their maximum award amount will continue at \$20,000. Since 2017 there have been three or four children of the fallen awarded a Legacy scholarship each year, thereby leaving the greatest number of scholarship awardees as the children of disabled veterans. Capping the maximum award amount at \$10,000 for children of the disabled can aid a far greater number of applicants.

The Committee on Youth Education felt there is no need for a brand new, or amended, resolution to implement the proposed enhancement to the Legacy Scholarship because of the authority that Resolution No. 1 approved by the National Executive Committee in May 2016 gives the Americanism Commission to: “determine, establish in writing, and review annually thereafter, all other conditions, rules, guidelines and procedures for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship program so as to attain maximum equity and efficiency for the eligibility, application, selection, award and disbursement processes.” Additionally, the proposed enhancement to the Legacy Scholarship would not change any of the other conditions of Resolution No. 1:

- it would still be a scholarship for children of fallen and disabled veterans, with children of the fallen still having first priority;
- the assigned VA disability rating of 50% would not change;
- the scholarship would remain needs-based;

- the distribution of allotted funds would still be prioritized for those eligible applicants demonstrating the greatest financial need;
- none of the scholarship awards would exceed the established \$20,000 maximum cap; and
- the distribution formula for determining the annual award amount would not change.

Chairman Westergren advised that if the proposed enhancement detailed above were to be implemented, the enhancement would be captured in writing, as required by Resolution No. 1, in the Policies & Procedures Manual for Administration of The American Legion Legacy Scholarship, which the Committee on Youth Education maintains for the Americanism Commission.

The Americanism Commission voted to recommend approval of the Committee on Youth Education's proposal for implementation of another enhancement to the Legacy Scholarship by adopting a maximum tuition ceiling in accordance with that of the Post-9/11 GI Bill maximum tuition rate and implementing an award cap of \$10,000 for children of disabled veterans. The chairman of the Finance Commission previously provided concurrence of the proposed enhancement. Chairman Anderson will report the American Commission's recommendation to incorporate the proposed enhancement to the National Executive Committee for final approval.

New business concluded by Chairman Anderson announcing the winning departments of 2020 Americanism awards. National convention is typically where Americanism awardees are selected, announced, and presented, however, due to health and safety concerns related to the global coronavirus pandemic, the 102nd National Convention of The American Legion was canceled. Although there was no National Convention this year, the Americanism Commission still wished for each of its awards to continue, so virtual award selection committees were appointed by Chairman Anderson. Those committees conducted virtual deliberations to make 2020 award selections as follows:

- For the Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy, which is awarded annually to that department, in the United States, showing the greatest Americanism activity in use of The American Legion School Medal Awards, the 2020 winner is The American Legion Department of Connecticut.
- The Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. Trophy is awarded annually to the department having rendered the most outstanding support during the period August 1 to July 31 to the program of the Boy Scouts of America. The 2020 winner is The American Legion Department of Utah.
- And last, the Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Trophy is awarded annually to that department attaining the greatest number of percentage points which are derived from the activities reported on the CPR and which submits the best narrative statement supporting the claim of points shown. The 2020 winner is The American Legion Department of Virginia.

Chairman Anderson extended a hearty congratulations to each of the 2020 Americanism award winning departments.

Chairman Anderson next called upon Director Jill Druskis for announcements. Director Druskis stated that all attendees were invited to remain on the virtual call for 15 minutes after the end of the meeting to participate in informal chat and fellowship. There were no further announcements.

A motion was sought by Chairman Anderson to authorize staff to make technical corrections to resolutions, meeting minutes, and commission reports to ensure proper spelling, wording, and

format, without changing the substance of meaning or intent of the Americanism Commission. The motion carried without objection.

In his closing remarks, Chairman Anderson expressed appreciation to commission members for their hard work and dedication to the programs of Americanism and wished them well for the coming year. He further commended the Commission's flexibility and adaptability during these unusual times requiring cancellation of so many of The American Legion's youth programs and meeting events.

Chairman Anderson bid all to rise and uncover as National Chaplain Edward L. Harris, Jr. (IN) gave the Benediction by video, honors were then rendered to the flag of our nation, and with business of the 2020 fall meeting of the Americanism Commission having concluded, the meeting recessed at 1:15 pm (EDT)

**REPORT TO THE AMERICANISM COMMISSION
FALL MEETING – October 3, 2020
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL COMMITTEE
Gary Stone (MO), Chairman
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

The American Legion Baseball Committee met in a virtual meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Those in attendance were: Gary Stone (MO), Chairman; Mark Avis (MA), Vice Chairman; Committee members John Hayes (IN); Tom Drury (NM) ; Mark Cauble (NC); Rick Cash (AR); Dennis Frizzi (PA); Jody Moeller (NE); and James Grenier (VA). Also, in attendance were consultants to the Baseball Committee, Frank Calandrillo (NJ) and Eddie Holbrook (NC); and national headquarters staff Steve Cloud (IN), Baseball Operations Program Manager, Americanism Division; and Administrative Coordinator, Tina Dunn.

