

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

Resolution No. 1156

Submitted by: Carolyn McCaslin
Women Veterans Committee Chair

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- WHEREAS, At the 101st Department of PA American Legion convention a Women's Veteran 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 PA American Legion currently has 4425 women Legionnaires and a need to grow women membership; and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Pennsylvania has experienced an increase in women veteran membership of approximately 29% this year; and
- WHEREAS, The terminology "chairman", "committeeman", "he", "his", "him" and "himself" no longer adequately describe the full membership and those serving in organizational roles; and
- WHEREAS, Women veterans increasingly are now serving in leadership roles at the post, district, county, section, Department and National level; 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 this resolution, that effective immediately, all official documents, publications, literature, manuals, etc., reflect language acknowledging gender neutral titles, designations, and roles within The Department of Pennsylvania American Legion such as Legionnaire, Chair, Member, Commander, Adjutant, etc., as they are rewritten, revised, updated, renewed, or created and are reprinted or posted electronically.

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