

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16

SUBJECT: VERIFICATION SERVICE FOR MEMBERSHIP

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, The American Legion has specific service requirements for membership into the organization; and

WHEREAS, Membership numbers are moving in the wrong direction for the future health of the organization; and

WHEREAS, An organizational commitment to membership recruitment is vital and can be assisted by providing modern tools to the membership, who collectively are our largest group of recruiters; and

WHEREAS, The simple act of starting and completing an application in one interaction using modern tools presents a positive, modern image of the organization for which we are trying to recruit; and

WHEREAS, Paper verification has complications, including timely access if the veteran is not in possession of an authorized document, forgery and stolen valor; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Posts are tasked with verifying documentation with varying degrees of accuracy, and

WHEREAS, Technology solutions like id.me are available and used by the government, including The Department of Defense and The Department of Veterans Affairs for verification purposes; and

WHEREAS, The technology has a very low learning curve for those familiar with using apps on a smartphone, tablet or computer; and

WHEREAS, Implementation of this technology solution will decrease the friction of the membership recruitment transaction, ensure that membership requirements are met, make the membership “paperwork” digital so that every Legionnaire can effectively recruit, using their devices, all of which will allow the focus of recruiting to be taken away from the issues of paper processing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Tampa, Florida, August 26, 27, 28, 2025, That The American Legion investigate and implement a vetted digital verification service like id.me, for the purpose of further automation of the membership process; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this verification be an option for membership applications submitted by website and any applicable digital applications; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That these new capabilities be widely communicated and promoted to the entire organization for maximum adoption.

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)

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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.