The Baseball committee received an update from program manager Steve Cloud regarding the 2020 season and recap of the caucus webinars conducted in mid-August with department chairman in preparation of the Combined Americanism Conference. We applaud those departments that were able to have a Legion baseball season because COVID conditions within that state so allowed. Baseball chairmen from Arkansas, Montana and Nebraska will be presenting “lessons learned” from their 2020 season during the Combined Americanism Conference.

Four caucus webinar events were conducted mid-August and attended by all fifty department baseball chairmen and Baseball Committee members. There were four topics discussed during the webinar seeking feedback from the chairmen. Those topics were the new Major League Baseball (MLB) three-batter minimum rule; waiver to allow the 2001 birth year player, who lost their final year of eligibility in the program due to cancelation of the 2020 season, to participate in 2021; what coronavirus (COVID-19) impact may have on the 2021 season and current impact state high school athletic schedules are having with next season; and what areas of expansion or suggestions that may lead to growth potential at department and national levels.

Based on the consensus of the department chairman attending the caucus webinars, the *Baseball Committee recommends to the Americanism Commission that the American Legion Baseball not adopt the new MLB three-batter minimum rule that requires relief pitchers to face at least three hitters or pitch to the end of the half-inning before a pitching change can be made.* This rule was adopted as a pace of play rule for MLB, which play 9-inning games and has a large bullpen of pitchers. Our department baseball chairmen expressed that pace of play is not an issue with our program since we went to seven-inning games. Additionally, our national pitch-count rule would impact Legion’s pitchers being available for additional appearances if a three-batter minimum was adopted.

During the caucus webinars, the topic to allow 2001 birth year players be waived to participate in the 2021 season was discussed based on requests from players, parents and coaches following the cancellation of the 2020 national season. These players missed out on their final year of program eligibility due to the cancellation of the 2020 season and seek an opportunity to play in 2021. According to national eligibility rules, these players will be too old to participate as they will all turn 20-years-old in 2021. The consensus of the baseball chairman was not to allow the 2001 birth year player to return for 2021. By allowing a 2001 birth year player to return in

2021, could create potential risk and safety issue for our younger players playing against a possible 20-year-old. *It is the recommendation of the Baseball Committee not to waive the 2001 birth year players' final year of eligibility for the 2021 season.*

The Baseball Committee recommends the resolution titled “Risk Management Mandates for National Youth Programs” be approved. This will update the current risk management resolution mandating background screening and adopts the new Federal law (Public Law 115-126) titled “Protecting Young Victims From Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 requiring the development of policies and procedures to prevent the emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of minor athletes. The “Risk Management Guidebook for Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball Teams” has been updated and is available online at legion.org/publications. As part of the baseball registration process department chairman will be required to acknowledge successful completion of abuse awareness training and background screening prior to certification of team applications beginning in 2021.

The Committee recommends the resolution titled “American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament Sites and Dates for 2021-2023” be approved.

Due to cancellation of the 2020 national season, American Legion Baseball national awards were not awarded in 2020, including The American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year award. This award is annually presented to an active roster MLB player who was a Legion baseball alum. Your Baseball Committee recommends that Jacob DeGrom of the New York Mets be awarded the 2021 American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year award. DeGrom played Legion baseball for the 2006 department champions, Deland Post 6 in Florida

The Baseball Committee also conducted discussions regarding cancelation of the 2020 national American Legion Baseball season and the impact current conditions related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is having upon the upcoming 2021 season in Legion departments. It was reiterated that department American Legion Baseball seasons cannot be cancelled by national. Your committee is responsible for national tournaments and for supporting department baseball chairmen, but departments are responsible for their own programs. Current conditions and uncertainty of the virus have impacted numerous state high school athletic calendars, moving winter and spring sports to later in the school year, which will affect when department Legion baseball seasons may begin. Department baseball programs in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin are just a few departments impacted due to changes in their high school association's athletic schedule moving high school baseball season to May and ending in July. Based on their high school association's decision, these departments may need to conduct a spring season in lieu of the typical summer season. Collaboration and flexibility between state high school athletic associations and departments will be essential to conducting a successful 2021 season. Success will translate into what departments and department chairmen can/should/will do without relying solely upon national. Based on the discussions and the uncertainty of the virus in 2021, the Baseball Committee recommends using the organization's conference call/ meeting technology to conduct quarterly conference calls in order to monitor the impact the pandemic is having on the 2021 season at the national and department levels. The first voluntary conference call for department chairmen will happen in mid-November.

