

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2212

Subject Rescind Legislation Renaming Bases

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, The American Legion is made up of military veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state, and nation, and

WHEREAS, One of the founding principles of The American Legion is, "To preserve the memories and incidents of our association in all wars", and

WHEREAS, Another founding principle, "to foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism", which is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights, and unlimited opportunities, and

WHEREAS, Congress voted to rename military installations in the fiscal year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, which specifies a three-year process for renaming or removing Confederate names from U.S. Military installations as well as any other item, and

WHEREAS, A panel has convened, known as the Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense That Commemorate the Confederate States of America, and

WHEREAS, It is noted this could affect hundreds, if not thousands of items, including the names of 10 military installations, plus the removal of symbols and monuments, and

WHEREAS, The Commission's plan is due October 2022, to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, and

WHEREAS, This legislation will result in enormous expense and confusion; but, more importantly will erase American history, and

WHEREAS, Cancelling a segment of American history will prevent the opportunity for future generations to learn from the past to ensure and improve freedom, individual rights, justice and equality under the law for all citizens, and

WHEREAS, The media resources of the National Organization and all Departments can be utilized to advance awareness of its members and the public in general regarding rescinding the naming of military installations, other items, or removal of any symbol or monument referring to the confederacy as the unnecessary erasure of an important part of the history of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Congress voted to change Veteran's Day to the 4th Monday in November, evidencing the influence of veterans, through veteran organizations, to help change Veteran's Day back to November 11th by 1978, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That The American Legion enthusiastically support and strongly recommend Congress rescind Congressional Legislation requiring the renaming of military installations, and any other item referring to the confederacy or the removal of any historical symbol or monument, therefore, be it finally

RESOLVED, That if approved by The Department of New York at Department Convention in Binghamton, New York on July 14th-16th, 2022, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at the National Convention, August 26th – September 1st, 2022 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

American Legion Department of New York

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Other Action:

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R. Michael Suter, Chairman

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