

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 15

Subject Ghost Fleet

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

Whereas, One of the founding principles of the American Legion is to “preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars” as stated in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion; and

Whereas, The wrecks of more than 100 abandoned World War One wooden steamships referred to as “The Ghost Fleet” are submerged but still visible in the shallow waters of southern Maryland’s Mallows Bay in the Potomac River; and

Whereas, The U.S. Government stimulated the creation of many emergency ship yards to organize the effort to build needed cargo ships in fourteen (14) States in the U. S. including New York; and

Whereas, To protect these World War One wooden steam ships the State of Maryland, with the support of Charles County, Maryland, submitted a Nomination in 2014 to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to consider Mallows Bay a National Marine Sanctuary; and

Whereas, This designation would protect these fragile historic resources and create a management plan that includes World War One educational and interpretive strategies designed to encourage sustainable tourism at the sanctuary; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the American Legion, Department of New York in convention assembled July 19th-21st, 2018 in Rochester, New York supports the designation of the World War 1 Ghost Fleet as a National Marine Sanctuary and that if adopted, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization in convention assembled August 24th-30th, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota for their consideration and action.

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Approved with Amendments _____

Consolidated with _____

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Other Action _____

Signature _____
(Chairman)

Adjutant Signature

County

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