

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

Resolution No. 1157

Submitted by: Lewis Jones  
Activities Committee Chair

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**WHEREAS,** American Legion Baseball was organized in 1925 to teach practical lessons in sportsmanship and citizenship by emphasizing such qualities as loyalty, respect for the rules, fair play, courage and physical fitness; and

**WHEREAS,** Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball has recognized players for their exemplification of these qualities through recognition via awards annually at our Awards ceremony at the State tournament; and

**WHEREAS,** Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball relies on the work of and dedication of umpires to ensure that players are consistently reminded of these lessons during each game; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Legion Department of Pennsylvania may recognize individuals for their selfless efforts in supporting the Programs of the Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball Umpires work tirelessly to support, oversee, and provide guidance during games played as part of the Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball program; and

**WHEREAS,** Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball Umpire Dave Lesko served the state and national program for over 50 years as an umpire, and is the model used for choosing national umpires; and

**WHEREAS,** Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball has not recognized umpires for their dedicated service to the program; 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 create an award to honor annually one umpire for outstanding service to Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball. One nominee from each Baseball region selected by the Regional Directors in consultation with their league assignors. The State Crew chief, Committee Chair and Vice-Chairs will meet to select the winner with the award presented annually at the Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet, and that the Award be called the Dave Lesko Umpire of the Year Award.

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