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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
106<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
JULY 16-20, 2025 – GREEN BAY, WI**

**Resolution:**                    **3.2025**

**Subject:**                    **Recognition of Mark and John Finnegan of Vets Roll**

**Submitted by:**            **District 1, Boviall-Schauff-Madison Post 95, Delavan**

**Referred to Convention Committee on VA&R**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the brothers Mark and John Finnegan recognized the need to provide closure for veterans who fought in wars or in positions providing support for those in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, Mark and John realized the great need to show our veterans public gratitude for being willing to give their life for the preservation of our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Mark and John Finnegan realized the lack of respect many of our veterans were given upon returning home from deployment; and

WHEREAS, Mark and John Finnegan created Vets Roll with the mission to thank and pay tribute to our war heroes by transporting them to Washington, D.C. over four days of honor and remembrance while touring the major Memorials; and

WHEREAS, Mark and John Finnegan have set up a network of donors so that Vets Roll is able to transport honored guests at no cost to the participating veteran and to ensure the program continues year after year; and

WHEREAS, knowing the urgency of continuing this project as WWII veterans and "Rosie-the-Riveters" are passing away at the alarming rate of 900-1000 per day, Mark and John Finnegan have opened up the program to include Korea and Vietnam veterans; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the trip the veterans are given a welcome home celebration with flags and gratitude expressed by their loved ones giving them that heart felt WELCOME HOME! they have long deserved; and

WHEREAS, Vets Roll is a 100% volunteer, grass roots organization dedicated to honoring our WWII veterans and stateside support "Rosie-the-Riveters," Korea era, and Vietnam era veterans; now, therefore be it,

**RESOLVED that The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, in Convention assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin, July 16-20, 2025 hereby gives special thanks and recognition to Mark and John Finnegan, and the Finnegan Family, for their dedication in providing CLOSURE \* GRATITUDE \* RESPECT to America's veterans for the incredible sacrifices made in the name of freedom; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED that The American Legion Department of Wisconsin encourages all who are eligible to participate in a Vets Roll experience!**

**For Convention Committee Use**

**This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, July 2025.**

**Signature**

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**Chairman or Secretary**

**Of Convention Committee on**

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**Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_**

**Approved as amended \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Refer to standing committee on**

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**Other action**