



The Military Order of the World Wars

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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNDING

WHEREAS, our armed forces are engaged worldwide protecting our national security interests; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding of the Department of Defense is essential to maintaining the readiness of our armed forces to respond to unforeseeable and unpredictable world events affecting our security interests; and

WHEREAS, significant budget cuts and projected future Department of Defense sequestration cuts will deleteriously affect our military readiness and response capability;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention in Baltimore, Maryland, 5 - 9 August 2014, calls upon Congress and the President to eliminate future Department of Defense sequestration and to ensure our military capability to respond to worldwide threats to our national security, as identified in the Annual Defense Risk Assessment.



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BUDGET SEQUESTRATION THREATENS NATIONAL SECURITY

WHEREAS, our armed forces are engaged worldwide protecting our national security interests and, for more than 10 years, have fought the forces of terrorism thus placing enormous strain on our human and materiel resources; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense budget is essential to sustain combat capability necessary to protect the vital interests of the United States; and

WHEREAS, sequestration portends automatic defense program budget cuts that threaten National Security and military readiness;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars in convention in San Diego, California, 30 July - 5 August 2012, calls upon Congress to ensure that our military capability to respond to worldwide threats to our national security is not diminished by arbitrary defense budget cuts.



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ADDITION OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT'S D-DAY PRAYER TO THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, DC

WHEREAS, the United States' core value system is based on moral and religious values, and the men and women of our Armed Forces who fought and died during World War II made tremendous sacrifices while strengthened by those same values; and

WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the President of the United States and leader of the free world during that momentous struggle against tyranny and oppression; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has introduced and passed a Bill, H.R. 2070: "World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2012," sponsored by Representative Bill Johnson of Ohio, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the Nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars in convention in San Diego, California, 30 July - 5 August 2012, supports the proposal to add an appropriate marker containing President Franklin D. Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer to the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC.



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MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND LEADERSHIP ARCHIVES IN HONOR OF GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN J. "BLACKJACK" PERSHING

WHEREAS, there is no museum dedicated to honoring, documenting, and educating the youth and future generations of Americans about the importance and relevance of the life and military service of General John J. Pershing; and

WHEREAS, General Pershing is a true American hero who came from meager agrarian Missouri roots and attained the highest rank bestowed by the U.S. Congress, "General of the Armies of the United States"; he is further recognized internationally for a lifetime of dedicated military service spanning from the time of the American Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, Russo-Japanese War, Philippine Insurrection, the First World War to being a trusted adviser through the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, General Pershing founded The Military Order of the World Wars in 1919, to encourage his officers' service to America after their active military service ended thereby instilling our Order's motto: "It is nobler to serve than to be served"; and

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars is dedicated to educating youth on Americanism, National Security and Foreign Relations, Veterans Affairs, Community Service, Patriotism and Leadership, all of which were espoused by General Pershing and are being perpetuated by the Pershing Park Memorial Association and a proposed memorial museum; and

WHEREAS, the Pershing Park Memorial Association, in 2010, held a celebration in honor of the 150th anniversary of the birth of General Pershing in Laclede, Missouri, which was enthusiastically attended by local, state, national and international military members, political and social leaders and established the "Campaign 150" project to raise the \$1.2 million in funds for the aforementioned museum to which the Kansas City, Missouri Chapter of The Military Order of the World Wars, has responded affirmatively;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention, in San Diego, California, 30 July - 5 August 2012, supports the building of the Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives and hereby urges each and every companion to voluntarily donate to the Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives Development Fund, 900 Pershing Drive, P.O. Box 47, Laclede, Missouri 64651, or go to the museum website at <http://www.pershingmuseum.com> in order to make the museum and leadership archives a reality and preserve the history of General Pershing.



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USS JFK (CV-67) RELOCATION TO PORTLAND, MAINE

WHEREAS, the Joshua L. Chamberlain Maine Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars in a regular meeting, on 19 March 2011, voted to register its support for the relocation of the USS JFK (CV-67) aircraft carrier to Portland, Maine. (Casco Bay in Maine, on which Portland is located, was the home of the North Atlantic Fleet during World War II.) Acquiring this permanent berth would provide a floating museum for Northern New England honoring Military, Naval, and Air Science and those who served aboard the carrier; and

WHEREAS, this support would not incur any financial demands, directly or indirectly, on the part Of the Military Order of the World Wars or the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, support of this action would foster the patriotic education of our Nation and would recognize past Military, Naval, and Air Science, which would be in harmony with the Preamble of the Constitution of The Military Order of the World Wars, and would provide a Naval/Military Museum for the Northeast United States and the Atlantic Provinces of Canada. This concept will likely be supported MOWW National Resolutions by the Congressional Delegation and it would serve to bolster a political as well as an historical and economic benefit to the area;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention, in Bozeman, Montana, 18-24 July 2011, supports this resolution to seek a permanent relocation of the USS JFK (CV-67) aircraft carrier to Portland, Maine, for use as a floating museum.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars, since its founding in 1919, has long regarded the Girl Scouts of the USA organization as supporting the Preamble of the Constitution of our Order; specifically, the Girl Scouts of the USA has exemplified several tenets of the Preamble, which states that we uphold to "inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag" and "promote and further patriotic education in our Nation;" and

WHEREAS, we regard our "Resolution of Cooperation" with the Girl Scouts of the USA a great opportunity to promote traditional family values to America's youth, and continue to bring stability and strength to Scouting endeavors through assistance to Troops/Groups, and Councils, in community projects, badge programs, and special recognition of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the USA, founded in 1912, stands as a leader of our Nation's heritage, wherein it has provided a youth movement based on principles of character, citizenship, and fitness. The year, 2012, is an historic year for the Girl Scouts of the USA with its many reflections of 100 years of achievement with our Nation's youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars in convention in Bozeman, Montana, 18-24 July 2011, recognizes the great and significant contributions the Girl Scouts of the USA have made to our Nation's youth. We also congratulate them on this centennial anniversary, and we look forward to continuing a mutually beneficial relationship.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the United States of America were involved in a worldwide conflict recognized as "The Cold War," from 2 September 1945 until 26 December 1991, a period of time when United States service members and their family's endured hardship, sacrifice, and perseverance, with some giving all. The individual and collective actions of the men and women of our Armed Forces resulted in the defeat of threats such as International Communism and nuclear holocaust by the former Soviet Union and its allies; and

WHEREAS, these service members have never been recognized by a grateful Nation with a service medal decoration for their military sacrifices, yet the United States Senate has desired such recognition of these service members, with a medal decoration, beginning with the 105th Congress, and introduced Bills eight times; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has likewise called for the recognition of these service members with a service medal decoration, since the 106th Congress, and introduced Bills five times with a vote "for" in the House version of the Defense Act of Fiscal Year 2008; and MOWW National Resolutions