The Committee also conducted junior baseball program discussions. It was reported in 2002 the junior program of American Legion Baseball had 38 departments involved with over 1,800 teams. Currently, 42 departments sanction a junior program, however, with only 1,294 teams. Based on actual registration numbers from 2018 and 2019, the program only introduced 2,400 players ages 13 & 14 each season compared to the 6,800 players 19-years-old each season. It is the recommendation of the Baseball Committee to appoint members James Greiner (VA) and

Jody Moeller (NE) to finalize a report of findings, strategies, and recommendations for expanding the national junior program. This report will be presented to the Baseball Committee and Americanism Commission at 2021 spring meetings.

There was no new business for the good of the program or for the good of The American Legion brought forward. The committee meeting recessed at 10:05pm.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary A. Stone", is written over a light beige rectangular background.

Gary Stone, Chairman
American Legion Baseball Committee

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**YOUTH CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Larry Price, Chairman
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

On 15 September 2020, the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Committee met via video teleconference. Members present were: Committee Chairman Larry Price (SD); Committee Vice Chairman Richard Neville (NC); Committee Member Jim Willis (OR); Committee Member, William Feasenmyer (VA); Committee Member Gaylord Sanneman; and Committee Consultant, Sgt. Jerod Keyes (OH).

Larry Price, (SD) Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Committee Chairman provided an update to the Committee members regarding the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement (YCLE) program. Chairman Price requested that each member in attendance provide an update as to the status of the program in their respective state. Chairman Price expressed the importance to keep the program going and get in “back on track” in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. Chairman Price was pleased to announce that California and Washington were still excited about being a program even with the setback from the pandemic. He advised that Texas is beginning to show an interest in starting a program and that Jim Willis (OR) has established a promising connection at the FBI Academy for future conversations about a national capstone event. The hope is one day very soon we will be able to see a Youth Cadet Law Enforcement champion on stage at the National Convention along with all of the other youth champions.

Chairman Price then went on to outline his strategic plan for 2021. He would like for each committee member to contact a neighboring state, without a program, and invite them to visit their program. It is his hope that this initiative will grow the total of department YCLE programs by the end of 2021. There were no objections by the committee for Chairman Price’s recommendations for 2021.

Mr. Burris, Americanism Program Manager, announced his departure from the American Legion National Headquarters staff. Chairman Larry Price and Vice Chairman Richard Neville thanked Mr. Burris for his service and recommendations over the past year. He was also thanked for drafting the YCLE Program Charter that seeks to spark increased department participation and establish a national capstone event.

This program provides first-hand experiences and insight into the operations of law enforcement agencies. Developing a respect for law enforcement in high school students, both male and female, representing all communities and backgrounds in the state, is the primary goal of the program. Once these young people have been selected to attend the program, the law enforcement community is challenged to present a program that will instill an understanding and respect for law enforcement professionals and their techniques.

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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
HERBERT J. PETIT, JR. (LA), CHAIRMAN
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

The Committee on Children and Youth met virtually on September 15, 2020. The meeting was convened at 8:00 pm EDT. Followed by the hand salute to the flag, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation, roll call was taken and a quorum declared. Committee on Children & Youth Chairman Herbert Petit, Jr., brought greetings and thanked the committee for being available.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

Created by The American Legion in 1954, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. (CWF), is a separate 501(c)3 corporation. Its philanthropic priority is to support worthwhile youth-serving projects and to assist in the dissemination of information to the general public and specific target groups. From 1955 to date, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., has awarded more than \$18 million to organizations to assist children of this country.

Vice President of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Peggy Moon, provided the Children and Youth Committee with an update. Now in its 66th year, CWF has awarded \$740,889 to nineteen non-profit organizations for the 2021 calendar year. These grants were determined during the annual meeting of the board of directors, held virtually on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

The Committee on Children and Youth took up the task of reviewing the Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) policy attached to Resolution 8. (Fall 2017) titled “*Restructure of the Temporary Financial Assistance Statement of Policy.*” Review of the TFA policy will allow the committee an opportunity to provide greater clarity and scope in areas that lack clarification. This will also allow the committee to update any language within the document that is not gender neutral. By reviewing the policy this will help department chairmen and their local investigators when assessing a potential TFA case.

