RESOLUTION:
Resolution No. 1 - 2019

SUBMITTED BY:
Department of Michigan Executive Committee

SUBJECT:
Shorten the Department Annual Convention Beginning in 2021

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Michigan Annual Convention participation has been declining; and

WHEREAS, the cost to posts and members to stay at the annual convention is increasing; and

WHEREAS, there is no requirement stated in the Department Constitution and By-Laws for Standing Department Committees to meet at the Department Annual Convention; and

WHEREAS, all standing department committees’ chairmen are required to submit their final committee report in May for publication in the June issue of the MI Legionnaire; and

WHEREAS, all motions and resolutions must be made, passed, or discussed at the standing convention committees per the convention rules; and

WHEREAS, approval of minutes from the Department Winter Meeting can be done via electronic means before the annual convention; and

WHEREAS, any pressing business needing to be accomplished before the annual convention may be done via e-mail, phone conference, or mail; and

WHEREAS, we want to encourage participation by more volunteers by condensing the amount of time; and

WHEREAS, technology allows minutes to be written quicker and more efficiently, so extra time is not needed for this task; and

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure for the department executive committee allow the committee to direct standing department committees; be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, at the second meeting of the Department Executive Committee assembled in Lansing, Michigan, on August 8, 2018, That Department Executive Committee directs the Department Permanent
Time and Place Committee to remove the requirement for Thursday morning meeting rooms for standing committees, effective for contracts submitted for the 2021 Department Annual Convention and thereafter; and; be it further

RESOLVED,  
that Standing Department Committees no longer be called to on Thursday morning of the annual convention; and; be it further

RESOLVED,  
that rules of procedures meeting schedule references be amended to reflect this change at the 2020 Department Annual Convention; and; be it further

RESOLVED,  
that the Department Adjutant and the Convention Corporation for the 2020 Department Annual Convention ask if adjustments could be made to the contract without severe financial consequences; and; be it finally

RESOLVED,  
the Department Commander and the Department Adjutant convey our change to the Department Auxiliary President and Department Auxiliary Executive Director, and Detachment Commander and Detachment Adjutant so they may plan accordingly.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED