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## Legion For Old Age Vet Pensions At 60

### Miami Convention Resolutions Clarified by Committee Action

Indianapolis, Ind.—The American Legion will ask the 81st Congress to enact legislation granting old-age pensions to veterans of World Wars I and II, starting at \$60.00 at the age of 60 years.

The "60 at 60" pension decision was reached by a special subcommittee of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, headed by Chairman Leonard W. Esper of Springfield, Ill., at a two-day meeting in Indianapolis.

The subcommittee was named by National Commander Perry Brown to clarify the two pension resolutions adopted by the 30th national convention at Miami, Florida, and to direct the National Legislative Commission of The American Legion in what form to present the proposal to Congress.

#### Six-Point Directive

The Esper NEC subcommittee issued a six-point directive to the National Legislative Commission to incorporate the following provisions in The American Legion pension bill to be submitted to Congress:

1.—The Legislation shall include veterans of both World War I and World War II.

2.—Eligible for pensions shall be veterans who served 90 days or more on active duty or who were discharged for service-connected disability incurred in line of duty and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

3.—The pension is to be effective at the attained age of 60 years at the rate of \$60.00 a month and at the attained age of 65 years at the rate of \$90 a month.

4.—Before attaining the age of 60 years, the following degree of non-service-connected disability shall be payable:

\$20.00 a month on a 20 per cent disability rating.

\$40.00 on 40 per cent.

\$60.00 on 60 per cent.

\$90.00 on total disability.

5. Those veterans having service-connected disabilities and receiving compensation shall continue to receive such benefits and in addition thereto shall be recipients of the old age pension.

6.—Income shall not be considered upon application for pension.

#### Intent of Delegates

In concluding his report, Chairman Esper said:

"The subcommittee, in attempting to clarify the subject-matter of the two Miami Convention pension resolutions, believes that the six-point directive issued will fully carry out the intent of the delegates at the 30th national convention of The American Legion."

Serving with Chairman Esper on the NEC subcommittee were Lawrence C. Knox of Wayne, Michigan, and George L. Cleere of Montgomery, Alabama.

Assisting the NEC subcommittee in a consulting capacity in reaching its decision were the following American Legion leaders:

John H. Walsh of Newtonville, Mass., chairman of the National Rehabilitation Commission.

Lawrence Fenlon of Chicago, Ill., chairman of the National Economic Commission.

T. O. Krabel of Washington, D. C., national rehabilitation director.

Douglass Getchell of Grays Lake, Ill., past department commander.

### BONUS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, We consider, in view of the fact, that several states have already passed Bonus legislation; and

WHEREAS, We think that Oklahoma should manifest as much concern for her own Veterans; therefore,

RESOLVED, That Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, American Legion of Tulsa, Oklahoma, be recorded as favoring the payment of a Bonus to our World War II Veterans that served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to our Department and State Officials urging their support.

### THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

By EDDIE J. SHIELDS

Well I had a wonderful Christmas, with my son and daughter-in-law in Chicago. Made the trip part way by car and part by train. Had all kinds of weather, sleet, snow, rain and a wind that was just short of a Hurricane from Monett into Tulsa coming back Tuesday night. Woke up Sunday morning in Chicago—six above zero. But with all the weather, I still had a wonderful time and wouldn't of missed it for anything. Got back too late for the meeting Tuesday night, so I will have to guess on part of what took place, but will do the best I can.

Chairman Chism of Sick and Visitation reported that Comrade Hart is improving each day. J. H. Tucker, a recent victim of a heart attack is recovering at his home and will be able to return to his business—The Adams Hotel Drug—in the near future.

Floyd Long reported that over one hundred children attended the Crippled Childrens' Christmas party at the Will Rogers Theatre last Thursday the twenty-third of December.

Received a wonderful letter from O. G. Rollins of Madill, Oklahoma, again thanking us for the numerous blood transfusions, furnished by the Post Donors, to his wife in 1946, and he enclosed a check for \$100 to the post to be used as we see fit. We do think this is a wonderful gesture on the part of Mr. Rollins and we do thank him. I will also write him a personal letter thanking him for his generous offering. You know our Post Blood Donor Program is without charge, and donations of this kind can come from nothing else but the heart.

The meeting Tuesday night was temporarily adjourned, in order to permit Mr. Murphy of the Oklahoma Economic Institute, to make a talk in regards to petitions to be circulated for the purpose of bringing to a vote, the repeal of the state prohibition law. This is not a Legion sponsored program but we do have some of the petitions that are available at the hut. However, they have set up headquarters in the Akdar, Building—223 W. 4th and their telephone numbers are 5-1186 and 5-1187.

Buddy Ed Brewer gave a nice talk on his trip to O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Mo., to help cheer the boys up for Christmas and said he was sure

### FRIENDLY RIVALS



Three candidacies for national commander of The American Legion for 1949-50 were launched during the annual meetings and conferences of some 500 key Legionnaires in Indianapolis. Left to right are shown James Green of Omaha, Neb.; Erle Cocke of Dawson, Ga., and George Craig of Brazil, Ind. All are veterans of World War II, each with a record of more than four years of combat service. Green served during 1948 as national Americanism director. Cocke served as vice-chairman of the National Security Commission and is the present department commander of Georgia. Craig is Indiana's member on the National Executive Committee.

### TULSANS GET POSITIONS ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Twenty-two Oklahomans have been appointed to National committee posts for 1949 by the American Legion.

The National Executive committee confirmed a total of 1855 appointments by National Commander Perry Brown.