The committee reviewed and discussed the “Maintenance” section of the policy which details what basic needs are covered by the grant program: shelter, food, clothing, household supplies, educational expenses, insurance, fuel, incidentals, and other needs as specified. It also includes utilities but only when those utilities are being reinstated. The committee provided the following clarifications and recommendations for the following areas: shelter to include rent and mortgage, but not property taxes even in the event the qualifying veteran owns the home outright. A recommendation was made to add utilities to the list of what the TFA grant program covers normally, and not only when the utilities are being reinstated. Those utilities are to include electric, propane, gas for heating, water, and sewage. The following recommendations were made as to what household supplies includes: household cleaning products and personal hygiene products. It was also recommended that a bed and dresser for the child(ren) be included in the definition of household supplies should the child(ren) not have one. Future discussions will continue so that better clarification may be gained as to what TFA covers under the following areas: educational expenses, insurance, incidentals, and other needs as specified.

Children and Youth Policy Resolutions

The Committee on Children and Youth reviewed and recommended the following resolutions continue as policy of The American Legion as they directly impact our nation's children and youth.

- Res. 279. (Conv 2016) titled “*Support Funding Comprehensive Health Care for Children and Youth.*” Charles Hinklman (NY) made the motion to accept the resolution. Paul Bennett (MO) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.
- Res. 281. (Conv 2016) titled “*Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation.*” Ronald Holcombe (MD) made the motion to accept the resolution. Sidney Damsgard (FL) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.
- Res. 282. (Conv 2016) titled “*Oppose any Attempt to Weaken Present Laws Governing Penalties for the Production, Sale and Distribution of Pornographic or Obscene Materials to Minors.*” Kenneth Hylton (IN) made the motion to accept the resolution. Sidney Damsgard (FL) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.
- Res. 285. (Conv 2016) titled “*National School Lunch Program.*” Ronald Holcombe (MD) made the motion to accept the resolution. Kenneth Hylton (IN) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.
- Res. 286. (Conv 2016) titled “*Prevent Child Maltreatment.*” Ronald Holcombe (MD) made the motion to accept this resolution. Sidney Damsgard (FL) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.
- Res. 287 (Conv 2016) titled “*Programs and Organizations that Promote Child Safety.*” Ronald Holcombe (MD) made the motion to accept this resolution. Sidney Damsgard (FL) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.
- Res. 288 (Conv 2016) titled “*Reducing or Preventing Teenage Pregnancy.*” Charles Hinkleman (NY) made the motion to accept this resolution. Ronald Holcombe (NY) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.
- Res.112. (Conv 2018) titled “*Funding for Drug Trafficking Prevention Programs.*” Ronald Holcombe (MD) made the motion to accept this resolution. Sidney Damsgard (FL) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.
- Res. 113. (Conv 2018) titled “*Locate Missing Children and Prevent Child Victimization.*” Ronald Holcombe (MD) made the motion to accept this resolution. Kenneth Hylton (IN) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmatives and 0 nay votes.
- Res. 114. (Conv 2018) titled “*Support for The U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.*” Paul Bennett (MO) made the motion to accept this resolution. Sidney Damsgard (FL) seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 affirmative votes and 0 nay votes.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) Program Update

For the current calendar year through August 18th of the year, over \$41,879 in TFA grants have been provided to qualified veterans with minor children in the home to help with the basic needs of their child(ren). The number of requests for TFA assistance slowed this year due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) global health pandemic. During the pandemic, the U.S. Government provided a stimulus package to the American people to help combat unemployment and help stimulate the economy. The stimulus package offered an extra \$600 in unemployment benefits a

week until the July 31st deadline. The package also offered \$1,200 for each qualifying adult as well as \$500 for each qualifying child in the home.

Annual Children and Youth Conference

The 14th annual national Children and Youth Conference will be held virtually on September 26, 2020. This year's conference will focus on the children and youth program itself, providing an overview of all products and information available to Legion family representatives to help with current children's issues. The conference will also provide TFA training and discussion segment so that departments may share their ideas and challenges they face during the coronavirus pandemic. (Covid-19)

Conference participants will learn practical implementation strategies for the programs presented and discuss how to use the resources for conducting children and youth programs and conferences within their own respective departments. As our children and youth programs work best due to a concerted effort from all members of the Legion family.

