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*The mission of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin is to provide service to veterans, their families and their communities.*

# IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ENCLOSED!!

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** that the contents of this packet are taken to your meetings, shared with **all members, copied and distributed as needed.**

**If you are not the correct person to be receiving and distributing this information to your Post, County or District, please contact headquarters.**

Per the Department Constitution and Bylaws, enclosed are the 2022 Department Resolutions to be considered at the Department Convention.

The Convention Committee Meetings, where the resolutions will be taken up, are on Friday July 15, 2022 at the KI Center/Hyatt, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI at 2:00 PM. All District will have a representative on each of the Convention Committees. To find out who from your district is the representative on a certain committee, please attend you District Caucus at 7:30 AM on Friday morning. All Department Convention information can be found at <https://wilegion.org/department-convention/>. **GET REGISTERED TODAY- YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A CONVENTION LIKE THIS ONE!**

# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

**Department Convention 2022  
Green Bay, Wisconsin  
July 13-17, 2022**

## RESOLUTIONS

The Department Policy Committee met on June 8, 2022 in Portage, Wisconsin in accordance with the Department Constitution Article V, Section 7(a). The determinations and recommendations of the Committee appear below.

Resolution #	Proper Form	Germane	Recommendation	Referred To Convention Committee on
<b>1.2022</b> Fundraising Committee Purpose Change	Yes	Yes	Approval	Constitutional Amendments
<b>2.2022</b> Federal Funding for County/Tribal Veteran Service Offices	No	Yes	Rejection	Resolutions
<b>3.2022</b> Rescinding and archiving of Accomplished and Obsolete Legislative Resolutions	No	Yes	Rejection	Resolutions
<b>4.2022</b> Rescinding of Legislative Convention Resolutions-Membership	No	No	Rejection	Resolutions
<b>5.2022</b> Maintain a ready and reliable military force by preventing a needless loss of personnel	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Resolutions
<b>6.2022</b> Host City	Yes	Yes	Approval	Resolutions
<b>7.2022</b> Host Hotel	Yes	Yes	Approval	Resolutions

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
103<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
JULY 13-17, 2022 – GREEN BAY, WI**

**Resolution:**            1.2022

**Subject:**                Fundraising Committee Purpose Change

**Submitted by:**        Fundraising Committee

**Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, The Fundraising Committee’s current Fundraising Purpose has changed and the Fundraising committee role has significantly changed over the past years; and

WHEREAS, The Fundraising Committee’s responsibility of overseeing, accounting, and reporting of all fundraising activities has been significantly impaired by these changes; and

WHEREAS, A contractor has taken over the responsibility of fundraising thru their professional mailing business, thus relieving the Fundraising committee of their responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Fundraising Committee met on 6 May 2022 to consider repurpose and possible committee structure, and Fundraising Committee recommends a Fundraising Chair who collaborates with committees based on the fundraising needs of the Department.

WHEREAS, The Fundraising Committee’s role will be fundraising major events throughout the membership year to support priority programs; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin July 13-17, 2022, that Article III, SECTION 6 (f) i) and ii) which currently reads;**

**(f) Fundraising Committee**

**i) Purpose: The Fundraising committee is responsible for overseeing, accounting and reporting of all fundraising activities within the Department as directed by the Department Executive Committee.**

**ii) They will make recommendations on program changes or new programs to the Department Executive Committee and advise the Department Finance Committee how much fundraising money will be projected for budgeting purposes and Fundraising. The Committee Chair shall be Consultant to the Finance Committee.**

**Shall be amended to read;**

**(f) Fundraising Committee**

**i) Purpose: The Fundraising committee is responsible for overseeing fundraising activities and conducting events throughout the year that will raise capital to support Legion programs with the Department of Wisconsin as directed by the Department Executive Committee.**

**(ii) They will make recommendations on Legion Programs to the Department Executive Committee on a yearly basis.**

**(iii) The Fundraising Chair will report to the Finance Committee at Fall, Midwinter, Spring and July Convention meetings of Fundraising activities and funds raised.**