The Oklahomans appointed included:

Law and order committee—John D. Reid, Muskogee.

Marksanship committee (advisory board) Ralph Harrison, Tulsa.

Child Welfare Commission (area C Member)—Brad Risinger, Tulsa.

Distinguished guests committee — Robert Howe, Tulsa; Jesse Worten, Jr., Pawhuska; W. W. Hunter, Checotah; Pat Jones, Muskogee; Allen McPherin, Durant; Bill Hobson, Madill; Berry Dickson, Tecumseh; Vernon Kawlitsky, Norman; Clyde Demerrett, Cushing; Jim Whitley, Duncan; O. G. Ogle, Kingfisher; W. R. (Dutch) Cullen, Altus; Byron Bolan, Goetebo; John Dulin, Alva; Raymond Trapp, Blackwell.

Veterans Preference Committee—Robert D. Smith, Norman.

Membership and Post activities committee—J. Earl Simpson, Tulsa.

Rehabilitation commission—Dr. W. F. McCauley, Okmulgee.

J. Earl Simpson has also been appointed to serve as the emblems and ritual officer of the department. Glen Cottingham was appointed chairman of the Liaison Committee for the department.

glad he made the trip with his little band. He also gave a very detailed report on our Legion Plot at Memorial Cemetery.

Elmer Fraker, our Department Adjutant, will be at the meeting next Tuesday night. He will give a short talk at the meeting. The purpose of his visit I do not know, but I am sure Elmer has a reason for his visit, so come

to the meeting if you can and hear what he has to say.

Looks like the repeal resolution ran into another snag as re-drafted by Comrade Allred, but the Bonus Resolution went over for a first reading and it was moved at the meeting to have the Bonus Resolution printed in

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**MEMBERSHIP FOR  
1949**

With Christmas foremost out of mind of everyone at the present time, Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 office force hung their heads as Santa Claus overlooked letting us fill Department Commander Preston Moore's stockings with our quota. Day by day we are falling down on our record. This is not encouraging news to our Membership Committee. Now is the time for an all-out membership drive to start on January 1, 1949.

We still are confident to get our promised quota of 4,000 members. Commander Guy Belford said, "Even though things have lagged somewhat ever since membership started."

He pointed out that a few members could be counted on to take time out from their businesses and plan for an extensive drive on this membership.

However, he sees that dues are not coming in on nights of regular meetings and all our appeals for Legionnaires to mail in their checks does not meet commands.

Commander Belford wants to stand up to his quota pledged to the Department Commander and let us all pledge ourselves to get this drive started and each and every Legionnaire that has got his dues paid get out in your neighborhood and bring in one new member and two renewals. It is your duty to your Post, the department and National Commander. The fact that we are several weeks behind in membership shows lack of interest.

Let's pledge our support to our Legion Post for 1949.

Get out January 1st—get members!

—Frank H. J. Crawley,  
Service Officer.

About 2,418,000 veterans were in schools and job-training establishments under The American Legion-fathered G. I. Bill and Public Law 16 as of November 1, 1948, according to VA reports.

**Issue of Pensions  
Confused**

The usual colorful report on legislation was presented to the National Executive Committee for November by Lynn Peterson, of California, who reviewed the 348 mandates from the Miami convention, outlined the problems presented by conflicting resolutions, particularly those which were placed in a priority status by the convention itself, and spoke of the need of reconciling them. A discussion of the confusion on the pension issue was reflected in the minds of the executive group, this being clearly indicated by questioning, but that problem was left to the special committee yet to be named.

Peterson also announced that there was an increase in veterans in the membership of the House and Senate as a result of the November elections; that there will be 218 war veterans in the House as against 205 in the 80th Congress, and 50 veteran Senators as opposed to 45. He indicated, however, that this would not mean it would be any easier to pass legislation than it has been heretofore, although he entertained the hope that a majority of veterans in both bodies in the 81st Congress would mean the enactment of universal military training legislation.

Peterson's report was supplemented by a brief statement by Gen. John Thomas Taylor, legislative director, who repeated that legislation in the next two years will be no "push over" and that Legionnaires must "know their stuff" in order that Members of Congress can be educated to the needs of the Legion "from the grass-roots." He said that the enactment of all items on the agenda would call for greater

work than ever and that so few understood the pension problem they must inform themselves.

Taylor submitted also that there must be developed a new approach to the legislators, that now more than ever they resent "desk-beating" tactics and that there would have to be an approach of understanding and of working out with and reasoning with Congress.

According to an official United States Military Government report, more than 60% of the judges and 76% of the prosecutors in Bavarian courts are former Nazi party members. What's more, a high American official in Germany reveals that throughout the U. S. zone, ex-Nazis have been flocking back to positions of importance. There seems to be something wrong somewhere. These fellows are the same vermin who spread phony "master-race" propaganda, stirred up racial and religious hatred and plotted with Hitler to conquer the world. What's happened to our fine resolutions to denazify Germany? If you're as riled as we are about this, you'll want to do something — you'll want to tell your Congressman and Senator that our denazification program should be strengthened instead of tossed into the junk heap.

The Indiana American Legion will hold its 1949 state convention at Fort Wayne, August 6 to 9.

**U.M.T. No Threat  
To Labor, Legion  
Chief Tells A.F.L.**

Organized Labor need not fear Universal Military Training under civilian control as a potential weapon of compulsion in industrial disputes, because the people themselves would be in charge of this preparedness program.

This was the message brought to the 67th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in Cincinnati by National Commander Perry Brown of The American Legion.

Pointing out how popular support of UMT has "grown in direct ratio to its understanding by the people", Commander Brown said: "The American Federation of Labor has opposed peacetime training fundamentally, I think, because the gun—whether in the hands of city police, state police or federal police—has on some occasions been turned against labor. And yet, there is not one of you who would disarm a policeman on his beat. Why? Because you understand what the policeman is doing, and you know you can have him disciplined if he neglects or oversteps his duty.

"By the same token, there is nothing to fear from an armed

**Legion Post Starts  
Daily Peace Prayer**

Silver Spring, Md. — A one-minute prayer for peace every day at noon has been started by members of the Cissel-Saxon Post 41 of The American Legion here.

Their aim is a "just and enduring peace for the world." They are urging other organizations to join in to make the noon minute-prayers universal.

A resolution adopted by the post voiced confidence "in the ability of our fellowmen, with the aid of God, to secure an adjustment of international differences leading toward an equitable and abiding peace."

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In the Army, Legal Lester was a sergeant to despise. Used the Army Regulations as a bludgeon for GI's. Legal Les was very happy when you broke a minor rule; Used to hand out gigs with gusto, like he used to do in school.



Now, with Army days behind him, Legal Lester's just the same. He's the guy who, from the sidelines, tells you how to play the game. If it's poker, he's behind you; if it's golf, he'll tag along; Never joins in competition, but he knows just why you're wrong.

But it's still  
The old baloney;  
Learning rules  
Is Lester's way  
Of attracting  
Your attention,  
Though he  
never  
Learns to play.

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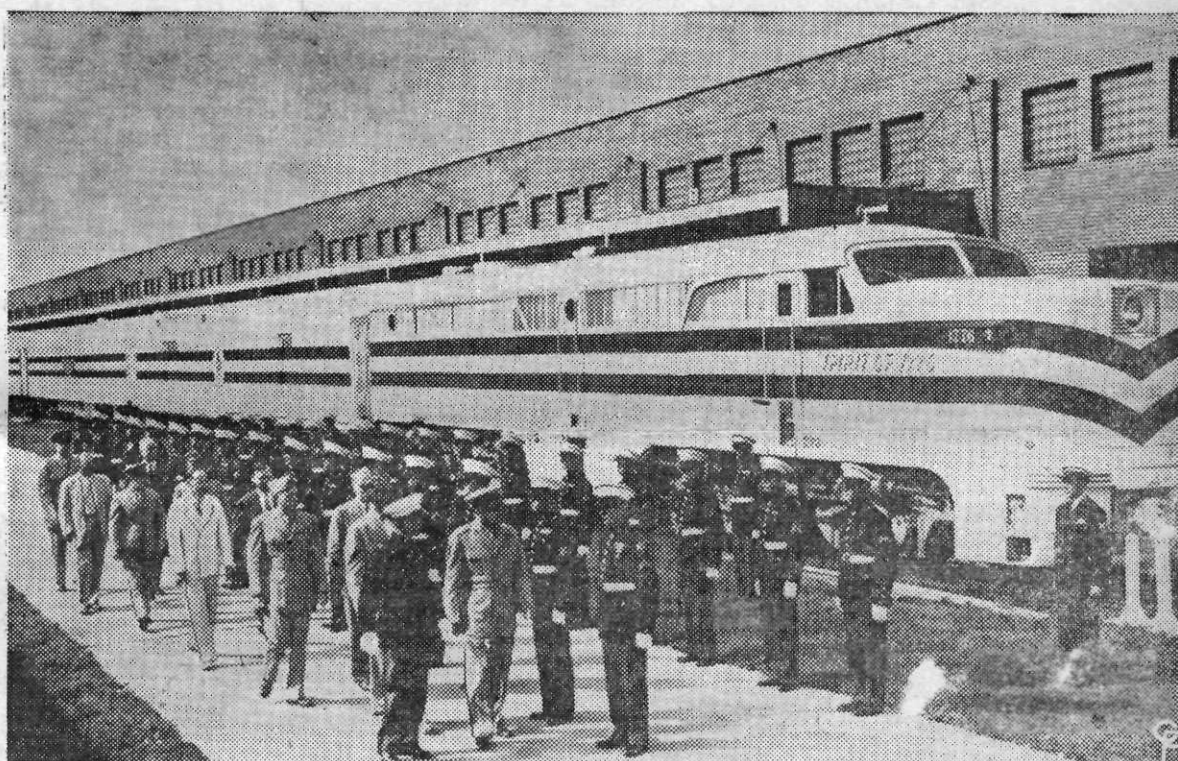
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# MEMBERSHIP RUSH OF '49— NSLI POLICIES— LAST CMH AWARDED—

"MEMBERSHIP RUSH OF '49". Built around the idea of the big gold rush to California a century ago, the Legion's campaign for the enrollment of 1949 members started off with a bang. The ambitious goal of 3,000,000 paid-up '49ers by New Year's Day as the curtain raiser for an all-time high membership has sparked the drive to the proportions of a crusade throughout the organization. Since the plan was broached in September membership workers in posts have become "prospectors" and have been "panning out nuggets" by the thousands. National Headquarters reports that these prospectors have been using every known method, and a lot of new ones, to build the greatest advance membership in the 30-year history of the Legion.

The plan of operation fixes four "stampede" dates with set objectives. Posts were called upon to enroll 49% of their 1948 membership by Armistice Day and another 49% for '49 by Thanksgiving Day. With this accomplishment, and a heck of a lot of the 17,200 Posts did it, December becomes the mopping-up month when the old wagon train will roll across the plains to the final objective. Two red-letter days are set: "Good Neighbor Day" on December 7th, when all of the re-enrollment problems are to be solved and Legionnaire "prospectors" are to make "good neighbor" visitation to veterans in their own communities, continuing the personal and social method of membership solicitation. All this builds up the fourth and final phase of the drive on Christmas Day, when Santa Claus stockings will be stuffed with cards by posts and sent to Department Headquarters as Christmas gifts to the Department Commander. It's a tremendously big thing—just as the Gold Rush of '49 was tremendous, thrilling, and history-making—and a big undertaking, but as planned the whole campaign will care for the membership problem in two months, leaving the other ten open to give undivided attention to the constructive plans, projects and programs of the world's largest and greatest organization of war veterans.

Special awards have been designed for "prospectors", and for Posts that reach the goal and are able to certify that on December 31 a full 100% of 1948 membership has been enrolled for 1949. Individual members who get out as "prospectors" and do their digging early, who sign up a minimum of 300 members, will be rewarded by membership in the exclusive '49er Club. An Honor Ribbon to be affixed to the top of the Post's Legion banner, will be awarded the local outfit that completes 100% enrollment by the end of the year. The Departments are not overlooked: the General John J. Pershing Award, a special banner in Legion blue with gold lettering, will be presented to the Department having the greatest percentage of Honor Ribbon Posts. The days are growing short and time is of the essence. National Headquarters urges the fullest participation in the drive: the want and need of 3,000,000 members by December 31 cannot be stressed too strongly.

NSLI POLICIES: VA has begun issuance of printed policies, containing all the terms of the contract, to holders of National Service Life Insurance. Delivery of the printed contract has been held up for various reasons. The first policies will be issued to new applicants and to those who renew their term insurance. Veterans who have converted to permanent forms of insurance will be served just as quickly as VA manpower and the supply of forms permit.

LAST CMH AWARDED: The Army has acted on all pending recommendations and has named the last WW2 Meda lof Honor winner. The last award, posthumous, was made to Staff Sergeant, John W. Minick, 3rd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, who led his platoon through an enemy minefield near Hurtgn, Germany, on November 21, 1944. Official presentation will be made to his widow who lives at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The Army awarded 292 Medals of Honor, the Navy, 137, for conspicuous gallantry "above and beyond the call of duty" in WW2. The award is the highest decoration our Government can bestow. A total of 3,032 such awards have been made by the Army and Navy since the decoration was authorized in 1861. Only comparable decoration is Britain's Victoria Cross, established in 1856 at close of the Crimean War, with a total of 1,334 winners.

The Breens-Scribner Post 6 of The American Legion at Stevens Point, Wis., has built a new clubhouse with a fund of \$50,000 that was started in 1920 with a \$1,200 donation from a concert given there by the late Madame Schumann-Heink.

## THE ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

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the News, which will appear in another part of this paper. And the motion further stated that we advise the members that we meet every Tuesday night on the issues outstanding, and if they are interested in these issues and the Welfare of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 that they attend these meetings and exercise their privilege of voting as they see fit on the issues.

Dead Line! See you next week —HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!

### THE AMERICAN LEGION Department of Oklahoma December 23, 1948

To: Post Adjutants.

Subject: Department Commander's Party

Your Post Commander has received an invitation for any and all members of your Post to attend the party honoring Commander Moore, which is to be held in the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, on the night of Saturday, January 8. Be sure to urge your Post Commander to read this invitation at the next meeting of your Post. If your Post does not meet between now and that time, let me request that you and your Commander get this information out to the membership of your Post.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Room of the Biltmore Hotel. All reservations should be made through me. Tickets are \$3 each. In writing for tickets be sure to address Clee Fitzgerald, Faculty Exchange, Norman, Oklahoma.

We are expecting a large group of Legionnaires and Auxiliary members at this party honoring our Commander and hope that those of your Post who expect to be present will make their reservations as soon as possible.

There will be a reception for the Commander from 2 o'clock to 5:30 on the afternoon of the 8th in the Civic Room.

Sincerely yours,  
Glee Fitzgerald.

Schools and colleges, please copy: The University of Maryland has a football roster, containing all the usual data and information. But this year, something new has been added. It's a column listing the military status of every player according to the following headings: War Veteran, Member of the National Guard or Reserve Officers Training Corps. And just to complete the record—all the men on the Maryland squad come under one of those headings! It's an idea that can be applied effectively in other fields.

The fourth term of the American Legion Extension Institute, a six-months correspondence course in organization leadership, will open January 15, 1949, and enrollments are now being made.



**ALBERT D. BROWN, Jr.**  
Aide to the National Commander,  
The American Legion

Albert D. Brown, Jr., 27, of San Antonio, Texas, a namesake but no kin, was appointed by National Commander Perry Brown of The American Legion as his aide.

Young Brown was given a year's leave by the Texas American Legion for his post as department service officer to accept the appointment.

The national commander's aide served 36 months as a corporal in the Medical Detachment of the 155th Field Artillery of the 36th Division during World War II. He entered the service on November 25, 1940. He was discharged on July 15, 1943, because of a service-connected disability. He affiliated himself with Alamo Post 2 of The American Legion.

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gion at San Antonio early in 1944. He served his post as commander during 1945-46. He is a graduate of the first American Legion College in Indianapolis, Ind., at which younger Legionnaires were trained for leadership. He is a member of Voiture 542 of the Forty and Eight at San Antonio. He became department service officer March 1st, 1946.

Born in San Antonio, young Brown was educated there. Prior to entering the military service he was a salesman. He is married and the father of a 2-year-old son.

The C. Markland Kelly, Jr., Post 174 of the American Legion at Baltimore, Mr., has presented three polar bears brought from Alaska at a cost of more than \$1,000 to city's Druid Hill Park Zoo.

The Windsor Terrace Post 1175 of The American Legion in Brooklyn, N. Y., has purchased a 2½-story building there for its club house.

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## Majors Again Give \$50,000 to 1949 Legion Junior Baseball

Chicago, Ill.—The American and National Leagues again voted unanimously at their annual joint meeting here to underwrite up to \$50,000 the tournament expenses of the nation-wide American Legion Junior Baseball program for 1949. They contributed the same sum in 1948. The money is used to defray the costs of transporting teams in interstate competition.

This vote of confidence by Baseball Commissioner Albert B. Chandler, a Legionnaire, and the 16 major league club presidents, followed the most outstanding season in American Legion Junior Baseball. During 1948, a total of 14,531 Junior Baseball teams took part in the program, an increase of 2,830 nines over the previous all-time high recorded in 1947.

### Grads Made Marks

Long hailed as the escalator to the major leagues, American Legion Junior Baseball produced 243 of the players who were on the payrolls of the 16 big league clubs. In addition, 29 of the 50 men selected to play in the All-Star game in St. Louis, Mo., on July 13, 1948, were American Legion Junior Baseball graduates. So were 32 of the 50 players of the Boston Braves and Cleveland Indians certified as eligible for the 1948 World Series. More than 3,000 American Legion-trained players were in the minor league clubs during 1948.

Dale Miller, administrator of Junior Baseball for The American Legion, predicted another banner season for the program in 1949. The goal will be 16,000 Junior Baseball teams in tournament play, he said.

### VA Wants Notice Of School Changes

Veterans studying under the GI bill who want to transfer to another school at the end of the Winter semester should notify the Veterans Administration at least 30 days before they intend to make the change.

To enroll in a new school, a student-veteran must have a supplemental certificate of eligibility. He also must have a statement from his present school showing

that his progress has been satisfactory.

A veteran may obtain a supplemental certificate of eligibility by applying at the VA regional office where his records are on file.

### Letter of Appreciation

December 20, 1948

Mr. Joe Herman,  
Carson-Wilson Post  
American Legion,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Will you convey to the members of your corps, to yourself and the entire post the appreciation of my entire family for the part they played in making the Memorial Service for my son, Lieutenant Fred M. Thompson, such a marvelous success.

Your willingness to serve simply and sincerely made the service so satisfying to us all that it made it easier to go through with the ordeal. The beautiful sunset displayed in the sky made one think of the Biblical quotation, "The Heavens declare the glory of God, the firmament showeth His handywork." The words of comfort from the ministers, from you and Mr. Waters and the presence of the color guards and escorts were a fitting climax to the service.

My comrades and my son's comrades all pitched in that afternoon to assist us in this all important event in our lives.

Very sincerely yours,  
N. A. THOMPSON,

National Commander Perry Brown of The American Legion in his homecoming address at Beaumont, Texas, warned of future military domination over the people of America unless Congress enacts UMT.

The Indiana American Legion will hold its 1949 state convention at Fort Wayne, August 6 to 9.

## NATIONAL GUARD TO KEEP STATUS

The controversial Gray Board plan to transfer control of the National Guard from the States to the Federal Government has received what may be its death blow.

By a vote of 10 to 5, the top level general staff committee on National Guard and Reserve policy has expressed disapproval of the proposal, it was learned over the week-end. Five Reserve officer members of the 15-man group teamed with the five Guard members on the ballot, a high source said. Only the five Regular Army members backed the National Guard "federalization" plan.

### Action Advisory Only

While the committee's action is advisory only, the position taken by the reservists is highly significant. Prominent Reserve officers urge merging the Guard and Reserve into one Federal force during the hearings before the Gray Board.

Col. William H. Neblett, of Richmond, Va., national president of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States last year, and Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, military aide to President Truman, were among the backers of the plan. The R. O.

A. officially has not taken a stand in the matter.

Neblett, however, was not re-elected to his post, and the present officials of the Association recently reached what seems to be a rapprochement with National Guard chiefs. The latter are violently opposed to the federalization scheme.

### Confident of Approval

However, before this was evident, the National Guard-Reserve policy committee was convened in Washington for its Fall meeting. Department of Army officials were reported to be confident before the session that the Reservists would vote with them to indorse the disputed proposal.

The Gray Board was appointed by Defense Secretary James Forrestal nearly a year ago to study the reserve problems of all the services. Headed by Assistant Army Secretary Gordon Gray, it held lengthy hearings, in which proposals to federalize the National Guard aroused the greatest interest. The group, which was composed of top civilian and uniformed Regular officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force backed the plan.

The Gray Board report has not yet been acted on by Forrestal.

Florida Legionnaires are raising \$43,000 still needed to complete a fund of \$600,000 for the new American Legion Hospital for Crippled Children at St. Petersburg.

## ...TAPS...

### ORBIE GIARD

Saturday, December 18, 1948  
Tulsa Funeral Home, 4 p.m.  
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Chaplain, O. D. Waters.  
Bugler, John Snyder.  
Service Officer, F. H. J. Crawley  
Colors — J. Earl Simpson, Hess Crosslin.  
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Alex Wilson, Thos. B. Aarington,  
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Son of Mrs. Frank Kelton  
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Memorial Service, 2 p.m., Moores  
Chapel, Rev. W. T. McMullen.  
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Post No. 1.  
Commander, H. K. Nelson.  
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Service Officer, F. H. J. Crawley.  
Colors — J. Earl Simpson, Hess  
Crosslin.  
Guards—Sam Craig, Foster Storm  
Ballbearers and Firing Squad—  
Ralph Harrison, Pete Sherrell,  
Hershel Chism, Alex Wilson, A.  
E. Finley, Thos. B. Aarington.

The Calvin-Knuth Post 5 of The American Legion at Worthington, Minn., has purchased an old church there for remodeling into a clubhouse.



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# RESERVE RETIREMENT PAY BEING KICKED AROUND

Comptroller General this week tossed unexpected monkey wrench into retirement hopes of many non-Regulars by interpreting reserve retirement law of June 29, 1948, to require membership in a civilian component of armed services at the time of application for retired pay at age 60.

As interpreted by Comptroller General, in official answers to eight questions propounded by the armed services—here's how new retirement law—"Army and Air Force Vitalization and Retirement Equalization Act of 1948"—will work:

To receive retirement pay from age 60 to time of death, the non-Regular must have (1) completed 20 years of satisfactory service; (2) been in a civilian component the last eight of the satisfactory years, with or without extended active duty; (3) be a member of a civilian component at time of application for retired pay at age 60, even though 20 satisfactory years may have been completed at an earlier age.

A satisfactory year, counting years backward from June 29, 1948, is a year of membership in practically any reserve component except the inactive National Guard, National Guard in a non-federally recognized status, inactive Army or Air Reserve or honorary retired list of Naval or Marine Reserve.

Those in the reserves before Aug. 15, 1945, must have served on active duty in either of the two World Wars.

A satisfactory year, counting forward from June 29, 1948, or from the individual's entry into a civilian component, is a year in which at least 50 points, Vet-Letter, May 22, June 12, are earned.

A break between satisfactory years is permitted.

Points to determine satisfactory years from June 29 are computed as follows: (1) each day of active Federal service, including training duty and summer camp—one point; (2) each drill or period of equivalent instruction—one point; (3) membership in a reserve component—15 points for each year of service, prorated for parts of a year of membership.

A regulation soon to be issued will define what is equivalent service, will generally convert hourly credits given under existing policies into points on basis of two hours equaling one point.

Once qualified and retired, a reservist's pay will be figured on following basis:

First, total of points will be determined.

Each day of active service before or after June 29, 1948, is worth a point—up to 360 points a year.

Each satisfactory year of reserve membership before June 29, 1948, is worth 50 points, prorated for parts of years.

Drills and reserve component membership after June 29, 1948, are worth the points given when satisfactory year's service is determined, but not more than 60 points may be credited for pay purposes for any one year.

Second, above total of points will be divided by 360 to determine number of years for which payment will be made, with fractions to be carried to nearest 1/100th of a year.

For example—a man credited with 2205 points, would have 6.125 years, rounded off to 6.13 years of pay entitlement.

Third—2½% of active duty base and longevity pay of highest grade satisfactory held will be paid for each year.

In example cited—15.325% of pay would be drawn from age 60 to death.

For a master sergeant who under present pay laws receives active duty pay of \$214.50 a month after 18 years, but less than 21 years service—retired pay would be \$32.87.

Those qualified before June 29 will be paid from that date—if their applications are received and approved within a "reasonable" time after January 1, 1949.

Those who qualify after Jan. 1, 1949, will be paid from first day of first month after applications are approved.

On this basis applications should be filed two or three months before applicants reach age 60.

Meanwhile eligibles may now obtain Reserve Retirement, Form NME 108, should execute applications in duplicate, following instructions printed on reverse side. No statement of service is required, that will be verified from service records in the appropriate departments.

Requests for such forms should be made, for the Army, to Adjutant General, Department of Army, for Air Force, to Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force; for Navy, to Chief of Naval Personnel, Navy Department; for Marine Corps, to Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps; for Coast Guard, to Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, all Washington 25, D. C.

# Administration Within

At the regular November meeting of the National Executive Committee, Ben Hilliard, Jr., of Colorado, reported for the National Commission on Internal Affairs and presented a detailed study and a classification of work performed by the employes of the national organization. Purely administrative, the report called for the establishment of fixed plans and policies for the purpose of establishing better order and morale among employes and to encourage the hiring of the best available personnel.

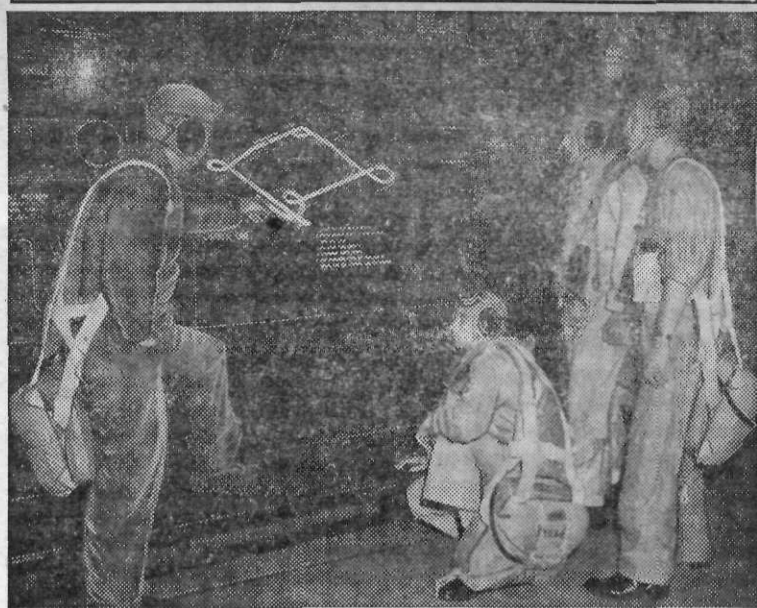
The adoption of the report, together with the recommendations submitted through resolutions, permits the national adjutant better control over the employes of the Legion.

In addition to adoption of personnel practices and policies, the commission also, from its several branches, proposed and there were adopted resolutions calling for a pocket-size laminated calendar carrying a brief but effective story of the work of the American Legion, this to be used as a membership stimulant; a Gen. John J. Pershing honor award to be given for intensive early membership results based on Dec. 31 returns; establishment of firing squad contests at the national convention and certain internal resolutions dealing with foreign departments.

Past National Commander Milo J. Warner, of Ohio, again reported for the national headquarters sub-committee which is concerned with expansion of facilities both in Indianapolis and at Washington. The foundations for a new building on Pennsylvania Avenue in Indianapolis are laid and completion of the building is expected in January, 1950; it will permit the transfer of some Legion functions. There will be a larger executive committee meeting room available in the new building which is considerably larger than the present headquarters. This structure is a portion of the plan for expansion of the Memorial Plaza in Indiana's capital city.

In Washington where 80 employes are housed in a cramped space, the Legion, according to Warner's report, set aside in 1945 provision for a new building to replace the property on Northwest K Street. There was also purchased a ground facing the National Capitol where a monumental type of building was to be erected. At the suggestion of the Miami convention and of the Executive Committee, there was approved a resolution directing a reappraisal of building sites and, if a sale is affected, the proceeds are to be placed with a special

# Pre-Flight Briefing for Embryo Pilots



Standard instrument pattern is carefully explained to Naval Aviation Cadets by their instructor in a pre-flight briefing at Pensacola, Florida. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty. (Official Navy Photograph)

restricted building fund, already amounting to \$718,000, the total to be used eventually for a Washington headquarters building.

Bill of Rights Day is a good time to remember Robert Johnstone, American GI who was killed in the Pacific. He knew that the end of the war would leave us with a heap of people still toting around vicious hate notions that would have to be rooted out before the world could know peace. That's why young Johnstone instructed that his \$10,000 soldier insurance be used, after the war, to educate one former Japanese enemy in the USA. That boy has been chosen—he is Robert Nishiyama, former suicide pilot of the Japanese Air Force, who is right now getting a thorough training in democracy at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. When Nishiyama gets home to his folks, he'll have a lot to tell

them—about a country where people are respected, not according to race or religion or class in society, but just because they're people. Yup, Robert Johnstone, was one lad who knew the score!

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only comes when money's not a prob-  
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flocking to be interviewed. Our  
favorite is the young school marm  
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months, under the direction of  
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that I hear you muttering about  
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kinds of rackets from chemes to  
relieve GI's of hard earned cash,  
to vicious plots to stir up racial  
hatred and religious bigotry. Re-  
cently, we learned of one with a  
new "gimmick." A bunch of  
smooth operators who run a group  
of auto schools, advertised "free"  
driving lessons for veterans. A  
little investigation uncovered the  
facts. Sure, a vet could get the  
lessons—IF he had a certificate  
of eligibility from the Veterans  
Administration. In other words  
the instruction was free if the  
government paid for it. Just an-  
other reminder to be on the look-  
out for quacks who deal in deceit  
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Indicative of the huge amount  
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fact that during the year ending  
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stencils was cut at National head-  
quarters in Indianapolis, from  
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"Security for America—Peace for the World" is my New Year Wish for All, voiced by Mrs. Sam Craig, President, Carson-Wilson Unit No. 1.

You are asked to listen to the New Year's Day Program broadcast over NBC your radio station KVOO at 11:30 a.m. when the Auxiliary's special New Year's broadcast will give you "The Lady in the Harbor" and then from Portland, Ore., Mrs. Laura Poling Goode, our National Auxiliary President, will give you her New Year's message.

We pay our compliments and tribute to our own "Landy in White", Mrs. George Jackson, our Welfare Chairman, who so earnestly, diligently and efficiently saw to it that our needy veterans' families were furnished with good warm clothing, and the children made happy by receiving toys, also our thanks go to the ladies of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation for their kindness and work in assisting Mrs. Jackson by furnishing the clothing and toys for these needy children and their mothers. We do not mean there were only two or three of these families, but fifty. Bringing happiness and contentment for children to enjoy Christmas is one of the chief delights of Mrs. Jackson. Thanks, too, to the Legion for the Candies, fruits and nuts that were sent along with the clothing and toys.

Gifts were presented to our Gold Star Mothers which was such a little we could do to help them have a Merry Christmas, because at Christmastime we all know that there is a sadness very very deep because of the dear ones we miss.

Mr. R. E. Jehle is ill and is, in St. John's Hospital, we learned today he is feeling much better.

Our sympathetic expressions to Mrs. Paul Solomon, whose father recently passed away.

Our Ponca City Home School Fund is growing and if you have not already contributed your \$1 or more, to this great service to the children of our Veterans, do so at once. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis for a contribution of \$5 for this worthy project.

MEMBERSHIP is your responsibility, Mrs. C. O. Gittinger, our Membership Chairman, relates. Let me thank all of you too for making my job easier, but please don't forget there is a lot of work to be done towards obtaining new members, so let's go all out in

1949 for that bigger membership—invite your friends, it can mean so much to them. And now may I wish for all of you a most HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

If we have failed to thank anyone for the various jobs they've done—we want to be sure to do it before the closing of 1948. We will need all the help we can get during 1949.

Before the curtain rings down, says Mrs. Sam Craig, all the Auxiliary join me in thanking the Legion, Commander Belford and ALL of you have helped us make the start in 1948—may we all together look ahead to 1949.

NEXT MEETING DATE, January 4, Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock p.m., Legion Hut, 1120 E. Eighth Street. We welcome visitors and eligible prospective members.

## A UNIQUE MEMORIAL

The father of one of the heroic four chaplains, who gave their lifebelts and their lives to their buddies when the troopship Dorchester was torpedoed off Greenland on February 3, 1943, has just completed a unique memorial to his son and three chaplain comrades. The memorial, called the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, is a house of worship with a revolving, three-sided altar representing the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths. The dedicatory services, open to all religions, will be held on "Dorchester Sunday," February 6, in Philadelphia, Pa., where the Chapel stands.

Reverend Daniel A. Poling, the father of Chaplain Clark V. Poling, conceived the idea several years ago and was soon able to interest others in it. Building costs soared, shortages of material slowed construction, but Rev. Poling stuck to his guns and now, this remarkable testament to an unparalleled feat of heroism is finished.

Every vet will recall the great story of the four chaplains. It makes a splendid example for Americans to emulate. Still vivid in our minds is the picture told by the survivors, of the four men of God, two Protestant, one Jewish and one Catholic, with arms linked, kneeling in prayer on the aft deck of the Dorchester as she plunged beneath the frigid waters.

The saga of the four chaplains has been told and retold since that day; how the Dorchester, loaded with soldiers for the European theatre, was struck by torpedoes; how the ship shuddered and the sky blazed with light as the chaplains hurried on deck to comfort and encourage the fear-stricken men. How they assisted the confused, terrified lads into lifejackets and lifeboats. And finally, with the supply of lifebelts exhausted, how these four, as one man, stripped off their own belts and gave them away. Each, without a second's hesitation, sealed his own death warrant.

Many will also recall the state-lains, who said, "The extraordinary heroism and devotion of

these men of God has been an unwavering beacon. Their ex-ment of Chaplain General William R. Arnold, Chief of Chap-ample has inspired and strengthened men everywhere.

"Two of the Chaplains—Reverend Clark V. Poling and Geo. Fox were Protestant, Chaplain John P. Washington was Catholic. Chaplain Alexander D. Goode was Jewish. The churches of America can be proud that these men of different faiths died together."

The memory of these four has been honored in many ways. All were awarded the DSC posthumously. A postage stamp, bearing the inscription, "Interfaith in Action", was issued to commemorate their act. A \$200,000 swimming pool for the use of paraplegic vets at the Bronx Veterans Hospital in New York City was built as a memorial to them. And now, as a fitting climax, the splendid Chapel of the Four Chaplains has just been completed.

Soon, in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, vets of all faiths who fought together, will be able to worship in the same House of God together.

P. S.—(Veterans greatly admire and appreciate Reverend Daniel A. Poling. He is deserving of a suitable memorial, which he could enjoy during his life. His life is being spent in furthering world peace; in promoting American ideals and civil rights; in preaching interfaith good will; in assisting the disabled and handicapped; in advocating UMT for National Security).

## Legion to Distribute Model Plane Handbook

Indianapolis, Ind.—A handbook on model airplane building has been sent to the printer by The American Legion. It will be ready for distribution to the 17,159 posts of The American Legion, after January 20, 1949. Model plane building was made a permanent part of The American Legion's Americanism youth-training programs by action of its 30th national convention in Miami, Fla.

## 574th Legion Post Paper Is Launched

Columbus, Ohio.—Issue No. 1 of The Postscript, new monthly news organ of the Bexley Post 430 here, has made its debut as the 574th publication in The American Legion.

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## REVISE EDICT ON PARALYZED VETS

Revision of regulations governing eligibility of paralyzed veterans for Federal grants up to \$10,000 each for use in acquiring homes specially designed for wheel-chair living, was announced last week by the Veterans Administration.

The liberalized regulations eliminate the requirement that the veteran's bowel and bladder functions must be paralyzed in order to qualify. The original instruction issued by VA defining "paralysis of the legs and lower part of the body," as contained in Public Law 702 of the 80th Congress which provided the grants, included such a requirement.

The language of the new instruction defines such paralysis as "paralysis of both lower extremities produced by lesion of the spinal-cord resulting from disease or injury thereof, such as to preclude locomotion without

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the aid of braces, crutches, canes or a wheel chair, accompanied by paralysis of the lower trunk."

The VA said all applications previously disallowed under the original definition will be reviewed in the light of the new instruction, and that no veteran who has been returned down need re-apply.

It has been estimated that more than 2,000 veterans may qualify for grants under the law.

Deluged by more than a million letters during the 1948 Christmas season, Santa Claus, Ind., Post 242 of The American Legion is planning a large new home early in 1949 to provide working space in which St. Nick's Legionnaire helpers can set up a adequate reply department.

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