

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 5-6, 1982**

Resolution No. 25: American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal

Origin: Trophies, Award and Ceremonials Committee

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion has created The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal and has authorized its award to distinguished Americans in recognition of their outstanding service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, It is in keeping with the principles, purposes and traditions of this award that it be bestowed upon an American who has served honorable in the military service of his country during time of war; and

WHEREAS, He has been elected to two consecutive terms as governor of the great state of California; and

WHEREAS, He has been elected as 40th president and commander in chief of all U.S. forces; and

WHEREAS, He has prioritized the defense of the U.S. by embracing the concept of peace through preparedness; and

WHEREAS, He has displayed untiring efforts and patriotic devotion in perpetuating American principles; and

WHEREAS, He has fostered the renewed spirit of volunteerism in America which is in keeping with the highest traditions of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, He has consistently demonstrated courage and fortitude, commanding the respect of all Americans for the office of the presidency; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 5-6, 1982, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to Ronald W. Reagan, 40th president of the United States.