

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 58: Official American Legion Caps

Origin: Emblem Committee

Submitted By: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, In past years, there have been numerous actions adopted setting forth the types of official American Legion caps; to-wit:

National Convention–Miami, Florida–October, 1934–Resolution No. 111 (Page 42)

National Executive Committee–Indianapolis, Indiana–May, 1937–Resolution, unnumbered (Page 78)

National Convention–New York, New York–September, 1937–Resolution, unnumbered (Page 72)

National Executive Committee–Indianapolis, Indiana–November, 1937–Resolution No. 15 (Page 47)

National Executive Committee–Indianapolis, Indiana–May, 1941–Resolutions No. 32 and 51 (Page 65)

National Executive Committee–Indianapolis, Indiana–November, 1941–Resolution No. 12 (Page 57)

National Executive Committee–Indianapolis, Indiana–May, 1943–Resolution No. 23 (Page 75)

National Convention–Omaha, Nebraska–September, 1943–Resolution No. 326 (Page 79)

National Convention–Miami, Florida–October, 1948–Resolution No. 143 (Page 44)

National Executive Committee–Indianapolis, Indiana–November, 1949–Resolution No. 66 (Pages 149-150)

National Executive Committee–Indianapolis, Indiana–November, 1955–I, J, and K; and

WHEREAS, In the interest of promoting efficiency, clarification and unification, it is deemed advisable to combine all such previous actions into one resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 30-May 1, 1964, That the following be and they are hereby declared to be the official American Legion caps for individual members, post officers, county officers, district officers, department officers and national officers:

1. **POST CAPS (members and officers)–All blue, piped in gold and lettered of gold, with optional basic lettering (Style 1 or Style 2), additional lettering, and restrictions as indicated below:**
 - a) **Style 1–Post numerals in front, with state name in full on left side beneath emblem. Example “20 Illinois.” Lettering on emblem side to be in straight line.**
 - b) **Style 2–Post numerals in front, with town name in full and state name abbreviated on left side beneath emblem. Emblem: “20 Minneapolis, Minn.” Lettering on emblem side to be in a straight line.**
 - c) **Where any additional lettering is desired, this must be on the right side of cap. This lettering is restricted to name of post, such as “John Jones”; or officer title, such as “Commander” or “Past Adjutant.” Where present or past officer cap insignia or badges are used in place of embroidered titles, these must be on right side of cap.**
 - d) **Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and/or decorations (authorized American Legion or military service) must be attached to the right side of cap. Fraternal or civil organization insignia cannot be used on American Legion caps.**
 - e) **Names or nicknames of individual members cannot be used on caps.**
 - f) **An individual member, placing order direct with Emblem Sales, in his own behalf, must give the serial number of his current year membership card.**
2. **COUNTY OFFICER CAP–All blue, piped in gold and lettered in white. Lettering to be as follows:**
 - a) **Basic lettering–Post numerals (optional) in front of cap, with county name in full and state name abbreviated on left side beneath emblem. Example: “Marion County, Ind.” or “20 Marion County, Ind.” Lettering on emblem side to be in a straight line.**
 - b) **Titles–Each county officer cap must have the title on right side of cap. If embroidered, it must have the word “County,” followed by title, such as “Commander.” This lettering to be in two lines, with**

word "County" on one line, and office proper on second line. Lettering to be in straight lines. If cap insignia is used, instead of embroidered lettering, it must be placed on right side of cap.

- c) County officer cap may be worn by all constitutional officers, or assistant officers of same grade, whether elected or appointed. Term "constitutional" requires that office involved must be provided for in department constitution of state involved.
- d) County officers may continue wearing county officer cap after retiring from office by:
 - 1.—If embroidered title is used, by having word "Past" embroidered above title. This would involve three lines of lettering on right side. Example: "Past" on one line, "County" on second line, and "Commander" on third line. All lettering to be in straight lines.
 - 2.—If cap insignia used, removing present officer cap insignia, and substituting past officer cap insignia on right side.
- e) Consecutive membership insignia, membership star, and/or decorations (authorized American Legion or military service) must be attached to right side of cap. Fraternal or civil organization insignia cannot be used on American Legion caps.
- f) All orders for county officer caps must be routed through department headquarters, for written approval of the department adjutant and transmittal by him to Emblem Sales for handling.