**For Convention Committee Use**

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**Chairman or Secretary**

**Of Convention Committee on**

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**Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_**

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
103<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
JULY 13-17, 2022 – GREEN BAY, WI**

**Resolution:** 2.2022

**Subject:** Federal Funding for County/Tribal Veteran Service Offices

**Submitted by:** Department Legislative Committee

**Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the number of Veteran suicides continues to rise nationwide, and approximately 14 out of 20 Veterans who currently die by suicide are not receiving United States Department of Affairs' (VA) care; and,

WHEREAS, County Veteran Service Officers and Tribal Veteran Service Officers (C/TVSOs) are often the first point of contact in the local community for Veteran's services, and these professionals provide assistance to Veterans regarding a wide range of benefits, including access mental health services, VA disability and pension benefits, enrollment in VA healthcare, VA home loans, education benefits, and available job placement assistance; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans are usually not aware of all available benefits, and C/TVSOs are often the first to inform Veterans of their eligibility. CVSO's are county employees who are nationally accredited by the VA to prepare, present, and prosecute VA claims, but currently there is no Federal funding provided for CVSOs; and,

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced several times in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate; legislation which authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with States and/or to awards grants to States to promote Veterans' health and wellness, prevent suicide, improve outreach to Veterans, support activities to assist in the development and submittal of claims (training), and create new C/TVSO offices in states without C/TVSOs; Now therefore be it

**RESOLVED By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin July 13-17 2022, urges Congress to provide federal support for the County and tribal veteran service offices; and be it further**

**RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the entire Wisconsin Delegation at the beginning of each Congress; and be it finally**

**RESOLVED, that upon adoption this Resolution be forwarded to The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee WI August 26-September 1 2022 for consideration.**

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**Chairman or Secretary**

**Of Convention Committee on**

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103<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
JULY 13-17, 2022 – GREEN BAY, WI**

**Resolution:**            3.2022

**Subject:**                Rescinding and archiving of Accomplished and Obsolete Legislative Resolutions

**Submitted by:**        Department Legislative Committee

**Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Wisconsin has several Legislative Policy Resolutions which have been either accomplished or are deemed obsolete; and

WHEREAS, at the National Convention held in Cleveland Ohio September 21-24 1937 adopted Resolution No. 111 entitled Policies of the National Organization which reads in relevant part: *Resolved, By the American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cleveland Ohio, September 21,22,23,24.1937, That any policy adopted by the national organization of the American Legion by convention action shall be a mandate during the year of adoption and thereafter shall continue as the national policy of the national organization unless changed by subsequent convention action or action by the National Executive Committee.*; Now therefore be it

**RESOLVED By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin July 13-17, 2022, that the Department Legislative Committee Shall Annually Compile a list of accomplished and obsolete resolutions and make the most current compilation part of the legislative report to the Department Executive Committee for the purpose of establishing an orderly historical record of resolutions regarding state legislative policy and/or requiring legislative or executive action.**

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103<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
JULY 13-17, 2022 – GREEN BAY, WI

Resolution: 4.2022

Subject: Rescinding of Legislative Convention Resolutions – Membership

Submitted by: Department Legislative Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Department of Wisconsin reviews its policy resolutions from time to time; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Wisconsin Legislative Committee reviewed the existing legislative resolutions at the Department Midwinter Conference held in Lake Delton WI in January; and

WHEREAS, the assigned Convention Committee completed a review of adopted resolutions assigned; and

WHEREAS, this review took place during the 2022 Department Convention held in Green Bay Wisconsin July 2022; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin July 13-17, 2022, that the following resolutions are hereby rescinded for the reasons indicated.**

ACCOMPLISHED

- |         |                                |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 7.2005  | Cold War Membership Resolution |
| 15.2007 | Change of Eligibility Dates II |
| 6.2008  | Eligibility Dates              |
| 3.2011  | Change in Eligibility Dates    |
| 8.2011  | Eligibility Dates              |

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JULY 13-17, 2022 – GREEN BAY, WI**

