

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
October 11-12, 2023  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 20: Authorization for Conducting Department History Contest and Post History Showcase**

**Origin: Internal Affairs Commission**

**Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, History contests have been conducted by the national historian since 1930; and  
WHEREAS, Over the years contests from the post, district/county and department level have been held; and

WHEREAS, Department history contests have been held since 1931 and annually since 1984 but have not always been formally approved; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 29 approved by the National Executive Committee at the October 18-19, 1972 meeting allowed the national historian to conduct annual post history contests; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9 approved by the National Executive Committee at the October 17-18, 2012 meeting updated the contest authorization; and

WHEREAS, Because of the timing it is not possible for the national historian to supervise their own contest; and

WHEREAS, The rules for the 2022-23 contest were printed in the 2022 Officers Guide and the rules for the 2023-24 contest were printed in the 2023 Officers Guide; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to provide for more flexibility in the type and format of histories submitted; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 11-12, 2023, That, beginning in 2025, the national historian be authorized to conduct an annual department history contest and post history showcase; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the department history contest will consist of one digital entry per department; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the post history showcase will consist of one hard-copy post and one digital post submission per department; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That \$1,000.00 for awards for the department contest and post showcase be authorized; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the rules and regulations for the department history contest be established and amended administratively by the national historian; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That beginning with the 2024-25 contest, the rules and regulations for the department history contest may be obtained from the Office of the National Historian in the Library of the American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana and shall be distributed to all department adjutants and historians within 45 days of the appointment of the national historian; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the contest and showcase conclude prior to the end of the term of office of the national historian; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That every attempt be made to have the showcase of hard-copy post histories displayed at the National Convention; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the showcase of digital post histories be made available online; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the results of the department digital history contest will be announced through American Legion media channels; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That National Executive Committee Resolution No. 9, Authorization for Conducting History Contests, October 17-18, 2012, is hereby superseded and rescinded.**