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ms. Olympia Snowe, Senator from Maine, has introduced a Bill in the United States Senate, S. 402, "Cold War Service Medal Act of 2011," which now rests in the Senate Committee on Armed Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention in Bozeman, Montana, 18-24 July 2011, endorses these separate, complementary, and continual actions of the United States Senate and House of Representatives reflecting a strong will by the Members of Congress and fully supports S. 402 for favorable consideration, and that the Secretary of Defense direct the Services to design, authorize, and supervise the issuance of the "Cold War Service Medal" to the aforementioned members of our Armed Forces recognizing their honorable service and sacrifice.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

ENSURING HOMELAND SECURITY

WHEREAS, our Nation remains vulnerable to major terrorist attacks by individuals and groups that have made public threats against the United States and are known to possess the means and have the resolve to carry out attacks; and

WHEREAS, secure borders, coastal areas, and ports are vital to protecting our citizenry, our commercial and economic livelihood, and indeed our way of life; and WHEREAS, the current national economic situation will likely require across-the-board funding cuts that potentially can be detrimental to Homeland Security programs essential to defending our Nation from terrorism;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Military Order of the World Wars in convention in Bozeman, Montana, 18-24 July 2011, strongly supports programs that maximize protection and minimize vulnerabilities to our borders, ports, cargo, commerce, and population and urges Congress to have the political will to fully fund Homeland Security programs relating to border security.



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IN SUPPORT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars, since its founding in 1919, has long regarded the Boy Scouts of America organization as supporting the Preamble to the Constitution of our Order; specifically, the Boy Scouts of America has exemplified several tenets of the Preamble, which states that we uphold to "inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag" and "promote and further patriotic education in our Nation;" and

WHEREAS, we regard our "Memorandum of Mutual Support" with the Boy Scouts of America as a great opportunity to promote traditional family values to America's youth and continue to bring stability and strength to Scouting endeavors through assistance to units, districts, and councils in MOWW National Resolutions community projects, merit badge programs and special Eagle Scout recognition, and participation as a National Sponsor Organization for Scouting's "Good Turn for America;" and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America, founded in 1910, stands as a leader of our Nation's heritage, wherein it has provided a youth movement based on principles of character, citizenship, and fitness. This year, 2010, is an historic year for the Boy Scouts of America because of its many reflections of 100 years of achievement with our Nation's youth, culminating in the 100th anniversary celebration at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Military Order of the World Wars in convention in El Paso, Texas, August 3-8, 2010, recognizes the great and significant contributions the Boy Scouts of America have made to our Nation's youth. We also congratulate them on this centennial anniversary, and we look forward to continuing a mutually beneficial relationship.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

RETENTION OF THE "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" LAW AND POLICY

WHEREAS, in 1993, Congress passed a law affirming that homosexuality is incompatible with military service; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed this law to protect good order, discipline, morale, and unit cohesion in the Armed Forces, which has been upheld in federal courts; and

WHEREAS, we are greatly concerned about the impact of any proposed repeal of this law on the morale, discipline, unit cohesion, and overall military readiness of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, any change in the law would undermine recruiting and retention, impact leadership at all echelons, adversely affect parents' willingness to support their sons and daughters joining the Military Services, and would degrade the readiness of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, this law should be continued with the support of both Congress and the Commander-in-Chief to send a clear message of support to all members of the Uniformed Services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention, in Baltimore, Maryland, August 11-16, 2009, urges retention of the 1993 law referred to as the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Department of Defense policy and opposes any legislative, judicial, or administrative efforts to change, repeal, or invalidate this law and policy.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

FULLY FUNDING THE ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars, since its founding after World War I, has always supported a strong National defense as reflected in its Preamble, namely, "the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of National security for the United States of America;" and MOWW National Resolutions

WHEREAS, the credibility of the United States in an unstable world requires that the strength of the Armed Forces be increased to an absolute minimum of 2.1 million service members for the foreseeable future, and that defense budgets should be funded at five percent of Gross Domestic Product during times of war and four percent during peacetime; and

WHEREAS, likewise, the National Guard and Reserves must be substantially increased in strength, sustained, equipped, fully deployable, and not over-utilized in order to accomplish their indispensable State and Federal missions and roles in our National defense;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars in convention, in Baltimore, Maryland, August 11-16, 2009, reaffirms its full support to the Congress to fully resource and fund the Armed Forces so as to provide credible ground, air, and naval combat power in the Global War on Terrorism and for the Homeland Security of the United States America.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

RETENTION OF THE VETERANS MOJAVE DESERT MEMORIAL CROSS

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars holds as one of its ideals: "To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars;" and

WHEREAS, World War I Veterans, in 1934, established a Veterans Mojave Desert Memorial Cross in California to memorialize those American World War I Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Great War, "the war to end all wars;" and

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union in recent years has challenged the retention of this sacred Memorial in the name of separation of church and state, and this issue has been referred to the Supreme Court of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention, in Baltimore, Maryland, August 11-16, 2009, strongly support the retention of the Veterans Mojave Desert Memorial Cross as a National memorial honoring World War I Veterans.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

STAY THE COURSE IN IRAQ

WHEREAS, the United States has committed itself to assisting in bringing to power a freely elected and secular Iraqi government that represents the will of the Iraqi people, that is able to provide internal order and stability, that has a functioning economy, that is strong enough to defend its people and territory against external threats, that threatens none of its neighbors, and that is open to normalized relations with the international community; and

WHEREAS, the threat from foreign terrorist organizations within Iraq has diminished, while some cells still remain in hiding and are able to conduct local operations to destabilize the government and to inflict harm upon the population; and

WHEREAS, communal and confessional rivalries and suspicions still mark the political process and threaten the long-term stability of the government and the peace; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Iraq remains fragile; and MOWW National Resolutions

WHEREAS, the Government of Iraq has approved a new Status of Forces Agreement permitting United States and coalition forces to remain in Iraq through the end of 2010, in order to continue to support the national authority and to ensure security operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, at its Midwinter General Staff Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, February 10–15, 2009, urges the President and the Congress to stay the course in Iraq, pending the achievement of our stated goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expert professional advice of the military commanders responsible for the region should be given great weight and consideration in determining the force balance, the rate and the timing of any proposed redeployment of the United States military presence in Iraq.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

FEDERAL FUNDING OF BRAC-IMPACTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the evolving BRAC initiative will boost the populations of 32 Military Communities in 20 States with an influx of new military personnel, civilian employees, mission-related contractors, and family members; and,

WHEREAS, the population growth in the affected communities will bring about an increase in "federally connected" enrollment growth in the school districts supporting the 32 military communities, requiring the construction of new schools and classroom additions to accommodate this surge in growth; and

