

ONE HUNDREDTH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
SPOKANE VALLEY, WA  
JULY 20-21, 2018

Department Resolution No. 001: Mandatory Training for District and Department Officers

Origin: Grandview Post 57

Convention Committee:

**WHEREAS,** The American Legion is most effectively operated and managed by Legionnaires familiar with this history, policies, procedures and protocol of The American Legion; and

**WHEREAS,** Many Legionnaires are pushed into Post offices without mentorship or training; and

**WHEREAS,** Many such Legionnaires may come from other Veteran Service Organizations with entirely different history, policies, procedures and protocol, often trying to lead from that perspective and experience; and

**WHEREAS,** Other Legionnaires may not have any experience in leadership in any Veteran Service Organization; and

**WHEREAS,** These Legionnaires may be prompted into and elected into District or Department leadership positions without experience; and

**WHEREAS,** These Legionnaires lead ineffective meetings and poorly managed operations often at odds with the history, policies, procedures and protocol of The American Legion at the National and Department level; and

**WHEREAS,** These Legionnaires lack an understanding of the foundations of American Legion history and operations; and

**WHEREAS,** These Legionnaires lack an understanding of the obligations and duties of their elected leadership positions; no, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By The American Legion Department of Washington in Department Convention assembled in Spokane Valley, Washington, July 20-21, 2018, seeks the Department of Washington to implement policies and procedures requiring all District and Department Officers to complete the American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI) training prior to assuming office; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That all District and Department Officers must have completed Department Legion College training within the preceding three years of assuming office or immediately after the Department Convention at which they assume their positions; and be it finally

**RESOLVED,** That any officer failing to meet these requirements be removed from office without exception.

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COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

FOR DEPARTMENT ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

FOR NATIONAL ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

CONSOLIDATED WITH \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
(CHAIRMAN)

AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

CONVENTION:

DENIED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_