All children and youth brochures have been/are being reviewed and updated over the course of this year. All brochures are available for download from the Legion.org website.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Americanism Commission, the Committee on Children and Youth thanks you for your continued support. Working together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of young people across this nation. As one of the four pillars of this great organization, the Committee on Children and Youth has been so tasked from our beginning, and we remain unwavering in our commitment to ensure a safe and healthy future for our nation's greatest natural resource – our children and youth.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herbert J. Petit, Jr.".

Herbert J. Petit, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Children and Youth

**REPORT TO THE AMERICANISM COMMISSION
FALL MEETING – October 3, 2020
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEE ON YOUTH EDUCATION
SPRING MEETING – May 9, 2020**

The Spring Conference of the Committee on Youth Education (COYE) was held May 9, 2020, via teleconference through Microsoft Teams. 18 representatives were present for Spring Meetings to include committee members: Chairman, Michael Westergren (AR); Vice Chairman, James Davis (WV); National Commanders Representative, John Murphy (NY); Member, Robert Munhall (PA); Member, Robert Perham (VT); Member, Carl Radosevich (NM); Member, Wayne Fischer (IL); Member, Rev. R. Glenn Patterson (MD); Americanism Commission Representative, Victor Desloover (IA); Consultant, Homer Holmes (SD); Consultant, Gary Gifford (MD); Americanism Commission Representative, Roberta Poulos (SC); American Legion Auxiliary: National Vice-Chairman, Deborah Morris (NY); National Education Chairman, Deb Albers (NE); National Education Committee Member, Amanda Washburn (NE).

Saturday, May 9, 2020

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Review and Recommendation

Scott Wynn (IN), Staff Liaison, briefed the COYE on the 2020 American Legion Legacy Scholarship. Wynn discussed the methodology and process of the scholarship, as well as quantitative data on completed applications. Eligible applications for the Legacy Scholarship decreased 10% from the previous year. Out of the 369 eligible applicants, only 4 “Children of the Fallen” showed a financial need. Due to a 42% decrease in 2019 contributions and a 26% decrease in net investment income; the overall 2020 Legacy Scholarship award fell 68% to a total of \$667,931. However, this is a 2.5% increase over the 5-year average.

2020 American Legion Legacy Scholarship Selection

The COYE recommended the following 35 winners for the 2020 American Legion Legacy Scholarship based on the financial need of the applicants.

Children of the Fallen Post 9/11 Veteran

#	Dept	Category	Name	Award
1	NC	Fallen	Dennis Abiola Jallah III	\$20,000.00
2	HI	Fallen	Mylia Haruka Briggs	\$18,369.00
3	NE	Fallen	Amber Rodriguez	\$13,926.00
4	CA	Fallen	Sean S Perry	\$5,634.00

Children of the Post 9/11 Veteran rated at 50% or greater

#	Dept	Category	Name	Award
1	WI	Disabled	Camila Alejandra Negron Garcia	\$20,000.00
2	KY	Disabled	Colton Stinger	\$20,000.00
3	TX	Disabled	Trinity Rivas	\$20,000.00
4	NC	Disabled	McKayla Ann Kraft	\$20,000.00
5	VA	Disabled	Hannah Delaney Maile	\$20,000.00
6	MD	Disabled	Caroline L Keegan	\$20,000.00
7	NY	Disabled	Chyle Grossman	\$20,000.00
8	MD	Disabled	Braedan McKee	\$20,000.00
9	NY	Disabled	Tianna Negron	\$20,000.00
10	IL	Disabled	Deanna Michelle Woodburn	\$20,000.00
11	TX	Disabled	Keziah Antoinette Wilson	\$20,000.00
12	OR	Disabled	Morgan C Nichols	\$20,000.00
13	IL	Disabled	Elek Wellman	\$20,000.00
14	GA	Disabled	Gavin Bernard Martin	\$20,000.00
15	NH	Disabled	Claudia Maynard	\$20,000.00
16	NC	Disabled	Kellie Ann Holland	\$20,000.00
17	NM	Disabled	Mia Nicole Montoya	\$20,000.00
18	NV	Disabled	Brady Bathke	\$20,000.00
19	IL	Disabled	Tyler B Kelly	\$20,000.00
20	GA	Disabled	Juliyne Vela Teal	\$20,000.00
21	NY	Disabled	Gillian Kelsey MacNeil	\$20,000.00
22	GA	Disabled	Taylor Danielle Asher	\$20,000.00
23	NC	Disabled	Symone L Davis	\$20,000.00
24	WA	Disabled	Cara Lee Rhodes	\$20,000.00
25	TX	Disabled	Jeremiah Lamont Hobbs	\$20,000.00
26	KS	Disabled	Sierra Dawn Delamarter	\$20,000.00
27	MD	Disabled	Megan Eileen Jacobs	\$20,000.00
28	WA	Disabled	Sang Hyuk Lee	\$20,000.00
29	MS	Disabled	Lindsey Macon II	\$20,000.00
30	NC	Disabled	Gabrielle Nikole Jones	\$20,000.00
31	IN	Disabled	Jacob William Gordon LaFary	\$10,002.79

