

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Internal Affairs Sub-Committee Report Fall 2017

The Sons of The American Legion Sub-Committee of the Internal Affairs Commission met at 9:57 a.m. on October 9, 2017.

Members present:

George V. West (NH)	CHAIRMAN
Larry D. Sheets (FL)	MEMBER
James F. Army (MA)	MEMBER
Herbert W. O'Dell (TX)	MEMBER
Don Hayden (MN)	MEMBER
Michael K Seaton (CA)	CONSULTANT
Paul M. Brown	NATIONAL STAFF LIAISON

SAL National Commander Danny J. Smith and leading SAL National Commander Candidate Greg K. Gibbs were introduced and gave brief comments regarding the effects of the changes in leadership experienced recently in the program and the adjustments which have been needed. They were invited to stay and give input while the sub-committee examined the resolutions presented for review and potential action.

The following resolutions were reviewed:

NUMBER	ORIGIN	TITLE	ACTION
SAL RESOLUTION 2 PRE-CON NEC 2017	Finance Commission	Transfer of Funds from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund	Approved* (at Pre- Convention Meeting)
SAL RESOLUTION 4 PRE-CON NEC 2017	Finance Commission	National Convention Travel Reimbursement for NEC of the Sons of The American Legion	No Action (Being Reviewed by SAL NEC Internal Affairs)

There were five resolutions brought forward to the sub-committee that require action from the Internal Affairs Commission and the National Executive Committee of the American Legion.

Motions were made on the resolutions listed below with the recommended actions being approved:

NUMBER	ORIGIN	TITLE	ACTION
SAL RESOLUTION 1 PRE-CON NEC 2017	Internal Affairs Commission	Sons of The American Legion Trophy and Awards Manual and Review Authority	Approved
SAL RESOLUTION 3 PRE-CON NEC 2017	Iowa	Creation of Triple Nickel Ribbon	Approved
SAL RESOLUTION 1 CONVENTION 2017	Past National Commanders	Bestow Upon Brian J. O'Hearne the title of Past National Commander	Approved
SAL RESOLUTION 1 FALL NEC 2017	Internal Affairs Commission	Endorsement of Peter J. Sierminski (CO) for National Vice Commander	Received and Filed
SAL RESOLUTION 2 FALL NEC 2017	Strategic Initiative Ad- Hoc Committee	Re-Alignment National UPDATE and Website/Social Media Tools	Approved

All resolutions reviewed and acted upon are attached to this report.

Staff Liaison, Paul Brown, presented to the sub-committee his intent to follow through on direction given to him to establish effective processes for the program to get work accomplished and unite the leadership of the program. He introduced a memorandum from Robert Newman, Internal Affairs Chairman, establishing the PAST COMMANDERS PANEL which was reviewed and recommended to him by the Strategic Initiative Ad-Hoc committee as a means to increase the voice and input of the program on decisions overseen by the Internal Affairs Commission which have a great effect on the program (See Attached). The SAL Past National Commanders have already selected the panel members (See Attached). Consultant, Michael Seaton, agreed that this panel would provide a much desired opportunity for the past national commanders to provide input to the Internal Affairs Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.