WHEREAS, the urgent need for new construction, teachers, administrative staff, and other resources far exceeds the ability of the affected school districts to fulfill these needs through the normal tax revenue process; and

WHEREAS, the 32 military communities have formed an advocacy group called the Seven Rivers National Coalition that seeks \$3 Billion in federal funding for classroom construction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, at its Midwinter General Staff Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, February 10–15, 2009, urges Congress and the Department of Defense to provide the required construction funding to support the increased student enrollment in the affected military communities.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

STAY THE COURSE IN AFGHANISTAN

WHEREAS, the United States, following the attacks on America and its citizens on September 11, 2001, committed itself to locating and destroying the terrorist individuals and groups that perpetrated the attacks, and to replacing the government that supported and facilitated the attacks; and

WHEREAS, leaders and elements of the ousted former government and of the terrorist elements still remain in hiding and able to function; and

WHEREAS, the new Government of Afghanistan still remains unable to exercise its authority over the tribal-dominated and lawless majority of the country; and MOWW National Resolutions

WHEREAS, the border area between Afghanistan and Pakistan remains uncontrolled by governmental authority on either side, providing areas from which terrorist organizations are able to launch attacks on Afghan and coalition forces; and

WHEREAS, foreign governments in Russia and Iran appear intent upon obstructing American counterterrorism efforts in the area, in order to increase their own influence; and

WHEREAS, leaving without completing the tasks we have set ourselves in support of America's vital national interests would be viewed internationally as a clear defeat for our military and political efforts, and would discourage future reliance upon American assurances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, at its Midwinter General Staff Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, February 1–15, 2009, urges the President and the Congress to stay the course in Afghanistan, to increase the combat force levels to those necessary for success, and to develop secure resupply routes that do not depend upon the changing political or economic fortunes or inclinations of neighboring countries.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

WHEREAS, the United States Army lacks a comprehensive National Museum and a fitting tribute to generations of American Soldiers whose leadership, character and selfless sacrifice have forged and safeguarded our Nation for over two centuries; and

WHEREAS, although various museums dedicated to certain Army branches such as Infantry, Special Forces, Army Aviation and others have been constructed, the National Army Museum, which will be situated near the Nation's capital, will trace the complete Army story from colonial days to the present;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, in Columbus, Georgia, July 29–August 3, 2008, supports the establishment of the National Museum of the United States Army as being in the National interest.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

SALUTE TO AMERICA'S SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

WHEREAS, in the ongoing Global War on Terrorism, over 4000 of our military men and women have been killed and over 23,000 have been wounded during operations in Afghanistan and Iraq since the initiation of hostilities; and

WHEREAS, these American military casualties have been sustained by men and women who have volunteered to serve their country in its time of need;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, in Columbus, Georgia, July 29–August 3, 2008, salutes the men and women who have MOWW National Resolutions served, and who continue to serve, and their families, during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

USS IOWA MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, a principal tenet of the Preamble of The Military Order of the World Wars is as follows: "To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of Memorials of the World Wars"; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has made the battleship USS Iowa available for establishment as a fitting memorial to the men who served on her since being commissioned in February, 1943;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention in Columbus, Georgia, July 29–August 3, 2008, supports the establishment of the USS Iowa as a Memorial to commemorate and honor the United States Navy, and the sailors who served with distinction aboard this majestic ship in times of war and peace.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

PRESERVE THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the United States maintain close partnership with other countries that share the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to our own security that a spirit of international trust and cooperation exist to develop and enhance those partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense established the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly called the School of the Americas, located at Fort Benning, Georgia for that purpose;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention, in Columbus, Georgia, July 29–August 3, 2008, expresses its strong support and appreciation to WHINSEC for its significant contribution to the security of the United States and the Western Hemisphere.



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NATIONAL CONVENTION SITE

WHEREAS, a principal tenet of the Preamble of The Military Order of the World Wars is: "To encourage and assist in the holding of Commemorations and the establishment of Memorials of the World Wars"; and

WHEREAS, there are cities and communities in the United States that have taken action to prohibit the establishment of Memorials in honor of the men and women who have served and fought in the wars waged for humanity to protect and preserve the sovereignty of the United States of America;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars in National MOWW National Resolutions Convention, in Columbus, Georgia, July 29–August 3, 2008, does hereby establish the policy that any city or community that has adopted an ordinance or policy that prohibits the establishment of Memorials or the holding of Commemorations honoring those men and women that have served the Armed Forces of the United States of America will not be considered as a host site.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the United States imports the majority of its oil while restricting domestic exploration and production; and

WHEREAS, the United States' continued reliance on foreign sources places our national security, our economic well-being and way of life at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, in Columbus, Georgia, July 29–August 3, 2008, urges the Administration and Congress to pursue further development of domestic oil resources and alternate sources of energy so as to eliminate American dependence on foreign oil.



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SUPPORT FOR THE WAR ON TERRORISM

WHEREAS, THE United States of America was suddenly, and without provocation, attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, in response to these despicable acts of cowardice, the President and a united Congress authorized military actions in both Afghanistan and Iraq; and,

WHEREAS, the Global War on Terrorism is as deadly as any war in which the United States has previously engaged; and,

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars agrees with our Commander-in-Chief that these acts of terrorism were aimed at "the heart and soul of the civilized world, and the world has come together to fight a new and different war, the first, and we hope the only one, of the 21st century—a long war against all those who seek to export terror, and a war against those governments that support or shelter them;" now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention assembled in Overland Park, Kansas, July 31–August 5, 2007, fully supports the President of the United States and the men, women, and the leadership of our Armed Forces as they are engaged in the Global War on Terrorism thereby protecting our values and way of life. MOWW National Resolutions



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM AND SOLDIER CENTER

WHEREAS, in an effort to repay an un-repayable debt to American Infantrymen who have safeguarded our liberty as a Nation, the National Infantry Foundation is building a world-class National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center near Fort Benning, Georgia: and,

WHEREAS, this \$86 million facility will tell the story of American Infantry sacrifices and will trace the 232-year history of the country's oldest and largest branch of the Armed Forces; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention assembled in Overland Park, Kansas, July 31–August 5, 2007, endorses the development of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center and encourages its Companions and Chapters to contribute to the building of this extremely worthy monument to our Nation's Infantry Soldiers.



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INCREASING THE END STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the United States were reduced by 35 percent after the Cold War ended and were drawn down from 2.1 million to 1.4 million, and the manpower strength of the Armed Forces currently numbers only 1.65 million; Active Army and National Guard Division were also severely downsized, and the Navy and the Air Force were also reduced in manpower as were their gaining warships and aircraft inventories.