American Legion Legacy Scholarship Review

A proposal to update The American Legion Legacy Scholarship was brought forward and presented by Staff Liaison Scott Wynn; based on recommendations and requests made during the 2019 Fall Meetings. This proposal outlines several changes to the scholarship including a cap to the accepted tuition rate, as well as a \$10,000 award cap on “Children of the Post 9/11 Disabled Veteran rated at 50% or greater. These changes would serve to increase the spread of the Legacy Scholarship award to not only more applicants, but to those most in need. In addition, changes

were proposed to the Legacy Scholarship Policy Manual to include “Career and Technical Institutions” to the possible awardees.

These changes were unanimously approved. COYE also reviewed and discussed information and policies contained in the governing Resolution No. 1: American Legion Legacy Scholarship Enhancement. The COYE will bring detailed recommendations to the Americanism Commission at the Fall 2020 meetings.

Technical Motion

Vice Chairman Jim Davis (WV) made a motion that staff be authorized to make technical corrections to resolutions, minutes and commission report, to ensure proper spelling, wording and format, without changing the substance of meaning or intent of the Americanism Commission. Motion was carried unanimously.

Attachment to 2020 Fall Report of the Committee on Youth Education:

Committee on Youth Education, 15 September 2020 Working discussions of allowable education expenses for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship	Approval		ATTACHMENT (1)
FEES	Yes	No	COMMENTS or CAVEAT
Athletics Fee / Recreation Fee / College Center Fee / Activities Fee	X		
Campus Infrastructure Fees	X		
Class Fees / Course fees	X		
Community Service Fees	X		
Comprehensive Fee	X		
Counseling & Psych Service Fees	X		
Enrollment Fee	X		
General/Student Services fees	X		
Graduation Fees	X		
ID Card Fees / U-Pass Fee / Crimson Card Fee / Cougar Card Fee / etc.	X		
Intermodal Transportation Fee/Transit Fee/Campus Shuttle Fee (Campus owned)	X		
Lab Fees	X		
Laundry Deposit Fees	X		
Library Fees	X		
Licensure Fee (Cost associated with requesting license or taking the licensure exam - e.g. Bar Exam, Nursing License, etc.)	X		
Material Fee-E-Book / Book rental on-line costs. (digital versions of textbooks)	X		
On Campus Parking Fees/ Shuttle Service Fee/ Parking Permit / parking fees/Parking Decal	X		
On-line Course fees	X		
Orientation Fee	X		
Payment Plan Fee	X		
Parking Fees (non-campus parking fees)		X	No off-campus parking reimbursement
Recycling Fund / Sustainability Fees	X		
Registration Fee/Enrollment Fee	X		
Rental Insurance fees	X		

Return Check Fee		X	
Schedule Change Fees	X		
Student Life Facilities Fees	X		
Student Senate Fee	X		
Student Success Fees	X		Mentorship Fee
Studying Abroad fees	X		
Technology Fees/facility and Technology Fee	X		
Testing Fees	X		
Wellness Fee/Wellness Center Fee/Health and Wellness Fee/Health Service Fee (costs not covered by insurance)	X		
Other Expenses	Yes	No	COMMENTS or CAVEAT
Book purchase	X		
Book Rental	X		
Club Dues		X	Either academic or social clubs
Computer or laptop and associated peripherals (mouse, keyboard, headphones, microphone, etc.)	X		
Cost of daily Train or Bus fare to go from home to school and return (non-campus shuttle)	X		Public Transportation
Cost of Transportation from home to school daily (Personally owned convenience, fuel, maintenance, or use of uber / lift / taxi, etc.)	X		no taxi or ride-share, calculate to 29¢/mile home to school for each day of school.
Durable Equipment required for class/program per syllabus (e.g. stethoscope, microscope, lab equipment, paint supplies, musical instrument rental, etc.) Add scientific, graphing, or other special calculators	X		
Health Insurance	X		
Kits needed for a course (e.g. Dental Kit, Accounting Kits, etc.)	X		
Meal plans / Meal card deposit (on campus dining)	X		
Military Academies require single-party checks with the name and student ID or SSN on checks	X		
Moving costs / U-Haul / etc. (move-in & out at beginning & end of school year)		X	
Off campus lease *Note: We do not cut checks for landlords.	X		Reevaluate after COVID19 to see what is the new normal

