

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 17-12-C
SUBMITTED BY: 11th District
SUBJECT: Authorization to Wear Military Decorations and Awards on Legion Recommended Uniforms

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Preamble of The American Legion calls for the preservation of memories and incidents of our association in the Great Wars; and

WHEREAS, All members of The American Legion must have served their country honorably as a prerequisite to membership; and

WHEREAS, Military decorations are awarded for faithful service above and beyond their call of duty; and

WHEREAS, The regulations in all military service manuals authorize the wearing of medals and decorations on military association uniforms and/or equivalent civilian clothing; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans Administration has encouraged the wearing of medals, and decorations on Veteran oriented holidays showing a sign of honor and respect earned by the individual during his or her time in service;

WHEREAS, There is no current allowance to include earned medals and decorations on American Legion uniforms or civilian equivalent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention, assembled in Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 29 - July 1, 2012, that The American Legion, Department of Michigan, encourage its members to wear said decorations at all functions sponsored by military associations or civilian

organizations honoring past military veterans, and other appropriate ceremonies and gatherings; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED,

That The American Legion's 2011 Officer's Guide, page 59, subheading "Wearing the American Legion Cap", which now reads I. The Legion cap, uniform and regalia should be worn by its members..., **to be amended to read:** 1. The Legion cap, uniform and regalia or military awards and decorations placed appropriately void of any military rank earned, should be worn by its members.