

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 4 – 5, 2011**

**Resolution No. 11: Establishment of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club
Origin: Public Relations Commission
Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, There are more than 700,000 amateur radio operators (Hams) in the country, many of them veterans who served in various electronics and communications fields in the military; and

WHEREAS, They constitute a demographic that can and should be served by The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 134: The American Legion Role In Homeland Security, passed by the 92nd National Convention, encourages activities that support disaster preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Disaster Preparedness and Response Guide for American Legion Posts encourages amateur radio emergency communications capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Amateur radio plays a vital role in disaster communications “When All Else Fails”; and

WHEREAS, Veterans issues and American Legion programs can be discussed during amateur radio nets on amateur frequencies; and

WHEREAS, Amateur radio tends to attract youth, which is one of the pillars of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2011, That The American Legion Amateur Radio Club be established to facilitate public communication with our nation’s federally licensed amateur radio operators who are veterans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That membership in The American Legion Amateur Radio Club will be open to all federally licensed amateur radio operators who are members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That American Legion Posts encourage member participation in amateur radio licensing and emergency communications; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That an amount not to exceed \$1,000 be authorized to facilitate the establishment of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club as an approved activity of The American Legion.