Online Students who are not physically at the school, send the check to the student who signs and then sends the check to the school for them to co-sign and deposit.	X		
Parking / speeding fines accrued over the previous semester		X	
Printer and associated peripherals (cable, ink, paper, etc.)	X		
Sports Pass / athletic event tickets / concert or theater tickets / season pass		X	
Consumable/Expendable Supplies for class (including, but not limited to: notebooks, binders, pens, scientific calculator, etc.)		X	Move scientific calculator to equipment required
Uniforms/scrubs for the program where required for the program (campus police uniform, medical scrubs, lab coat etc.)	X		
Other Expenses Previously Discussed	Yes	No	COMMENTS or CAVEAT
Tuition	X		
On Campus Housing	X		

**REPORT TO THE AMERICANISM COMMISSION
FALL MEETING – October 3, 2020
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEE ON YOUTH EDUCATION
FALL MEETING – September 15, 2020**

The Fall Meeting of the Committee on Youth Education (COYE) was held on September 15, 2020, via video teleconference through Microsoft Teams. 12 representatives were present for Spring Meetings to include committee members: Chairman, Michael Westergren (AR); Vice Chairman, James Davis (WV); National Commanders Representative, John Murphy (NY); Member, Robert Munhall; Member, Carl Radosevich (NM); Member, Wayne Fischer (IL); Americanism Commission Representative, Victor Desloover (IA); Consultant, Homer Holmes (SD); Consultant, Gary Gifford (MD); Americanism Commission Representative, Roberta Poulos (SC); American Legion Auxiliary National Education Chairman, Deb Albers (NE); American Legion Auxiliary National Education Committee Member, Amanda Washburn (NE). Guests were Americanism Chairman, Richard Anderson (CT), Executive Director, James Baca (NM).

Opening and Review of Items

Following the opening, which included: Victor DeSloover (IA) providing the invocation, Deb Albers (NE) leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jim Davis (WV) honoring the POW/MIA chair, and recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion as led by Michael Westergren (AR); the Committee on Youth Education reviewed and unanimously accepted the Report of proceedings from the 2020 Spring meeting of the Committee on Youth Education as well as the agenda for this meeting.

Next the Committee on Youth Education reviewed and accepted the Legacy Scholarship and Samsung Scholarship annual reports.

Legacy Scholarship Policy Guidance Updates

Starting in 2019, the Legacy Scholarship requires those requesting their scholarship award funds to be based upon their documented actual needs, not to exceed the initial award amount. Those need are calculated by taking all the required expenses, subtracting the family contribution as determined by the FAFSA as well as all other funding sources (other grants, scholarships awarded). This gap is then what the Legacy Scholarship will pay out per semester up to the award amount within a given school year.

Since then, there has been some discussion on what constitutes allowable educational expenses under the Legacy Scholarship. Recently, there have been some verbal discussions as to the sort of expenses that should be allowed (e.g. tuition, books, dorm costs) and should not be allowed (e.g. move-in costs, fees associated with loans). While these conversations often centered around conceptual discussion about what The American Legion should deem as acceptable educational expenses, they were not exhaustive. So last spring, the Committee on Youth Education tasked the staff liaisons to develop a listing so that they could make specific recommendations.

After much deliberation, the fees and educational expenses in the attached document (Attachment 1) became the recommendations of the Committee on Youth Education for placement in the Policies & Procedures for Administration of The American Legion Legacy Scholarship as allowable educational expenses for Legacy Scholarship financial calculations.

Resolution

The Committee on Youth Education only considered one resolution at this meeting: *Amendment to Resolution No. 28 - "Updated Rules and Conditions for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program."* This resolution defines the eligibility for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship to, "American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program who are between their junior and senior years of high school, and one student from The American Legion Department of Hawaii who is a young man between his junior and senior years of high school."

Bob Munhall (PA) asked if this would impinge upon department's ability to have students who would have otherwise attended 2020 Boys State or Girls State program but were unable due to suspension of these programs out of public health concern. He stated that departments, such as his own, are already taking steps to prevent these highly capable youths, who are given the opportunity to attend Boys State or Girls State, respectively a year later from overshadowing those who will be between their junior and senior years of high school next summer. He wanted to know what provisions there would be to ensure that this change in eligibility is promulgated down to departments assuming it is approved by the NEC. Staff reassured him that departments are informed of this and all NEC decisions. This satisfied all discussion of the committee. The Committee on Youth Education unanimously **recommends approval** of this resolution titled *Amendment to Resolution No. 28 - "Updated Rules and Conditions for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program."*

Updates on Education Development Guide

Chairman Michael Westergren again spoke about the issues that he has with chapter 2 of the Education Development Guide and possible solutions from an educator's perspective. While no headway has occurred since the last meeting in the spring, he asked for volunteers who could work with him between now and Spring Meetings to discuss potential updates for the consideration to the Committee on Youth Education at that time. Carl Radosevich (AZ) and Bob Munhall (PA) volunteered to assist the chairman on this project. Staff offered the use of the Legion collaborative space, namely Microsoft Teams platform, to facilitate this endeavor.

