

Inside the National Convention's Internal Affairs Work

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Editor's Note: This story is based on the representative's submitted report and has been edited for clarity, organization, and factual completeness while preserving the author's reported observations.

Why Arizona Was There

Arizona participated in National Internal Affairs meetings to follow organizational issues affecting American Legion Posts, membership, training, and the consideration of resolutions at the 107th National Convention.

From the Representative

I attended the Internal Affairs Commission meeting on August 29 at the Galt House, where we heard updates from Sons of The American Legion leadership, Membership and Post Activities, and the National Regional Information Conference. The Commission reviewed proposals involving the transfer of Thailand Post TH02 between Departments and temporary charters for Posts in Panama and Italy. An informal Training Sub-Committee discussion also addressed how National American Legion College packages are evaluated, with more information expected at the Fall Meetings.

On August 30, the Internal Affairs Committee considered seven resolutions. Discussion included whether video security should remain a Post-level decision, the proposed creation of an SAL Auxiliary, recognition of World War II nurses, volunteer mileage deductions, accredited service dog organizations, the Post Service Officer title, and a Red Star Service Banner.

Convention Snapshot

- August 29: Commission heard leadership and program updates and listed four organizational resolutions for action; the submitted report does not state their dispositions.
- August 30: Committee voted to reject Resolutions 21 and 22 and approved an amended Resolution 33 concerning a Congressional Gold Medal for World War II nurses.
- Resolutions 35, 50, and 52 were referred to standing committees; Resolution 48 concerning accredited service dog training organizations was amended, with the report's final-action wording unclear.
- Training Sub-Committee discussed evaluation metrics for National American Legion College packages, with a follow-up anticipated at Fall Meetings.

Looking Ahead

The report identifies National American Legion College training metrics as an item for follow-up at the Fall Meetings. The committee's discussions also highlight decisions and proposals Arizona Posts may wish to monitor as National action continues.