

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN 107th
ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 16 - 19, 2026 – APPLETON, WI**

Resolution: 5.2026

Subject: Department Historian's Responsibility

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Committee

Referred to the Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the future can only be judged by the past we must be mindful of how recorded experience help guide the footsteps of those who follow; and

WHEREAS, The Department Historian is responsible for preserving and compiling the records of this Department and encouraging Historians at all levels of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin to record the history of their programs; and

WHEREAS, without the recorded history of policies and accomplishments there will be a void for the ones who come after we are gone; and

WHEREAS, the National American Legion encourages competition when compiling historical records with the first level of judging being done at the Department level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin assembled in Appleton, Wisconsin, July 16-19, 2026, that Article II, Section 8 of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Bylaws which currently reads:

“The Department Historian shall be responsible for the compiling of a complete historical record of the Department. The Department Historian shall have authority to request from the officers or Committee Chairs of the Department, District, and Posts therein information necessary for the performance of their duties. The Department Historian shall also assist in judging the history books of Posts, Counties and Districts as requested. “

Shall be amended to read:

“The Department Historian shall be responsible for the compiling of a complete historical record of the Department. The Department Historian shall have authority to request from the officers or Committee Chairs of the Department, District, and Posts therein information necessary for the performance of their duties. The Department Historian should encourage all Historians to compile historical records of their post and programs. The Department Historian will also be responsible for the judging of the history books/submissions of Posts, Counties and Districts with the assistance of the Wisconsin Historian Association (WHA) as requested.”

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the department Convention held in Appleton, WI, July 2026.

Chair or Secretary signature

Of Convention Committee on

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Refer to standing committee on

Other action
