

**RESOLUTION**  
**National Headquarters, The American Legion**  
**Ninety-Seventh Annual National Convention, Baltimore, Maryland**  
**September 1, 2, 3, 2015**

RESOLUTION NO. 15

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL NAMES TO BE ADDED TO THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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WHEREAS: Public Law 96-297, (94 Stat. 824), authorized the Vietnam Memorial Fund to construct a memorial to honor and recognize armed forces in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS: The memorial fund relied on the Department of Defense to compile the list of names and the criteria for those persons to be memorialized; and

WHEREAS: As of February, 1981, the Department of Defense established four distinct criteria for names to be included on the memorial; and

WHEREAS: The Secretary of Defense shall (as defined in Section 101 (2), of Title 38 United States Code), name veterans who died as a direct or indirect result of military operations in Southeast Asia and whose names are eligible for inclusion on the memorial. Congressman Adam B. Schiff presented evidence and petitions in an audience with the Secretary of the Navy, Mabus. The evidence submitted of the tragic accident that destroyed the Frank E. Evans and killed 74 of her Sailors on June 3, 1969. The evidence included actual position, just outside of combat zone, course and reason for being there; Secretary Mabus whole heartedly agreed. He is currently petitioning the Secretary of Defense; and

WHEREAS. Just recently the United States House of Representatives pass H.R.4435 Department of Defense Bill with a amendments, unanimously urging Department of Defense to add the names of 74 sailors lost on the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans during the Vietnam War to the Vietnam Memorial "Wall."; and

WHEREAS. The criteria for the Vietnam Service Medal and the criteria for the inclusion of the names on "The Wall" are the same. The Frank E Evans was awarded The Vietnam Service Medal for the collision date, along with the ships that came to her rescue. The ships that came to the Evans aide were USS Everett F Larson DD830, USS Kearsarge CVS 33, USS Walke DD723, USS James E Kyes DD787, plus tug Tawasa ATF 92, The tug was sent to pull the remaining after half of the ship to Subic Bay. The ships, the men on the ships, and the sailors killed on the Evans received the medal because of where they were and why; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Baltimore, Maryland, September 1, 2, 3, 2015, That The American Legion supports the concept of recognizing the sacrifice the 74 sailors of USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) did for their country when they died in service to their country on 3 June 1969; and in concept the addition of these 74 sailors' names to be included on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, D.C. Passage of this resolution in no way commits any liability or costs to The American Legion.**

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This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by our Department but with National action substituted for local resolving clause.

Adjutant Angel Juarez

Department ARIZONA

Other authorized source:

(To be used when resolution is submitted from another authorized source or to comply with Resolution 21, May 4-5, 1960)

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