

Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A.



Internal Operations

Section 3

Conventions and Awards

OBJECTIVES

- It is the Objective of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A., National Department
 - To inform our veterans of the important functions at the National Convention.
 - To award individual members for exceptional service.
 - To award Post for exceptional service.

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NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Convention Intervals

In the Polish Legion of American Veterans, National Conventions are held every two years and on the even years of the calendar. The two most important functions that transpire at these conventions are:

- **Setting of policies** for the organization for the next two years
- **Election** of National Officers to carry out these policies.

Constitution and By-laws Changes

The National Convention is the supreme body of this organization and upon proper procedure as outlined in our Constitution and By-laws; this is the only time our Constitution & By-laws can be changed by additions, corrections, or deletions.

National Executive Committee (NEC)

Immediately after the Convention, the new National Commander can now make all his appointments and this slate of elected and appointed National Officers is known as the National Executive Committee. (NEC) The NEC is an extension of the National Convention and they have the responsibility of carrying out the mandates of the convention plus all other organizational business.

Delegates Obligations

It is important to remember that once the delegates at any convention approve any organizational policy, the NEC is obligated to follow this mandate for the next two years. Therefore, a word of caution is in order, be very cognizant of any actions you the delegate approve of at any conventions.

National Convention Corporation (NCC)

The total workings of a convention take a tremendous amount of work and to list these functions individually in this manual would not be feasible. Basically the National Convention Corporation (NCC) along with the Hosting State Department arranges most of the details of a National Convention.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

(Pins & Certificates)

SPECIAL

Awarded for signing up 3 or 4 new members. This award can only be issued once to an individual member in his/her lifetime

BRONZE

Awarded for signing up 5 to 9 new members. This award issued on a yearly basis i.e., a member can receive one award every PLAV membership fiscal year if he signs up the required 5 to 9 members.

SILVER

Awarded for signing up 10 to 19 new members. This award is issued on a yearly basis i.e.; a member can receive one award every PLAV membership fiscal year if he signs up the required 10 to 19 members.

GOLD

Awarded for signing up 20 or more new members. This award is issued on a yearly basis' i.e.; a member can receive award every PLAV membership fiscal year if he signs up the required 20 or more members.

POST OR STATE DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE AWARD

- A blue certificate suitably engraved will be awarded each Post increasing its membership over 5% each year.
- A gold certificate suitably engrave and mounted will be awarded each State Department increasing its membership over 5% each year.

The following is a list of awards available through the National Department:

- Membership Sponsor Award
- Certificate of Recognition
- Membership Quota Award
- Continuous Member Certificate

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Membership Sponsor Award

This Is To Certify That

Has sponsored _____ new members in the 19____ Membership contest.
Awarded with our Congratulations and Sincere Appreciation on this the
_____ day of _____, 19____.

ATTESTED:

National Commander

National Finance Director

National 1st Vice Commander

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Membership Quota Award

This is To Certify That

Has achieved its Membership Quota as set by the Membership Committee of the National Department of the P.L.A.V. in the _____ Membership Contest. Awarded with our Congratulations and Sincere Appreciation on this the _____ day of _____

ATTESTED:

National Commander

National 1st Vice Commander

National Membership Director

Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A.



Certificate of Recognition

For the meritorious achievements rendered in portraying the American way of life benefiting the ex-serviceman, the Community, the State and Nation we present this

Certificate of Recognition to

Please accept true congratulations and appreciation of the Membership with brotherly Best Wishes in your furtherance of Patriotic Service.

Given this

day of

19

City of

State of

National Commander

National Adjutant