WHEREAS, in addition to being engaged in peace-keeping operations and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States is currently faced with growing nuclear and convention threats in Iran, North Korea, and the Peoples' Republic of China; the Secretary of Defense has proposed an increase in active Army end strength from 482,000 to 547 and the marine Corps from 175,000 to 202,000 over the next five years; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars at its Mid-Winter General Staff meeting Dallas, Texas, January 30 to February 3, 2007, strongly recommends that the Department of Defense and Congress increase and fund the short-term end-strength of the Active Army by 65,000 and the Marine by 27,000 while resetting the Army force; and that over the long-term, the Active Army end strength be increased to its 1990 manpower and force structure level of 770,000, and increase of 288,000 in at least 18 Army Division equivalents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Navy and the Air Force cease reduction of their end strengths and systems inventories, and that these Services rebuild their manpower, readiness and inventory levels of modernized warships and aircraft as expeditiously as possible to create a more credible global deterrent.

APPROVED by vote of the General Staff of the Military Order of the World Wars on February 3, 2007, in Dallas, Texas.



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POLICY ON NORTH KOREA

WHEREAS, the destabilizing effects, both regionally and globally, of North Korea's sales and testing of weapons, including missiles, has continued to threaten global peace and stability; and,

WHEREAS, the government of North Korea has also attempted to destabilize world economics and foreign governments through the counterfeiting and illegal distribution of United States currency, and by using North Korean-flagged ships to distribute illegal drugs in other countries, and,

WHEREAS, the world condemnation of North Korea's continuing production and testing of long range missiles has generated the belief that a non-nuclear Korean peninsula is in the vital interests of countries in the region and the United States; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention assembled in Warwick, Rhode Island, August 2-6, 2006, urges that the attached document be adopted and incorporated as United States foreign policy toward North Korea.

Adopted by the Military Order of the World Wars at its 86th Annual Convention, on August 4, 2006, in Warwick, Rhode Island.



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POLICY ON NORTH KOREA

Recalling the flagrant 1970s violation by North Korea of accepted international norms of behavior in kidnapping and holding Japanese citizens for the purpose of improving the language and cultural skills of North Korean spies; and,

Remembering the 1983 terrorist bombing by North Korean agents in Rangoon, Burma, in which most of the members of the South Korean cabinet were killed; and, Disturbed over reports that humanitarian assistance from the international community was reportedly diverted from the North Korean people, whose suffering the aid was intended to relieve, and was used instead to support a military establishment, the size of which greatly exceeds any force reasonably intended solely for the defense of the nation; and,

Troubled by North Korean sales of weapons, including missiles, to unstable countries, and the potential sale of nuclear materials to governments and groups seeking to attack United States interests; and,

Concerned that the government of North Korea has attempted to destabilize world economies and foreign governments through the counterfeiting and illegal distribution of United States currency, and by using North Korean-flagged ships to distribute illegal drugs in other countries; and, Noting the destabilizing effects, both regionally and globally, of North Korea's unilateral abrogation of the 1994 Agreed Framework, which was to provide North Korea certain incentives for dismantling its plutonium production program at Yongbyon, and for ending a separate, widely distributed uranium enrichment program; and, MOWW National Resolutions

Reiterating the belief that a non-nuclear Korean peninsula is primarily an interest of the countries in the region, while also being important to others outside the region; and,

Observing the global condemnation of North Korea's continuing production and testing of long-range missiles it had agreed to halt; and,

Recognizing with regret North Korea's unwillingness to comply with the recent UN Security Council resolution condemning this pattern of behavior; and,

Mindful of the destabilizing effect of North Korean threats to its neighbors within the region and across the globe,

The Military Order of the World Wars:

1. Calls upon the administration to work toward securing a resolution by the United Nations Security Council, calling upon member nations to cease all commercial transactions with North



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Korea, other than those involving the verifiable distribution of relief materials to the Korean people, and that a protocol be established to verify compliance;

2. Calls upon the administration to freeze all future incentives unless a process is established for the positive verification of compliance by North Korea in all its bilateral, multilateral and international responsibilities;
3. Calls upon the administration to continue to reject North Korean demands for one-on-one talks with the United States on the matter of halting and dismantling the North Korean nuclear program;
4. Calls upon the Congress of the United States of America to issue a resolution condemning the concept of supplanting the multilateral negotiations dealing with the vital regional interests of North Korea's neighbors with bilateral discussions that exclude those nations most directly concerned, and supporting the position taken by the administration;
5. Calls upon the administration to continue to encourage the governments of Japan, South Korea, Russia and China to use their good offices and political, commercial and financial leverage to press North Korea toward an acceptance of the basic fundamentals of international conduct and responsible behavior; and,
6. Calls upon the administration to ready military plans to remove, by force if necessary, North Korea's nuclear threat; to prepare support from our allies for such a necessity; and to consult with Congress to establish joint guidelines under which such action should be taken without partisan political debate.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

1. SUPPORT FOR THE WAR ON TERRORISM

WHEREAS, the United States of America was suddenly, and without provocation, attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, and in response to these despicable acts of cowardice, the President and a united Congress authorized military actions in both Afghanistan and Iraq; and,

WHEREAS, the Global War on Terrorism is as deadly as any war in which the United States has been previously engaged; and,

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars agrees with our Commander-in-Chief that these acts of terrorism were aimed at "the heart and soul of the civilized world, and the world has come together to fight a new and different war, the first, and we hope the only one, of the 21st century—a MOWW National Resolution against all those who seek to export terror, and a war against those governments that support or shelter them;" now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention assembled in Warwick, Rhode Island, August 2–6, 2006, fully supports the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the men, women, and leadership of our Armed Forces as they are engaged in the Global War on Terrorism thereby protecting our values and way of life.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR REGULATED STATE DEFENSE FORCES

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the World Wars, as an organization composed of commissioned officers from the uniformed services, supports our national defense and homeland security needs in peacetime and wartime; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States in 32 U.S.C. 109 has recognized the need for states to organize and maintain regulated State Defense Forces, in addition to the National Guard, to maintain public safety and order, to combat and respond to terrorism, and to perform state-wide missions when the National Guard is federalized or mobilized; and

WHEREAS, currently 24 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico maintain State Defense Forces; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars at its Annual Convention in Burlingame, California, August 2-7, 2005, support the legislation before the Congress that State Defense Forces can fully support Homeland Security and assist states wherever their National Guard forces have been federalized during the Global War on Terrorism.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

THE CITIZEN CORPS

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars is composed of grassroots chapters across the country which have had experience in community youth leadership, patriotic education and national security programs; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Corps is a federally-funded, locally driven initiative to have Americans become voluntarily active participants in preventing, preparing for and responding to man-made and natural disaster and other emergencies; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars at its Annual Convention in Burlingame, California, August 2-7, 2005, encourage its Regions and Chapters to become involved in local Citizen Corps activities such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch programs and others; and that the Military Order of the World Wars affiliate itself with the Citizen Corps. MOWW National Resolutions