Final Announcements

Chairman Westergren reminded everyone that the scheduled date of Spring Meeting of the Committee on Youth Education is Saturday, May 1 until Sunday May 2, 2021 in Indianapolis, Indiana barring any further changes.

Chairman Westergren also indicated that we normally would have discussed the 98 or so finalists for the Samsung Scholarship at this venue, but as most Boys State and Girls State programs were canceled, this scholarship was suspended for 2020. He then commended the Department of Texas and their Department Commander Jeff Perkins for holding their program online, which attracted over 500 attendees.

He then thanked staff for their support and commitment to the Committee on Youth Education.

Chairman Richard Anderson (CT) brought greetings to the committee. He had briefly joined the meeting while discussions were being held regarding the fees and did not want to interrupt at that time, but wanted to thank the committee for their support of the resolution titled *Amendment to Resolution No. 28 - "Updated Rules and Conditions for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program"* and that the Americanism Commission intends to move on to the National Executive Committee.

Closing

The Committee on Youth Education then concluded with a benediction from Victor DeSloover (IA) and retirement of the colors and POW/MIA flag by Jim Davis (WV); ending at 9:35pm.

ATTACHMENT F

**Americanism Commission Virtual Fall Meeting
October 3, 2020**

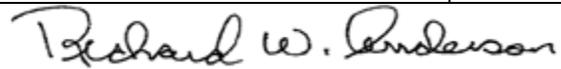
Report of Americanism Resolutions Recommended for Retention

The following Americanism resolutions previously approved by a National Convention or the National Executive Committee are recommended for retention by the Americanism Commission in order to remain part of legislative program of The American Legion through the 117th Congress of the United States.

Res. No.	Year	Meeting	Title	Convention Committee/ Subcmte
19	2016	NEC (Oct)	Flag Code Amendment	N/A
301	2016	Convention	Eliminate Damages and Attorney Fees in Establishment Clause Lawsuits	AMER/AMER
303	2016	Convention	Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Flag of the United States	AMER/AMER
111	2018	Convention	English Language Be Declared as the Official United States Language	AMER/AMER

The following Americanism resolutions previously approved by a National Convention or the National Executive Committee are recommended to continue as policy of The American Legion.

Res. No.	Year	Meeting	Title	Convention Committee/ Subcmte
279	2016	Convention	Support Funding Comprehensive Health Care for Children & Youth	AMER/C&Y
281	2016	Convention	Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation	AMER/C&Y
282	2016	Convention	Oppose Any Attempt to Weaken Present Laws Governing Penalties for The Production, Sale and Distribution of Pornographic or Obscene Materials to Minors	AMER/C&Y
285	2016	Convention	National School Lunch Program	AMER/C&Y
286	2016	Convention	Prevent Child Maltreatment	AMER/C&Y
287	2016	Convention	Programs and Organizations That Promote Child Safety	AMER/C&Y
288	2016	Convention	Reducing or Preventing Teenage Pregnancy	AMER/C&Y
292	2016	Convention	Return Patriotic Holidays to Traditional Dates	AMER/AMER
293	2016	Convention	Oppose Importation of Foreign Manufactured American Flags	AMER/AMER
294	2016	Convention	Boy Scouts of America And the Department of Defense	AMER/AMER
295	2016	Convention	Oath of Renunciation and Allegiance	AMER/AMER
296	2016	Convention	Support Fairness for Immigrant Spouses	AMER/AMER
297	2016	Convention	Conscientious Objectors Tax Diversion	AMER/AMER
299	2016	Convention	Pledge of Allegiance	AMER/AMER
300	2016	Convention	Star Spangled Banner	AMER/AMER
112	2018	Convention	Funding for Drug Trafficking Prevention Programs	AMER/C&Y
113	2018	Convention	Locate Missing Children and Prevent Child Victimization	AMER/C&Y
114	2018	Convention	Support for The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	AMER/C&Y



Richard Anderson
Chairman, Americanism Commission