

**THIRTY SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Washington, D.C.  
August 30, 31, September 1, 2, 1954**

**Resolution No. 599: Disapproves Reference to The American Legion as “The Legion”**

**Origin: Kentucky**

**Submitted By: Convention Committee on Internal Affairs**

WHEREAS, The name of The American Legion is beginning to lose part of its name by the omission of the word “American”; and

WHEREAS, The name “Legion” could refer to several organizations, some of which would be of no credit to our organization and others not too friendly to our country; and

WHEREAS, The name of The American Legion is a name that is honored and respected and which if being permitted to be referred to as “The Legion” would soon become just another name; now, therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Washington, D.C., August 30, 31, September 1, 2, 1954, That it disapproves reference to The American Legion as “The Legion” and directs its national officers to devise means of educating the membership and the public so that all references to the name of The American Legion will be in accordance with its full and complete name; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That immediate steps be taken by the organization’s national officers to prohibit advertising in which the name “The Legion” is used in place of the name of The American Legion, or American Legion.**