

Americanism Resolutions at the National Convention

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Editor's Note: This story is based on the representative's submitted report and has been edited for clarity and organization while preserving the reported committee proceedings. No personal reflections were supplied.

Why Arizona Was There

Arizona participated in the 107th American Legion National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, including the Convention Committee on Americanism, where delegates reviewed proposed resolutions concerning Americanism programs and national policy.

From the Representative

The Convention Committee on Americanism met on August 30, 2026, at the Galt House. Ron Neff, Director of the Americanism, Children and Youth Division, called the meeting to order, and a quorum was established. The committee elected Mark Davis of Massachusetts as chair and Mike Donnelly as recording secretary. We considered four resolutions, referring three for further study and approving one with a minor wording change. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Convention Snapshot

- Resolutions 5 (South Dakota) and 26 (Wisconsin), both concerning American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year eligibility, were referred to the Standing Commission on Americanism.
- Resolution 9 (Tennessee and Maryland), concerning voter identification for federal elections, passed the committee with “and/or” changed to “or” in its first resolved clause.
- Resolution 23 (New York), concerning Operation Enduring Freedom, was referred for further study because it referenced a House bill that had not passed and could still change.
- The committee completed its business in approximately 34 minutes.

Looking Ahead

The committee's actions identified matters requiring additional Americanism review while advancing the voter-identification resolution at the committee level. The submitted report does not state the resolutions' subsequent disposition by the full convention.