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

REDUCTION OF IMMIGRATION LEVELS

WHEREAS, illegal immigration levels have accounted for the explosive growth of the American population which will reach over 300 million in 2006; and

WHEREAS, continued illegal immigration coupled with drug trafficking, and the potential for terrorist infiltration and overwhelming the U.S. Border Patrol, Homeland Security and law enforcement agencies and have been overtaxing local social services, schooling, medical and housing services as well as county and state government services; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars at its Annual Convention in Burlingame, California, August 2-7, 2005, urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to curtail the continue influx of illegal immigrants through increased deportation and border enforcement, and the immigration levels be regulated at a moderate scale so as to reduce the threats of terrorist infiltration and drug trafficking as well as the heavy drain on local and state governmental resources and services.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

ENHANCED INSPECTIONS OF IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, International Atomic Energy Agency inspections in 2003 of Iran's nuclear program revealed significant undeclared activities with potential application for nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, Iran has had a nuclear program for nearly 50 years, it has maintained that nuclear power is necessary with domestic energy consumption rates and a desire to preserve oil and resources foreign currency; and

WHEREAS, Iran has asserted that its nuclear power program is strictly peaceful, but few observers believe that such an ambitious program is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, July 21-25, 2004, encourages inspections in Iran's nuclear program to keep any potential Iranian nuclear weapons program in check; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if Iran continues to block verification of any production of nuclear material or inspection of suspected nuclear sites that the United States precedes with economic and/or other actions, as appropriate. Further Increasing the Army's End Strength

WHEREAS, The United States Army remains over-committed globally in the war on Terrorism, Homeland Security and honoring commitments in Europe, the Balkans, Asia and elsewhere and

WHEREAS, The Army's severe shortage in active duty end strengths is reflected in the activation of nearly 300,000 Guardsmen and Reservists as well as the announced dispatching of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and an infantry brigade from the Republic of Korea to Iraq; and MOWW National Resolutions

WHEREAS, During the height of the Cold War, the United States Army had 18 active divisions, and even with only 10 divisions in the current inventory, the Army and the Congress have approved an end strength increase of only 30,000 troops; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, July 21-25, 2004, that it urges Congress and the Administration to further increase the Army active end strength from its current strength of 495,000 to 650,000 in order to adequately wage the longstanding Global War on Terrorism to maintain a credible deterrent and continue with essential peace enforcement and humanitarian missions.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WHEREAS, in 1954, the Congress of the United States reaffirmed the influence on government by a Supreme Power when it revised the Pledge of Allegiance by inserting the words "under God; and

WHEREAS, In June 2004, the Supreme Court in *Newdow vs. the United States*, in which the words, "under God" had been previously ruled as unconstitutional by the ninth circuit court, stated that the Plaintiff had been unqualified to challenge the Pledge of Allegiance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, July 21-25, 2004, expresses its utmost support for the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form and voices its opposition to any further attempts to revise it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars encourages the Nation's schools to include the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in regular school activities.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

UNIFORMED SERVICES QUALITY OF LIFE

WHEREAS, national security demands a military with technologically superior equipment and highly skilled, motivated, and dedicated men and women, and

WHEREAS, achievement of these goals, especially with respect to personnel, requires pay, allowances, health care, and other benefits that are competitive with the private sector,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5, 2003, urge the President and the Congress of the United States of America to take measures to enhance the quality of life for the military and other uniformed services, including the United States Coast Guard, the United States Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. MOWW National Resolutions



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

FILLING VACANCIES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, an enemy attack or a natural disaster that killed or incapacitated members of the House of Representatives could reduce the house membership below the number required to meet the quorum rule, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has appointed a group, which is part of a bipartisan Continuity of Government Commission, to find answers on how Representatives to the House could be replaced in a timelier manner,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5, 2003, strongly supports the President of the United States of America, recognizing the impact of this issue on Homeland and National Security requirements and to strongly urge the Congress of the United States of America to find a rapid resolution to this critical issue.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

IMMIGRATION POLICY

WHEREAS, the security of our nation's borders is of utmost importance and critical to national security, especially in an era where international terrorism poses a major threat, and

WHEREAS, illegal immigration, lax visa oversight, resulting in numerous instances of individuals exceeding their authorized period of stay, inadequate and uncoordinated enforcement of existing laws and regulations, by the various responsible regulatory agencies, contribute to our nation's vulnerability to terrorism, and

WHEREAS, enemies of the United States of America recognize and exploit these failures with deadly consequences,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5, 2003, urge the President and the Congress of the United States of America to ensure enforcement of current immigration and border protection laws, as necessary, to safeguard life, liberty and property with the boundaries of the United States of America.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

STATE DEFENSE FORCE SUPPORT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, the National Guard and the Reserve Forces of the United States of America have been heavily deployed throughout the world, reducing their ability to support their local state governments in the event of a weapons of mass destruction attack, and

WHEREAS, if properly supported and recognized by all states, these volunteer State Defense Forces could help achieve an additional 400,000 personnel dedicated to homeland security at no additional cost to federal or state budgets,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5, 2003, urges the Congress of the United States of America to adopt the State Defense Force Improvement Act of 2003, (HR MOWW National Resolutions 2796) and to promote State Defense Forces within their state.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

INCREASING THE FORCE STRUCTURE OF THE ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, since the end of the Cold War, the military services have been downsized by one third of their strength, yet military deployments have been on the upswing, and

WHEREAS, since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, over 200,000 Reservists have been activated for periods of up to six months and longer, and

WHEREAS, the active military strength is not adequate to meet current worldwide commitments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars in National Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5, 2003, urges the President and the Congress of the United States of America to increase the strength of the armed forces in both personnel and equipment.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE Lieutenant Karl Benet Justus, USN (Fmr) Bethesda Chapter, Maryland

WHEREAS, it has been the will of Almighty God to remove from amongst us, Chaplain (Lieutenant) Karl Benet Justus, who has been a most valued Companion, ever active in the affairs of The Military Order of the World Wars; one who throughout the past forty plus years has served the Order loyally, generously, and unselfishly, and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Karl Justus was an ordained Methodist Clergyman and as such entered the United States Navy Chaplain Corps in 1942, and he served as Chaplain on the combat transport CRESCENT CITY (APA-21) during the closing days of Guadalcanal, with landings at Leyte, Bougainville, and Guan, and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Karl Justus wrote the history of the Order for the decades of the 70s and the 80s while serving as the Order's Chaplain General, and he later became the Order's eighteenth Historian General and served several years as Editor of the Officer Review, and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Karl Justus broadcast religious programs on radio and television, he hosted the Ecumenical Memorial Service at the Order's annual conventions and conducted the convening prayer in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and he is listed in the Who's Who in Religion, served as Chapter Chaplain of the Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter and has General Staff Emeritus status in the Order.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5 2003, do hereby record this expression of sincere and enduring grief which has been sustained by the Order of which Chaplain (Lieutenant) Karl Benet Justus was so faithful and prominent a member.

