

"Therefore be it Resolved..."

January; the start of another year! Did you know that the second Friday following January 1st of each year is called "**Quitters Friday**"? It has been determined that this is the time that a majority of people give up and quit on the "**New Year's Resolutions**" they had made.

We must remember that the word "**Resolved**" is powerful. It is more than just another word for "decided". In fact the word resolved works as a bridge between a "wish" and a "reality". It transforms an idea into a Goal! When a person is "**Resolved**" all debate ends and the pursuit of the goal begins.

One way this can be illustrated is to remember Japanese Admiral Yamamoto who after the success of the attacks on Pearl Harbor Hawaii on December 7, 1941 was quoted as saying... "**I feel all we have done is awaken a sleeping Giant and filled him with a terrible RESOLVE**" His prediction as we know of course, came true!

We, the members of the Sons of The American Legion, need to make and keep our own New Year's Resolutions for the good of the American Legion Family!

In regards to our membership, our January 6th membership report showed that we were approximately 3,000 members ahead of that same time the year before! This is great news but we still have about 35% to go to reach our 100% goal. **We need to Seek to Resolve rather than retreat!**

According to Webster's Dictionary, the definition of **RESOLUTE** is to be **purposeful, determined, and unwavering!**

We've almost reached the halfway point in our yearlong journey, but the finish line is still in sight. Take a moment to celebrate this progress! "It always seems impossible until it's done." Every member, every event, every hour volunteered, builds the momentum we need.

New and renewed membership reflects commitment. "**Commitment builds trust. Trust builds family.**"

There is no shortage of opportunity in the Sons of the American legion, only a shortage of **Resolve** to do what our opportunities and our missions require

One of our greatest missions is passing on knowledge—of flag respect, American history, and citizenship. With America's 250th birthday approaching, educational outreach is more important than ever. SAL members can play a vital role in teaching young Americans. Educational programs, flag etiquette workshops, and patriotic events teach respect and pride in our country's symbols and heritage. These are ways to engage members and attract new recruits who seek purpose and community.

These outreach efforts extend beyond our membership—schools, civic organizations, and local governments benefit from SAL participation. Being visible in our communities builds public respect and membership growth.

US Statesman Benjamin Franklin once said... ***"Energy and Persistence conquer all things."*** Every new or renewed member helps us continue our legacy of helping veterans, children, and our communities!

Every year, many members return because they believe in SAL's mission and value the camaraderie and service it offers. Recognize those renewing their membership to reinforce the value of their dedication. Their loyalty should be applauded and appreciated.

"Always bear in mind that your own Resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing." - President Abraham Lincoln

Resolutions don't change your life; your actions do. We don't need a plan; just consistent effort to continue working towards our membership and mission goals!

Therefore be it Finally Resolved...

For **GOD** and Country.

Butch Ray, Chairman
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"I'm the ONE, You're the ONE, BE the ONE!"