

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RAMADA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, STATE COLLEGE, PA
April 26 - 27, 2025**

Resolution No. 1155

Submitted by: Carolyn McCaslin
Women Veterans Committee Chair

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- WHEREAS, At the 101st Department of PA American Legion convention, a Women Veterans Committee (WVC) was approved and formed; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has approximately 70,000 women serving in various branches of the armed forces; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has an estimated 60,000 women veterans; and
- WHEREAS, The United States of America recognizes that there are two genders, and a woman Veteran is defined as female by birth;
- WHEREAS, The PA American Legion currently has 4425 women Legionnaires and a need to grow women's membership; and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Pennsylvania has experienced an increase in women veteran membership of approximately 29% this year; and
- WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania is committed to recognizing the achievements and contributions of all veterans, including women veterans who play a vital role in strengthening the organization and fostering community and support; and
- WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania understands that the recruitment and encouragement of women veterans to join The American Legion is essential to promoting diversity, unity and a strong membership that represents the entire veteran community; and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Pennsylvania American Legion wishes to honor a woman veteran who has made exceptional efforts in recruiting and encouraging other women veterans to join The American Legion, fostering a stronger membership base and building a supportive community for women veterans; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Pennsylvania Department Executive Committee of The American Legion in a regular meeting assembled at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA April 26-27, 2025, That the Pennsylvania Department of The American Legion approve the establishment of a Woman Veterans Ambassador Award to be presented yearly at the Annual

Department Convention, recognizing the selected honoree for her extraordinary contributions to The American Legion and women veterans within the organization. Nominations for this award shall be solicited from post and members throughout The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania with the recipient selected by Women Veterans' committee and the cost of the award will not exceed \$100.

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