Signed and affixed the seal of The Military Order of the World Wars this 4th day of August 2003. MOWW National Resolutions



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE Colonel Fred Sheridan, USA (Ret) G/A Omar Bradley Chapter, California

WHEREAS, it has been the will of Almighty God to remove from amongst us, Colonel Fred Sheridan who has been a most valued Companion, ever active in the affairs of The Military Order of the World Wars, one who throughout the past forty-eight years has served the Order loyally, generously and unselfishly, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Sheridan was elected Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Order at the 1994 Convention, having served the Order in elected and appointed Staff positions and as a member of national committees. Every active as a Companion in the Conejo Valley, California, and other chapters, including the Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter, and General Staff Emeritus status in the Order, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Sheridan was born in Dresden, Germany, he became a naturalized United States citizen at the age of twenty-two. Colonel Sheridan was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1944 and after thirty-six years of honorable service, he retired with the rank of Colonel. He saw service in World War II, Korea, and through the Vietnam era,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5 2003, do hereby record this expression of sincere and enduring grief which has been sustained by the Order of which Colonel Fred Sheridan was so faithful and prominent a Companion.

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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE

J. Strom Thurmond

United States Senator (South Carolina)

Columbia Chapter, South Carolina

WHEREAS, it has been the will of Almighty God to remove from amongst us, Senator J. Strom Thurmond, who has been a most-valued Companion of The Military Order of the World Wars, and

WHEREAS, having served his country and state as legislator, statesman, military and government leader in an exemplary fashion for over seventy years, and

WHEREAS, this service included being a farmer, teacher, coach, and World War II hero, awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Croix de Guerra, and,

WHEREAS, in public life he served as State Senator, and Governor of South Carolina and longtime United States Senator, serving with distinction in the interest of his state and nation,

WHEREAS, Senator Thurmond was noted for his continuing, sincere interest, in the well-being of his constituents and had established a unique bond of affection with them, and

WHEREAS, he led a life recording strong devotion to patriotic ideas, faith in the almighty, and devotion to his family, setting an example of dedication to duty, and service to others for young people of whom he also had a special interest,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National MOWW National Resolutions Convention, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5 2003, do hereby record this expression of sincere and enduring grief which has been sustained by the Order of which Senator J. Strom Thurmond was so faithful and prominent a Companion.

Signed and affixed the seal of the Military Order of the World Wars this 4th day of August 2003.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN REMEMBRANCE

Bob Hope

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars, moved by love of country and dedicated to its service, recognized in Bob Hope all the qualities of a true patriot, and

WHEREAS, Bob Hope demonstrated those qualities by unselfishly giving of his time, enormous talent, and personal resources toward the betterment of the morale of members of the United States Armed Forces, wherever stationed, in peace or war, especially those in distant lands during holiday seasons, and

WHEREAS, he was held in affection and in highest esteem,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, July 31 - August 5, 2003, to remember Bob Hope with warm affection and appreciation, and to express to Delores, his beloved wife of many years, and to his family, its deepest sympathy.

Signed and affixed the seal of The Military Order of the World Wars this 4th Day of August 2003.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

INSPECTION OF CARGO SHIPPING CONTAINERS

WHEREAS at least two terrorists of the suicidal hijacking and destruction of the World Trade Center had made many trips to Hamburg, Germany, indicating that cell chief resides in that city—the port of which is a container-shipping center and a link in the world's ocean transport system; and

WHEREAS, the cargo container, already near inspection-free because of its millions of numbers was made more vulnerable to clandestine uses by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, with its stated purpose "to effectively replace part of the old-style 1984 Shipping Act, and pave the way for what authorities refer to as a non-discriminatory regulatory process for the common carriage of goods by sea to and from the U.S. coast, with minimum amount of intervention by government"; and

WHEREAS, the source of a nuclear bomb detonated in any of the thousands of containers entering this country daily most likely would not be traceable, making it a delivery system of choice for terrorists (or countries thinking terrorists would be blamed); MOWW National Resolutions

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, in convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 28-August 2, 2002, commends the United States Customs Service for its initiative in inspecting cargo containers in foreign ports and asks the President and Congress to continue backing this action fully and to seek establishment as soon as possible of a system whereby all cargo containers destined for entry into the United States are inspected for weapons of mass destruction at ports of shipment.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

WHEREAS the founders of our great and beloved country in their efforts to find common ground for uniting people of various backgrounds and circumstances sensed this in the ideal all shared in their various but steadfast beliefs in "Divine Providence"; and

WHEREAS, in the Declaration of Independence, reference was made to their "Creator" and "Sacred Honor," and they appealed to the "Supreme Judge of the World," and careful later to distinguish between such acknowledgements and the establishment of any religion by law as a part of government, as was the case with England; and

WHEREAS, the distinction between a unifying recognition of a supreme being, in all of America's history reverently referred to as "God," and an establishment of a state religion, as made clear in the First Amendment to the Constitution, has been voided by a Federal Appeals Court's ruling that a public school-led Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is unconstitutional, in that it includes the word "God"—a word important to the Pledge's purpose of promoting unity to love of country;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, in convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 28-August 2, 2002, respectfully petitions the President and Congress to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the lower court's decision, thus restoring the complete unifying effect to the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

JUSTICE FOR US PRISONERS

WHEREAS during World War II, many Members of the United States Armed Forces who survived the Bataan Death March were, while prisoners of war in Japan, forced to do hard labor for privately owned business enterprises for no compensation and under inhumane conditions; and

WHEREAS, out of respect for the Japanese people and their post-war government, and the United States government has maintained a strict interpretation of a provision in the peace treaty shielding the Japanese government from damage claims for misdeeds of its predecessor, thus rendering former members of the U.S. Armed Forces unable to seek redress of terrible wrongs; and

WHEREAS, there is a movement in Congress to remedy this unjust treatment of this exemplary segment of those World War II fellow Americans, who, with their Allies, gave so much to preserve our freedoms while restoring them to those they fought, by enacting into law an interpretation of the 1951 Peace Treaty that will allow them to seek compensation from the privately owned business enterprises that took so much from them without pay or even a belated thank-you. MOWW National Resolutions

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, in convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 28-August 2, 2002, humbly expresses its regard and appreciation to those whose honorable service to our country went so far beyond the normal call of duty, and respectfully petitions the House to pass, the Senate to adopt, and the President to sign H.R. 1198.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE WAR ON TERRORISM

WHEREAS The September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on American soil have made Americans painfully aware of their vulnerability to violence from international terrorism; and

