

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 17

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Subject Ghost Army Award

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Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

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**WHEREAS**, during World War II, in the European theatre of operations, the American GI's of the 23<sup>rd</sup> HQ Special Troops and the 3133<sup>rd</sup> Signal Service Co., also known as the Ghost Army, wielded creativity and illusion to fool the German Army on the battlefield, and

**WHEREAS**, using inflatable tanks and artillery, radio deception, sound equipment, and impersonation, Ghost Army soldiers contrived to confuse the enemy about where actual Allied fighting units were, and

**WHEREAS**, soldiers of the Ghost Army risked their lives by diverting attention from real operations to their fake ones including phony convoys, phantom divisions, and phony headquarters, and

**WHEREAS**, In operations from July 1944 to April 1945 the Ghost Army carried out more than 22 deception missions on or near the front lines in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Italy that cost them dozens of casualties, including the loss of three lives, and

**WHEREAS**, the men of these U.S. Army units are credited with saving the lives of thousands of GI's and helping bring about Allied victory in World II, and

**WHEREAS**, their daring battlefield deceptions were kept secret for more than 50 years after the war and, owing to that secrecy, they never received public recognition for their accomplishments, and

**WHEREAS**, in evaluating the performance of these units after World War II, an Army analysis found that "Rarely, if ever, has there been a group of such a few men which had so great an influence on the outcome of a major military campaign", and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the United States are grateful for their extraordinary courage and remarkable ingenuity in the face of the enemy, Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the American Legion, Department of New York in convention assembled July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in Rochester, New York that the American Legion urge the United States Congress to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133<sup>rd</sup> Signal Service Company, and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that if adopted, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization in convention assembled August 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for their consideration and action.

**FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE**

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