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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE

Certification of Eligibility for American Legion Officers

Pursuant to the action of the 2018 Spring Meetings of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, every officer of The American Legion must provide satisfactory evidence of their honorable service during prescribed a timeframe thereby establishing one's eligibility for membership in The American Legion.

This certification is carried out as follows:

- (a) Eligibility documents of post officers submitted and certified by their department adjutant.
- (b) Eligibility documents of department officers submitted and certified by their department adjutant with notification to the National Adjutant.
- (c) Eligibility documents of national officers, National Executive Committeemen, Alternative National Executive Committeemen, commission chairman and committee chairman submitted to the National Judge Advocate for an initial review, certified by the National Adjutant and reported to the National Executive Committee.

The form for providing certification of eligibility of officers described above is attached. It is recommended you reproduce this form and submit it to all posts in your department for their use in certifying eligibility of post officers to your department headquarters. It is also recommended you forward the completed department specific form to National Headquarters as soon after your department convention as possible.

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**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 9-10, 2018**

**Resolution No. 5: Officer and Chairman Certification of Service
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Submitted By: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The Certification of Service Record of American Legion Officers has been in effect since October 20, 1931 pursuant to Resolution 591 adopted by the Thirteenth National Convention in 1931; and

WHEREAS, It is advisable to update the recommendations of Resolution No. 591 of 1931; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 9-10, 2018, That it is required that before the induction into office, every officer and national chairman of The American Legion provide satisfactory evidence of honorable military service proving eligibility for membership in The American Legion as follows:

(a) Eligibility for American Legion membership of post officers will be certified by their post adjutant with notification to their department adjutant;

(b) Eligibility for American Legion membership of department officers will be certified by their respective department adjutants with notification to the national adjutant; and

(c) Eligibility for American Legion membership of national officers, National Executive Committeemen, Alternate National Executive Committeemen, commission chairman and committee chairman, after an initial review by the national judge advocate, will be certified by the national adjutant and reported to the National Executive Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That any member with aspirations of future national leadership in The American Legion may, at any time, submit one's proof of eligibility for American Legion membership to the office of the national judge advocate; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 591, Certification of Service Record of American Legion Officers, passed by the Thirteenth National Convention in 1931 is hereby superseded and rescinded.