

D.C. RESOLUTION #27
 SUBMITTED BY 1st DISTRICT
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WHEREAS: President Carter assigned a law amending the Act incorporating The American Legion, which redefines eligibility dates, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Illinois Constitution and By-Laws Article XIII, Section 2 does not conform with the law amending this act

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article XIII Section 2 Line 10 delete August 5, 1964 and insert December 22, 1961, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That The American Legion, Department of Illinois Convention assembled July 9-13, 1980 adopt this resolution.

The Above resolution was unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the First District Council, The American Legion, held on April 21, 1980, in Chicago, Ill.,

/s/ Thomas R. Gambell, Adjutant

/s/ James M. Vinopal, Commander.

/s/ Joseph R. Crig, Commander,
 Chicago Police Post #207

/s/ Joseph S. Erasmus, Adjutant
 Chicago Police Post #207

The above resolution was unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the First Division, Cook County Council, The American Legion, held on May 7, 1980, in Chicago, Illinois.

Salvatore Licata, Adjutant

Jules Corbett, Commander

D.C. RESOLUTION #28
 SUBMITTED BY POST 266, CHICAGO
 ASSIGNMENT _____

ACTION _____

WHEREAS: In 1942, Presidential Order #9006 caused approximately 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, the majority of whom were United States citizens, to be forcibly evicted from the West Coast States, and

WHEREAS: Without trials or hearings in total violation of the protection guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States, were incarcerated in concentration camps, with armed guards, and

WHEREAS: When these Japanese Americans were evicted from their homes and placed in concentration camps, seven of the articles of the Bill of Rights were arbitrarily suspended and as a consequence, an entire group of loyal Americans were deprived of their Constitutional rights, and

WHEREAS: In addition to the \$400 million in property losses estimated by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in 1942, there were other immeasurable damages to be considered such as the loss of individual freedom, loss of income and disruption of careers, the destruction of human dignity and the psychological trauma of having been innocent victims imprisoned for three and one half years, and

WHEREAS: While the Nisei (parents or first generation) were incarcerated in these concentration camps, the Nisei (second generation) volunteered to serve in

the Armed Forces in our war with Japan, and

WHEREAS: It has been acknowledged by the top military officials that the Nisei serving in the Military Intelligence Service helped to shorten the war between the United States and Japan and thus saved thousands of lives of American combat troops, and

WHEREAS: The Nisei, serving in the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Combat Regiment, 34th Division, contributed to the success of Gen. Mark Clark's landings on the European front and in so doing, became the highest decorated units in the history of the United States Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS: Today, Americans of Japanese ancestry seek remedial legislation as means of promoting human rights and upholding the Constitution of the United States, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the American Legion support the senators and members of Congress seeking the enactment of S 1647 and HR 5499 which seeks the establishment of a Congressional fact finding commission to investigate the events that brought about the events of 1942, and to determine whether remedies should be made, and that The American Legion, Dept. of Illinois Convention assembled July 9-13, 1980.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be considered by all echelons of The American Legion, including the National Convention of The American Legion, being held in the City of Boston, August 15-21, 1980, and if favorably considered, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

The foregoing resolution was considered and adopted by the members of Armour Post No. 266, The American Legion, at its regular meeting held on February 26, 1980, at Rainbow Gardens, 1425 West 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The above resolution was atted to by:

/s/ Edwin J. Vorrier, Commander

/s/ Albert J. Swiderski, Adjutant

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by the Third District Council at its regular meeting March 26, 1980.

/s/ Raymond C. Arias, Sr., Commander

/s/ Thomas Costas, Adjutant

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by the First Division, Cook County Council, The American Legion, at its regular meeting on May 7, 1980, in Chicago, Illinois.

Salvatore Licata, Adjutant

Jules Corbett, Commander

D.C. RESOLUTION #29
SUBMITTED BY POST 80, DOWNERS GROVE
ASSIGNMENT _____

ACTION _____

WHEREAS, The membership of a Post will not be sent their cards until the officers of the Post have been certified; and

WHEREAS, The membership dues cannot be collected early in the year, because the cards are not available and the early membership goals cannot be achieved; and

WHEREAS, A member should not have to wait for his new card, because the Post he belongs to is late in certifying its new officers; and

WHEREAS, The officers of the Post cannot be certified until the outgoing Adjutant has sent into Department the slate of officers newly elected; and

WHEREAS, The complete slate of officers cannot be elected without many attempts at getting candidates over a long period of time because of insufficient numbers of dedicated active members; and

WHEREAS, The Department maintains complete membership lists by virtue of having complete mailings of Department publications; and

WHEREAS, All the details to initiate such a program of dues collection within the American Legion are readily available at Department level; and

WHEREAS, The same mailing list could be selectively used in mailing dues notices direct to members regarding renewals; and

WHEREAS, A savings in time can definitely be achieved in the acquisition of membership information by this method; and

WHEREAS, By this means the cost of mailings of newsletters to delinquent members can be more easily controlled by cutoff of delinquents; and

WHEREAS, A system of delinquent notices, only, could be sent to Posts for follow-up by the Posts, instead of the overall canvass of the entire membership; and

WHEREAS, The Department is continually manned and controlled by a staff of experienced workers, capable of handling this system, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Legion, Department of Illinois, in convention assembled July 9 through July 13, 1980, shall henceforth engage in the direct collection, by mail from each member, of his membership renewal dues.

D.C. RESOLUTION #30
SUBMITTED BY POST 467, CHICAGO
ASSIGNMENT _____

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WHEREAS: The American Legion was founded sixty years ago and our founding fathers established four principles for those that came after them to follow, and