

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

Department Resolution No. 004: Outreach to Special Populations

Origin: Eatonville Post 148

Convention Committee:

- WHEREAS,** In the Department of Washington there currently resides an approximate total of 700,000 Veterans per WDVA statistics and;
- WHEREAS,** The total membership of the American Legion Department of Washington is approximately 26,000 and;
- WHEREAS,** There is little outreach to various populations within the Department, i.e. Incarcerated Veterans, Student Veterans and Veteran members of various ethnic and other minority populations and;
- WHEREAS,** Post and District programs have not either been effective or have been nonexistent in reaching these populations and;
- WHEREAS,** This presents an image of disinterest and lack of consideration for these populations at a time when this can be ill afforded and;
- WHEREAS,** A solution to this problem exists, in the formation of a Commission with Committees reporting to it, which focuses on these unique populations and their needs and;
- WHEREAS,** Each Committee reporting to the Commission will include a separate Committee for outreach to Incarcerated Veterans, Student Veterans, Native Americans and other Ethnicities and minorities and;
- WHEREAS,** The Commission will have a Chair and one member from each Area of the Department and each Committee of the Commission, will have as members' individuals appointed by their respective District Commanders, chaired by persons appointed by the Department Commander and;
- RESOLVED,** By The American Legion Department of Washington in Department Convention assembled in Spokane Valley, Washington, July 20-21, 2018, That such a Commission be established with the focus on providing the necessary support and services needed by these populations up to and including formation of Special Posts or other means to encourage these populations to join and/or support The American Legion.

COMMITTEE: _____

APPROVED _____ REJECTED _____

FOR DEPARTMENT ACTION _____

FOR NATIONAL ACTION _____

CONSOLIDATED WITH _____

OTHER ACTION _____

SIGNATURE _____
(CHAIRMAN)

AMENDED: _____

CONVENTION:

DENIED _____

APPROVED _____