WHEREAS, these terrorists were able to carry out their attacks because emphasis by the U.S. government on homeland security and intelligence collection has been inadequate and incapable of preventing such attacks; and

WHEREAS, On September 20, 2001, President Bush announced the establishment of the Office of Homeland Security, a new cabinet position designed to be the single source of authority, at the highest levels, for all homeland defense programs and policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, in convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 28-August 2, 2002, that we pledge our support to the war on terrorism and urge the United States government to arm the Office of Homeland Security with the legal powers and fiduciary tools to coordinate the many agencies and offices with the homeland security responsibilities into a credible deterrent to terrorism.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS: The United States of America founded and continually dedicated to freedom and justice for all, with charity to others in time of need, has been grossly violated by guests within its borders, murdering without warning thousands of its citizens, striking its centers of business and destroying elements of its military structure; and,

WHEREAS: The Nation is united in grief over the loss of life as a result of the attacks by these terrorists, including the lives of many firefighters, police officers and civilians while attempting to save others, and in recognition of those who are involved with the massive rescue and recovery operations; and,

WHEREAS: The President, in an eloquently articulated address to the Congress and the citizens of our United States of America, issued to all nations a directive demanding the surrender of these terrorists and all those who support, harbor, assist or in any way facilitate their activities. He further stated that these demands are not negotiable and are designed to rid the world of global terrorism; and, MOWW National Resolutions

WHEREAS: It is the determination of Congress that our President shall have the authority to take whatever action he deems necessary to accomplish this end.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Military Order of the World Wars conveys to the President and Congress our unanimous agreement with, and unwavering commitment to, the President's directive and its execution.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

THE KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WHEREAS, although full-scale hostilities ended on the Korean peninsula in 1954 with the signing of an armistice, more than 1,200 United States servicemen have been killed along the DMZ in clashes with North Korean troops during the 47 year truce period that U.S. forces have assisted in defending South Korea; and,

WHEREAS, the Korean War Service Medal is currently awarded to American veterans who served in Korea during the Korean War period from 1950-1954; and,

WHEREAS, there is no service award, such as a Korean Defense Service Medal, recognizing the nearly two million American service members and veterans who have participated, and continue to participate, in defending the Republic of Korea during the extended cease-fire period following the Korean War.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, Columbia, South Carolina, 25-29 July 2001, urges Congress and the Department of Defense to authorize the funding and presenting of the Korean Defense Service Medal to those United States military personnel and veterans who served, and continue to serve, in defending the Republic of Korea between July 28, 1954, and the present. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the President and Congress that any military personnel who cannot reach assigned voting places be able to vote by absentee ballot with assurance that it will be counted.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

VOTING BY MILITARY PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, voting, essential to a free and democratic society, is a matter of pride and moral among military personnel who are deployed in foreign places or otherwise kept from the polls by assigned duties; and,

WHEREAS, sustained high levels of morale are conducive to maintenance of readiness and effective performance by the forces guarding our national security; and,

WHEREAS, military personnel and their families should be protected from losing their vote, based upon technicalities, which are beyond their control,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, Columbia, South Carolina, 25-29 July 2001, remind all election officials and oversight authority of the importance of moral in the military; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the President and Congress that any military personnel who cannot reach assigned voting places be able to vote by absentee ballot with assurance that it will be counted. MOWW National Resolutions



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

WHEREAS, The Military Order of the World Wars has long supported early development and deployment of a national missile defense system, and,

WHEREAS, The National Intelligence Estimate was revised in mid-2000 to assert that: "the probability that a missile with a weapon of mass destruction will be used against United States forces or interests are higher today than during most of the Cold War, and will continue to grow," and "that during the next fifteen years the United States will face ICBM threats from Russia, China and North Korea, probably from Iran, and possibly from Iraq," and,

WHEREAS, the Soviet Union and its successor Russian led federation have deployed and are continuing to modernize their own sophisticated nuclear armed national missile defense system, which protects Moscow and 60% of the Russian heartland; while the United States has yet to build and deploy a comparable missile defense system, and,

WHEREAS, the United States remains vulnerable and defenseless to hostile missile attack. By clinging to an outmoded treaty that we signed in 1972 with the old Soviet Union, which no longer exists, and which prevents us from building missile defense, despite that fact that the Soviets and Russians have violated this treaty many times.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Staff of the Military Order of the World Wars, in session in Baltimore, Maryland, 18-20 January 2001, express to the President and Congress that The Military Order of the World Wars supports fully the deployment of a National Missile Defense as soon as technologically ready.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

1998 TREATY OF ROME ESTABLISHING THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States of America in ordering members of its Armed Forces to serve abroad should not abrogate its responsibility for providing them with continued equal protection under the law as provided for and required by the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, traditionally this has been assured by agreement with each country wherein such members have been stationed or deployed; and

WHEREAS, such agreements have of necessity been bilateral in order to address differences in cultures, laws, legal systems and processes – shifting if and where necessary some indemnity from the service member to the United States Government in order to respect local requirements while keeping any disciplinary or criminal remedial action with the jurisdiction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, currently the United States Government is a signatory to the 1998 Treaty of Rome, which places all out-of-country citizens, including military personnel, under the jurisdiction of an International Criminal Court.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Staff of the Military Order of the World Wars, in session in Baltimore, Maryland, 18-20 January 2001, request the President to withdraw subscription to the 1998 Treaty of Rome. MOWW National Resolutions



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

ASSIGNMENT OF WOMEN TO SUBMARINES

WHEREAS, the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services has called for the assignment of females to submarines; and

WHEREAS, the immediate past Chief of Naval Operations has opposed the assignment of women to submarines; and

WHEREAS, ship alterations to accommodate women would require the removal of operational equipment, thereby reducing fighting effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the assignment of women would have a devastating effect upon the morale of crews and their families and upon the readiness of the force to meet national defense requirements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, 2-6 August 2000, urges the President to support the immediate past Chief of Naval Operations on this issue and asks Congress to preserve its right to set policy on the assignment of women to submarines.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

MILITARY RECRUITERS IN HIGH SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, numerous high schools are denying military recruiters access to students, thereby preventing young people from receiving training in citizenship, discipline, and information about education and training incentives offered by the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, denial of access undermines our national defense by making it more difficult to recruit the young Americans necessary to maintain the readiness of the armed forces;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, 2-6 August 2000, supports federal legislation that encourages high schools to allow access to military recruiters and eliminate federal education assistance funds to any high school that denies access.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR MILITARY OFFICERS

WHEREAS, learning and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance is an important ingredient to patriotic education; and

WHEREAS, civilians are called upon to say the Pledge of Allegiance while holding their right hand over their heart; and

WHEREAS, current military protocol is that officers in uniform stand at attention and remain silent during the Pledge of Allegiance; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the MOWW National Resolutions

