

THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The resolution below was adopted by Post # 321 in a regular meeting dated APRIL 21, 2026 but with Department action substituted for local revolving clause.

SIGNATURE POST COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT

George De Angelis

INSTRUCTIONS (Department By-Laws Article 1, section 5, b-c)

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion is an organization of veterans dedicated to service to community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has affirmed that it has an extensive network of post service officers and other volunteer service officers, the majority of whom have not been accredited by The Office of General Counsel (OGC) or The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the purpose of providing representation to veterans and their families applying for VA disability compensation; and

WHEREAS, Accredited service officers receive specific training which qualifies them to provide free of charge, expert assistance to veterans and their families applying for VA disability benefits ; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion's non-accredited post service officer is a volunteer position within an individual post and serves as a liaison for veterans and their families to assist accredited American Legion service officers; and

WHEREAS, non-accredited post service officers may provide local resource information, connect veterans and family members with post resources and other valuable information and guidance related to state services that may be eligible for veterans in their community; and

WHEREAS, those duties and responsibilities are addressed in more detail in The American Legion's Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the scope of duties and responsibilities carried out by non-accredited post service officers has expanded exponentially including but not limited to, directing veterans to accredited service officers for claims assistance, providing information and guidance regarding state and national cemeteries, identifying state and local nursing facilities, connecting veterans with local food banks, referring veterans to agencies serving senior citizens and numerous other support function; and

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WHEREAS, to prevent confusion surrounding the distinction between the roles and responsibilities of accredited service officers and those of volunteer post service officers; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Florida in Department Convention assembled in Orlando, Florida, June 11-14, 2026, That the volunteer, non-accredited position known as The American Legion Post Service Officer be redesignated for clarity of function as The American Legion Post Resource Office, recognizing that this title change does not confer accredited status, authority to provide representation or any duties reserved for accredited service officers; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the title Post Resource Officer be reflected in The American Legion's governing documents, officer guides, manuals, electronic media and publications at the next scheduled production and implemented in a reasonable and practical timeline without altering accreditation requirements, training or any other agreements.

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