

**RESOLUTION**  
**National Headquarters, The American Legion**  
**One-Hundred and Sixth Annual National Convention, Tampa, Florida**  
**August 26, 27, 28, 2025**

RESOLUTION NO. 15

SUBJECT: NAME ALL DEPARTMENT OF VETERAS AFFAIRS WOMEN VETERANS' ROOMS AND CLINICS AFTER WOMEN VETERANS

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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WHEREAS, Over 2 million women Veterans live in the U.S. today, and the percentage of women Veterans has increased from 6.3% in 2000 to 11.3% in 2023, and is projected to reach 17.2% by 2043; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we honor women Veterans and naming women Veterans' rooms/clinics within existing Veterans Affairs facilities should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, The American Legion Department of California adopted the resolution titled "2023-009: Renaming the Mare Island Clinic, the Delphine Metcalf-Foster VA Clinic" and US Rep. Mike Thompson and US Rep. John Garamendi sponsored the H.R. bills, which did not become Public Law mainly because Metcalf-Foster is NOT deceased per Congressional Research Service Report No. R46740 titled Naming Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Facilities; and

WHEREAS, On June 6, 2022, the Salem Virginia Women's Health Clinic officially became the MSG Silverine Vinyard James Women's Health Clinic, with the woman for whom it was named in attendance; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Tampa, Florida, August 26, 27, 28, 2025, That the Veterans Affairs should use the Salem Virginia template and shall name all Women Veterans' rooms/clinics after Women Veterans by Federal Fiscal Year 2027.**

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This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by our department but with national action substituted for local resolving clause.

Adjutant Sam Flores

Department California

Other authorized source:

(To be used when resolution is submitted from another authorized source or to comply with Resolution 21, May 4-5, 2016)

**BELOW THIS LINE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

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Approved      Approved with Amendment      Rejected      Received and Recorded      Consolidated with  
Referred to Standing Commission or Committee on  
Other Action  
Signature of Chairman or Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

## REGULATIONS

Based on the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of The American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee at its October 1956 meeting, the following regulations have been established for the procedure of Convention Resolutions:

1. Each must emanate from a department after favorable action or from the National Executive Committee, or from any convention standing or special committee. Resolutions submitted in advance of the convention by departments and the National Executive Committee shall be filed with the national adjutant, who shall refer them to the National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee.
2. The national adjutant shall maintain a convention register of all resolutions received, assigned and processed which shall identify each resolution by number, indicating the committee to which the resolution was referred and the originating source.

In submitting resolutions, the following points should be carefully observed:

- a. A resolution shall deal with only one subject. Do not attempt to deal with more than one subject in the RESOLVING clauses.
- b. All local RESOLVING clauses are to be omitted, substituting therein a clause resolving national action, i.e. the resolution as submitted should be worded for the National Convention as follows:

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Tampa, Florida, August 26, 27, 28, 2025, That —**

If the resolving clause is not stated as above (using convention business session dates) it necessitates having to re-write the resolution to show the proper resolving clause.

- c. Each resolution is to be worded in full, including all WHEREAS clauses as well as the RESOLVING clauses.
  - d. Each resolution is to be signed in black ink and the originating source clearly typewritten or indicated, unless it is submitted as a computer file. Then the originating source is to be placed in the footer of the form.
3. In accordance with Resolution No. 21, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 4-5, 2016, each resolution should be supported by the identification of the individual or group originating the resolution, and also by a written statement or brief containing the supporting arguments in favor of the action sought, and clearly establishing the material relevance of the subject to the purpose for which The American Legion was formed.
  4. In accordance with Resolution No. 50, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 5-6, 1965, resolutions adopted by departments and destined for consideration by the National Convention shall be forwarded to the national adjutant, to be in his hands fourteen (14) days prior to the opening session of the National Convention. The only exception to this provision shall be in instances where Department Conventions are held at such time that it becomes physically impossible to comply with this provision, in which instances, the resolutions shall be forwarded to the national adjutant immediately upon the adjournment of the Department Convention.
  5. The National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee may return through and with the consent of the secretary of the National Convention to the source, inappropriate or non-germane resolutions that may be resubmitted, when corrected, to the National Executive Committee or National Convention by the originator. Inappropriate or non-germane resolutions include, but are not limited to: Convention resolutions (1) containing more than one subject, (2) calling for or requiring the expenditure of funds, (3) containing personal attacks or derogatory characterizations, (4) outside the purview, (5) not pertinent or inappropriate for action by the National Convention or (6) unclear and undocumented. Deficient resolutions, once corrected, in order to be reconsidered, need to be resubmitted to the National Convention or National Executive Committee as provided in the National Constitution & By-Laws.