World Wars, in National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, 2-6 August 2000, calls upon the military services to revise their protocol and require officers in uniform to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

SECURITY OF NUCLEAR PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, atomic secrets obtained by David Greenglass, a Los Alamos atomic research employee, and sold by Ethel and Julius Rosenberg enabled the Soviet Union to develop nuclear weapons to restrain the United States while the Soviet Union sponsored aggression by North Korea; and

WHEREAS, history makes it clear that inadequate security for our nuclear programs presents significant risks from foreign power and demands the strictest enforcement; and

WHEREAS, our nation's security has been damaged once again by two critically significant security breaches within the past year at the Los Alamos nuclear research laboratory;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, 2-6 August 2000, urges Congress to revisit and enact the necessary laws to safeguard our nuclear programs.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

TRADE WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China seeks to establish permanent normal trade relations with the United States and become a member of the World Trade Organization; and

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China continues to increase tensions and threaten the stability of East Asia by its actions; and

WHEREAS, a year-by-year trade review permits our government to closely monitor our relationship with the People's Republic of China;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, 2-6 August 2000, is opposed to granting permanent trade relations with the People's Republic of China.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

UN CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF PEACEKEEPERS

WHEREAS, the Order has been generally supportive of the United Nations over the years; and

WHEREAS, our armed forces are presently deployed throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has developed a "Convention on the Protection of Peacekeepers";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, 2-6 August 2000, urges the President to sign and Congress to ratify the "UN Convention on the Protection of Peacekeepers" and urge all other nations to do the same. MOWW National Resolutions



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

THE ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) system was created in 1991 when Congress merged the US Soldiers' and Airmen's Home (USSAH) and the US Naval Home (USNH) in Gulfport, Mississippi, opening up both Homes to all Services; and

WHEAREAS, the AFRH system, which is available to all retired enlisted and warrant officer personnel, has been supported by a trust fund resourced by 50 cents a month withheld from active duty enlisted and warrant officer paychecks, fines and forfeitures from military disciplinary actions, resident fees and interest income; and

WHEAREAS, downsizing of the Armed Forces has resulted in a 39 percent decrease in AFRH system income, which, if not supplemented and restored, will require both Homes to close their doors by about year 2004;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, in Convention, Tacoma, WA, 28 July - 1 August 1999, urges Congress to support and fund measures including Congressional appropriations to provide for the long-term viability of the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and the United States Naval Home.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the military is to provide for the national defense; and

WHEREAS, experience confirms that the presence of avowed homosexuals and lesbians within the military undermines morale and discipline to the detriment of combat readiness; and

WHEREAS, given that the armed forces must act in loco parentis for the young men and women entrusted to their care, many parents would discourage their sons and daughters from joining an armed service which is forced to accommodate the homosexual and lesbian lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, in enacting P.L. 103-160, established policy to codify and restate most of the elements of the long-standing policy excluding homosexuals from the military; and

WHEREAS, Department of Defense directives and guidelines reflect unacceptable deviations from the law passed by Congress;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Staff of the Military Order of the World Wars, in session in Huntsville, Alabama, 26-29 January 2000, urges Congress to take steps necessary to ensure that the Department of Defense complies with the law as stated in P.L. 103-160.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

RETENTION OF THE VIEQUES ISLAND WEAPONS RANGE FOR NAVAL READINESS

WHEREAS, the land comprising the Vieques Island Weapons Range, owned by the U. S. Navy, is the only training range in the Atlantic Area where the Navy and Marine Corps can conduct combined live-fire exercises with air, surface, and subsurface units; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Puerto Rico has demanded closure of the Vieques Weapons Range; and MOWW National Resolutions

WHEREAS, the Navy has worked with the government of Puerto Rico to enhance economic opportunities to preserve and protect the island's ecological/environmental status, and reduced live-fire operations; and

WHEREAS, a presidential panel has recommended that the military be allowed to resume live firing on Navy property on Vieques Island, but that the range be shut down in five years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Staff of the Military Order of the World Wars, in session in Huntsville, Alabama, 26-29 January 2000, urges the President and the Congress to ensure the continued use of the Vieques Island Range as vital to the readiness of naval task groups, until the Navy develops a suitable alternative site for conducting live-fire combined arms training. Resolutions



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

ENSURING A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE

WHEREAS, the national military strategies prescribed by the Department of Defense require the United States increasingly to respond to worldwide regional and ethnic disputes; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have acknowledged that defense budget reductions and depressed quality of life features threaten the military readiness of the United States and have contributed to low recruitment and retention levels; and

WHEREAS, Defense economists have stated that without larger defense procurement budgets, the United States Armed Forces would be required to further reduce force structure and accept Higher military risks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in Convention, Tacoma, WA, 28 July - 1 August 1999, urges Congress to implement the following with regard to current and future defense budgets;

1. Enact enhanced military quality of life features.
2. Increase defense spending as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product to address the concerns of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
3. Revise the Quadrennial Defense Review to eliminate the mismatch between resources and increasing peace enforcement missions.
4. Modernize our Armed Forces by appropriate funding to reduce military risks and unnecessary risks to American lives.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

WHEREAS, United States Armed Forces service personnel who have faithfully defended all Americans and our national security have been honored in the past by the last rifle volley followed by taps; and MOWW National Resolutions

WHEAREAS, the Department of Defense has in the past recognized the importance of paying final tribute on behalf a grateful nation; and

WHEAREAS, recent Department of Defense directives on Military Funeral Support have reduced the military honor guard from a nine-person honor guard to a two-person honor guard for all veterans who have served with honor in our country's Armed Forces;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in Convention, Tacoma, WA, 28 July - 1 August 1999, urges Congress and the President to reinstitute the nine-person honor guard in military uniform when requested by the family of the deceased military person.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, United States Armed Forces are being deployed on peacekeeping missions with no defined results sought and no defined end point to the military efforts; and

WHEAREAS, there is a loss of combat readiness by the Armed Forces so deployed and reduced United States deterrent credibility and potential fighting effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Military Order of the World Wars, in Convention, Tacoma, WA, 28 July - 1 August 1999, reaffirms its position and urges the President to involve United States Armed Forces in the internal affairs of other countries only when:

1. Our national security is involved; and
2. The threat and the conditions under which the deployment will be terminated are communicated clearly to the American people.



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NATIONAL RESOLUTION

INCREASED RESOURCES

WHEREAS increased defense resources of an estimated \$100 billion over the next five years will be needed to stabilize shrinking force structures, improve deteriorating quality of life features, improve readiness, and modernize equipment and systems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Military Order of the World Wars at its Midwinter General Staff Meeting at Irvine, California, 28-30 January, 1999 urges the President and Congress to affirm their commitments to a strong national defense second to none as the highest national priority by increasing defense budgets beginning immediately to restore the strength and credibility of our Armed Forces.