

**THIRTY THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Miami, Florida  
October 15, 16, 17, 18, 1951**

**Resolution No. 284: Return to Original Legion Principles and Programs**

**Origin: Illinois**

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

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded by men and women who had served in the armed forces of the United States of America to perpetuate the memory of those who died while in the service; to care for the sick and disabled; and to continue to serve their country in time of peace; and

WHEREAS, Certain principles were set up in the Preamble to the National Constitution of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Through the years these principles have been so widely interpreted and certain ideologies have crept in so as to cloud the real purposes of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17, 18, 1951, That a definite plan be set up to provide that the original plans and programs of The American Legion be adhered to by all, and that the national commander, the National Executive Committee and the national adjutant take such steps as may be necessary to put this expression of the convention into full force and effect; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That these plans and programs are membership, rehabilitation of our sick and disabled servicemen and women and widows and orphans, national defense and Americanism, and any subdivisions of these major programs shall be restricted definitely to these subject matters.**