



The Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee

Held on
October 12-13 2019

Resolution

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No. S.A.L. Resolution 4 - Fall, 2019

Title: National Officer, NEC Representative and Chairman Certification of Membership Eligibility

Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of descendants of Veterans with specific requirements and guidelines for membership eligibility; and

WHEREAS, The process of Certification of Membership Eligibility has long been an established practice of The American Legion, established initially through resolution 591 of the 1931 National Convention and updated by NEC resolution 5 in May 2018; and

WHEREAS, The need for a similar process for the Sons of The American Legion, to ensure and establish validation of membership eligibility, is critical and necessary for the integrity of the organization, and will align it with a standing practice of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 12-13, 2019, That it is required that before the induction into office, every National Officer, National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, and National Chairman of the Sons of The American Legion provide satisfactory evidence of eligibility for membership in the Sons of The American Legion as follows:

- a) Eligibility for Sons of The American Legion membership of National Officers, National Executive Committeemen, Alternate National Executive Committeemen, Commission and Committee Chairmen, after initial review by the National Judge Advocate, will be certified by the National Adjutant and reported to the Post-Convention NEC Meeting of the Sons of The American Legion; and
- b) Eligibility for Sons of The American Legion membership of detachment officers will be certified by the detachment adjutant, with notification to the respective department adjutant and National Adjutant of the Sons of The American Legion within 30 days of election, but no later than September 30 of each year, using the detachment officer report document provided by National Headquarters; and
- c) Acceptable eligibility verification will include copies of descendant's Veteran's current American Legion membership card, DD-214 or to include other acceptable forms (if deceased) and must comply with the period of times established for American Legion membership; and, be it further

Resolutions Subcommittee Recommendation

Approved As amended
 Rejected
 Referred to: _____
 Other Action: _____

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

RESOLVED, That all submissions be electronically transmitted to the National Judge Advocate, with copy to the National Sons of The American Legion Liaison, and that the aforementioned requirements take effect with the 2020-2021 administrative year and occurs annually thereafter.

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