



This Resolution was properly presented to the Department Resolutions Committee prior to the 2021 Department of California Convention held virtually in Sanger, CA on 26-27. This is the result of the Resolution:

**Resolution Number:** 2021-005

**Title of Resolution:** Naming of a Combat Ship

**Subject Matter:** This resolution is to support the naming of a US Navy Combat in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Fireman Second Class Telesforo Trinidad

**Convention Standing Committee Assignment:** Legislation

**Committee Recommendations:** Recommend it be passed on the floor of the convention.

**Action on the Floor:** The Resolution was presented on the floor by a member of the Legislation Committee. A motion was made to remove the term "Congressional" from the resolution which passed on the floor. The resolution itself was adopted and is being forwarded to National for consideration

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA  
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THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN **TRIPLICATE**

Resolution No. 2021-005

Subject: NAMING OF A COMBAT SHIP

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**RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORT NAMING A UNITED STATES NAVY COMBAT SHIP IN HONOR OF FIREMAN SECOND CLASS  
TELESFORO TRINIDAD, A RECIPIENT OF CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has always supported recognizing the service and sacrifice of heroes and Congressional Medal of Honor recipients; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy honors our nation by naming U.S. Navy ships with names that include Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and that the Secretary of the Navy is the authority responsible for the naming of U.S. Navy Ships; and

WHEREAS, Fireman Petty Officer Second Class Telesforo Trinidad was among the many Filipinos recruited to join the Insular Force of the U.S. Navy in the Philippines that was established in 1901 through Executive Order by then President McKinley; and

WHEREAS, Fireman Petty Officer Second Class Telesforo Trinidad was awarded the United States Congressional Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism above and beyond the call of duty in saving the lives of his fellow shipmates aboard USS San Diego (CG-6) in the Gulf of California on January 21, 1915; and

WHEREAS, Fireman Petty Officer Second Class Telesforo Trinidad is the only U.S. Navy Sailor of Asian American descent and the first Filipino American to receive the United States Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism from service in the United States Navy and whose valor can speak for thousands like him who swore to defend the nation; and

WHEREAS, to date, there is no ship in the U.S. Navy that is named after a member of the U.S. Armed Forces of Filipino American descent; therefore

RESOLVED, by the Department of California during their Virtual Convention that The American Legion urges and petitions the United States Navy and Secretary of the Navy to name a U.S. Navy warship – an Arleigh Burke-class Aegis Guided Missile Destroyer (DDG) or Constellation-class Guided Missile Frigate (FFG) - in honor of Fireman Petty Officer Second Class Telesforo Trinidad, a Medal of Honor recipient, for valor, loyalty, selfless sacrifice and courageous service to the United States of America in accordance with U.S. Navy authority under Title 10 of the United States Code, Section 8662.

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*This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted*

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Chairman

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Dept Committee/Commission or Convention Committee

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