3. DISTRICT OFFICER CAP—Blue cap, with white crown, piped in gold and lettered in gold.

Lettering to be as follows:

- a) Basic lettering—Post numerals (optional) in front of cap, with district designation in full, and state name abbreviated on left side beneath emblem. Example: "23rd District, Ill." or "20 23rd District, Ill." Lettering on emblem side to be in a straight line.
- b) Titles—Each district officer cap must have the title on right side of cap. If embroidered, this would be (as an example) "Adjutant" in a straight line. If cap insignia is used, this must be placed on right side of cap.
- c) District officer cap may be worn by all constitutional officers, or assistant officers of same grade, whether elected or appointed. In addition, where no district organization is provided, the blue and white cap is authorized for the use of county officers, the blue and white cap to have lettering as authorized for county officers caps. Term "constitutional" requires that office involved must be provided for in department constitution of state involved.
- d) District officer cap (both regular district officer, and county officer where no district is provided) may be worn only during tenure of office. After retiring from office, individual must revert to wearing the all blue post member cap, but may attach to the right side of the post cap, the proper past officer cap insignia. If preferred, the past officer title may be embroidered to right side of the all blue post member cap.
- e) Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and/or decorations (authorized American Legion or military service) must be attached to the right side of cap. Fraternal or civil organization insignia cannot be used on American Legion caps.
- f) All orders for district officer caps must be routed through department headquarters, for written approval of the department adjutant and transmittal by him to Emblem Sales for handling.

4. DEPARTMENT OFFICER CAP—All white cap, piped in gold and lettered in gold. Lettering to be as follows:

- a) Basic lettering—Post numerals (optional) in front of cap, with state designation in full on left side beneath emblem. Example: "Kentucky" or "20 Kentucky." Lettering on emblem side to be in a straight line. Town names not permitted on department officer caps.
- b) Titles—each department officer cap must have the title on right side of cap. If embroidered, this would be (as an example) "Chaplain" or "Department Chaplain," as preferred, all lettering to be in straight line or lines. If cap insignia is used, this must be on right side of the cap.
- c) Department officer cap may be worn by all constitutional officers, or assistant officers of same grade, whether elected or appointed. Term "constitutional" requires that office involved must be provided for in department constitution of state involved.
- d) Department officer cap may be worn only during tenure of office. After retiring from office, individual must revert to wearing the all blue post member cap, but may attach to the right side of

the post cap, the proper past officer cap insignia. If preferred, the past officer title may be embroidered to right side of the all blue post member cap.

- e) Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and/or decorations (authorized American Legion or military service) must be attached to the right side of cap. Fraternal or civil organization insignia cannot be used on American Legion caps.
- f) All orders for department officer caps must be routed through department headquarters, for written approval of the department adjutant and transmittal by him to Emblem Sales for handling.

5. NATIONAL OFFICER CAP—All red cap, piped in gold and lettered in gold. Lettering to be as follows:

- a) Basic lettering—Post numerals (optional) on front of cap, with state designation in full on left side beneath emblem. Example: “California” or “20 California.” Town names are not permitted on National officer caps. Lettering on emblem side to be in straight line.
- b) Titles—Each National officer cap must have title on right side of cap. If embroidered this would be (as an example) “National” on one line, and office proper on second, or if necessary, a third line. All lettering to be in straight lines. If cap insignia is used, this must be on right side of cap.
- c) National officer cap may be worn by all constitutional officers (including Executive Committeemen and Alternate Executive Committeemen), or assistant officers of same grade, whether elected or appointed. Term “constitutional” requires that offices of National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman must be provided for in the department constitution of state involved; and all other offices must be provided for in the national constitution.
- d) National officer cap may be worn only during tenure of office, with one exception. The national commander, upon retiring, may continue to wear the all red cap, but must have the word “Past” embroidered above the title “National Commander” on the right side of cap. All other national officers, upon retiring from office, must revert to wearing the all blue post member cap, but may attach to the right side of the post cap, the proper past officer cap insignia. If preferred, the past officer title may be embroidered to right side of all blue post member cap.
- e) Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and/or decorations (authorized American Legion or military service) must be attached to the right side of cap. Fraternal or civil organization insignia cannot be used on American Legion caps.
- f) All orders for National Executive Committee and Alternate National Executive Committee caps must be routed through department headquarters, for written approval of the department adjutant and transmittal by him to Emblem Sales for handling. Orders for all other national officer caps must be approved by the national adjutant, before handling by Emblem Sales.

6. RESTRICTIONS

- a) The left side (emblem side) of any American Legion cap cannot contain other than the official American Legion emblem, and lettering as set forth previously in this resolution for post, county, district, department or national caps.
- b) No member of any organization, such as drum and bugle corps, bands, and so forth, sponsored by any post or intermediate organizations between the department and post levels, or by any department, shall wear the overseas cap having the color, or combination of colors, authorized for the sole use of county, district, department or national officers, when the members of uniformed groups are not appearing in the full uniform of their group; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That those actions and resolutions heretofore adopted by the National Executive Committee or National Conventions of The American Legion, referred to in the first whereas clause of this resolution which relate to official American Legion caps be and they are hereby rescinded.