

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
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**Resolution No. 27: 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War  
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission  
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The Vietnam War resulted in a very difficult and tumultuous time for our country and many returning servicemembers did not receive the honorable "welcome home" and respect they richly deserved; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War in 2012; and

WHEREAS, To accomplish that, the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration was established in order to facilitate programs to honor and pay tribute to Vietnam Veterans and their families to achieve the following objectives:

- 1) Thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War and their families, and give special recognition to those who were held as prisoners of war and to the families of those listed as missing in action,
- 2) Highlight the service of the armed forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of the armed forces,
- 3) Pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the citizens of the United States in support of the Vietnam War,
- 4) Highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to the military research conducted during the Vietnam War, and finally
- 5) Recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, The commemoration program will consist of a series of national and regional events and activities to assist states and engage local communities and organizations to broaden the knowledge and bring recognition to those who served or supported the Vietnam War effort; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 9-10, 2012, That The American Legion fully supports the Department of Defense in their efforts to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War in 2012 throughout all of our communities across this great country.**