

**EIGHTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 169: Support For The War On Terrorism

Origin: Convention Committee on National Security

Submitted By: Convention Committee on National Security

(Consolidated with Resolution No. 40 (MD) and Resolution No. 136 (MN))

WHEREAS, The American Legion is an organization of wartime veterans created by an act of the United States Congress in 1919; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion's membership is composed of veterans of all wars, the majority of which are Vietnam veterans who have endured the consequences of a nation divided in time of war; and

WHEREAS, Warriors, above all other people, pray for peace, for they must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war; and

WHEREAS, Because of the very nature of war, the warrior cannot be separated from the war itself; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America was suddenly, and without provocation, attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001, resulting in the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians and members of the military of the United States; and

WHEREAS, This tragic event does not stand alone, but is a continuation of a long series of unprovoked terrorist attacks aimed at destroying American lives, and the very basic core values of freedom, democracy and respect for human life; and

WHEREAS, In response to this despicable act of cowardice, a united Congress in a bipartisan manner authorized the use of armed force against the global armies of terrorism no matter where they reside; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that the global war on terrorism is as deadly as any war in which the United States has been previously engaged, the President and Congress did authorize military actions in both Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, The global war on terrorism is a *just war*, aimed at protecting the very foundations of freedom and freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion agrees with our Commander in Chief that the acts of terrorism mentioned heretofore were aimed at "the heart and soul of the civilized world, and the world has come together to fight a new and different war, the first, and we hope the only one, of the 21st century—a war

against all those who seek to export terror, and a war against those governments that support or shelter them”; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee meeting in pre-Convention session on August 22, 2005, in Honolulu, Hawaii, adopted this resolution and recommended that the 87th National Convention meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, August 23, 24, 25, 2005, adopt this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Reno, Nevada, August 28, 29, 30, 2007, That The American Legion fully supports the President of the United States, the United States Congress and the men, women and leadership of our armed forces as they are engaged in the global war on terrorism; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges all Americans and freedom-loving peoples everywhere to stand *united* in their support of the global war on terrorism, and *united* in their support of the troops who are engaged in protecting our values and way of life; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the National Commander be, and is hereby authorized, to use whatever means at his disposal to disseminate accurate information about this war on terrorism, and to engage whatever means necessary to ensure the *united* support of the American people.