

**ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
August 29, 30, 31, 2023**

**Resolution No. 30: Modernization of the Armed Forces**

**Origin: Michigan**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security  
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has a longstanding commitment to supporting our military and advocating for policies and programs that enhance our national security; and

WHEREAS, The international rules-based order that has kept great power peace since the end of World War II is under stress, and the United States is facing growing rivalry with China, Russia, and other authoritarian states whose national security interests are in competition with the United States; and

WHEREAS, The national security environment is undergoing a profound transformation, and new technologies and strategies are necessary to ensure that our military remains prepared to dominate and, if necessary, defeat emerging threats; and

WHEREAS, The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has stated that the United States Joint Forces is at an inflection point and must balance current operations' readiness with future modernization; and

WHEREAS, Modernization is a continuous process that is based on understanding emerging and evolving threats, the changing character of warfare, the rapid proliferation of technology, and the missions the U.S. military will be ordered to undertake while ensuring a warfighting advantage over adversaries; and

WHEREAS, Modernization of the armed forces is essential to maintaining the readiness and effectiveness of our military and requires sustained investment in research, development, testing, engineering, acquisition, recruiting, training; and

WHEREAS, The joint force must fully integrate emerging technologies, including precision long-range fires, hypersonic weapons, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, robotics, and pervasive all-domain sensors, assured all-domain command and control to maintain its position as the most lethal and capable military in the world; and

WHEREAS, The Army of 2030 vision aims to transform into a multi-domain force capable of conducting large-scale combat operations and engaging in sustained competition through modernization efforts such as soldier lethality, future vertical lift, air and missile defense, long-range precision fires, network-enabled mission command, and robotic and autonomous systems; and

WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Force Design 2030 seeks to create a more lethal, agile, and distributed naval expeditionary crisis response force through prioritization of stand-in forces, expeditionary advanced base operations, all-domain command, control and fires capabilities, training, and talent management to deny an adversary its immediate objectives and enable other joint forces; and

WHEREAS, The Navy's Force Design 2045 modernization efforts seek to maintain open sea lanes through distributed maritime operations, integration of additional unmanned vessels in a

hybrid fleet, installation of ungradable higher-power weapons and sensors, ensuring delivery of support/logistics, and generating advantage for making decisions to decisively win our nation's wars when called upon; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Air Force and Space Force are modernizing their ability to protect and maintain supremacy in air and space through improving airborne battle management, electronic warfare, tactical air dominance, resilient forward basing, agile combat employment, increased global strike capacity, and high readiness levels to deploy and win; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 29, 30, 31, 2023, That The American Legion supports the modernization of the United States Armed Forces to ensure that it is ready to fight and win in all domains of conflict, taking into account the evolving character of modern warfare; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion calls upon Congress to provide adequate funding to support the joint warfighting modernization efforts and ensure the U.S. military retains its lethality and capability advantages around the world; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion reaffirms its commitment to the defense of the United States and its allies and supports efforts to maintain high states of current readiness while simultaneously modernizing for the future operating environment and taking care of our servicemembers and their families.**