**Resolution:** 5.2022

**Subject:** Maintain a ready and reliable military force by preventing a needless loss of personnel.

**Submitted by:** Elkhorn American Legion Post 45

**Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, The United States of America’s two-million plus all-volunteer military service members are integral to the security of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing threat to our Nation’s very existence and future from challenges through the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, the damaging effects of climate change, future pandemics, cyber security, cyberspace operations, and ensuring a military presence and counter-terrorism capabilities in foreign lands; and

WHEREAS, A well-trained and experienced military force is needed to meet these threats to our Nation, any intentional loss or reduction of well-trained and experienced military forces puts our Nation’s security at greater risk; and

WHEREAS, A policy of administering the mRNA vaccination or discharging an unknown percentage of military members for choosing to not receive a vaccine weakens our Nations force readiness; and

WHEREAS, The vaccine is known to not provide protection to everyone nor is the duration of protection currently known, yet studies show not-at-risk personnel gain a higher immunity through natural immunity than through a vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Unknown number of serious and unexpected side effects can occur, increasing the reduction to our military force readiness due to severe allergic reactions due to thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome and associated blood clots, there is the unknown increase from damage when the body’s immune system damages nerve cells causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis due to Guillain-Barré Syndrome, unknown number to be impacted by myocarditis or the inflammation of the heart muscle or pericarditis, which is inflammation of the lining outside the heart, and other side effects still being studied in clinical trials; and

WHEREAS, Since April 2021, increased cases of myocarditis and pericarditis have been reported in the United States after mRNA vaccinations, especially in the male age group of 18 to 29 years old; and

WHEREAS, Studies have highlighted how as little as 10% of our military aged youth meet the Armed Forces joining standards, placing additional restrictions on an already limited pool of volunteers reduces our Nations capability to ensure a stronger military; and

WHEREAS, The mandated vaccination process will impact our military force readiness through decreasing the number of healthy, well-trained and experienced all-volunteer forces of our military; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Elkhorn Post 45 of Wisconsin enthusiastically supports maintaining and ready and reliable force by preventing an uncontrolled and unmanageable loss of personnel at this critical time of force readiness, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin July 13-17, 2022, that The American Legion urges the President of the United States and the Secretary of Defense to consider the impact of our military’s readiness due to a reduction in force numbers of our active, guard and reserve forces; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges Congress to provide oversight and legislative policy guidance which will enhance and ensure our Nation’s military is capable of providing the needed strength and defense our Nation requires.**

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**Chairman or Secretary**

**Of Convention Committee on**

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**Resolution:**           6.2022

**Subject:**               Host City

**Submitted by:**       Department Executive Committee

**Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS;**           The 103<sup>rd</sup> Convention of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin was held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on July 13-17, 2022; and

**WHEREAS;**           The main housing and hospitality venues were provided by Hyatt Regency, and additional housing was provided throughout the City of Green Bay; and

**WHEREAS;**           The Convention and committee meetings were held at the Hyatt Regency and KI Center; and

**WHEREAS;**           The Convention was deemed a success by the delegates and guests who attended and enjoyed the facilities, the friendliness of the vendors and hospitality industry of the entire City of Green Bay; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED BY;**   **The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at its 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on July 13-17, 2022, that The American Legion extends its appreciation to the City of Green Bay for hosting this Convention and commend the community for its welcoming attitude; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED;**       **That a copy of this resolution be presented to the administration of the City of Green Bay, along with our heartfelt thanks.**

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**Chairman or Secretary**

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**Resolution:**           7.2022

**Subject:**               Host Hotel

**Submitted by:**       Department Executive Committee

**Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

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**WHEREAS;**           The Convention was deemed a success by the delegates and guests who attended and enjoyed the facilities, the friendliness of the vendors and hospitality industry of the entire City of Green Bay; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED BY;**   **The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at its 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on July 13-17, 2022 that The American Legion extends its appreciation to the Hyatt Regency for hosting this Convention and commend the staff for their hard work; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED;**       **That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Hyatt Regency, along with our heartfelt thanks.**

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