

**ONE-HUNDREDTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
August 28, 29, 30, 2018**

**Resolution No. 107: Support For The United States WWI Centennial Commission Bells Of  
Peace Program**

**Origin: Convention Committee on Internal Affairs**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Internal Affairs**

WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion, wherein the mission and guiding principles of The American Legion are articulated, states, in part, “to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars”; and

WHEREAS, The combat experiences of the founders of The American Legion during World War One shaped their attitudes, values and sensibilities and were paramount in their aspirations regarding what The American Legion should be and what it might become; and

WHEREAS, The United States World War One Centennial Commission is responsible for planning, developing, and executing programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War One; encouraging private organizations and state and local governments to organize activities commemorating the centennial of World War One; facilitating and coordinating activities throughout the United States relating to the centennial of World War One; serving as a clearinghouse for information about events and plans for the centennial of World War One, and developing recommendations for Congress and the president for commemorating the centennial of World War One; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a Commemorative Sponsor of the World War One Centennial Commission, and appoints one member of the commission; and

WHEREAS, The United States World War One Centennial Commission has called on all Americans everywhere to toll bells on November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. local time in commemoration of the service and sacrifice of America’s World War One veterans; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the American Legion has previously expressed its support for the work of the World War One Centennial Commission in Resolution No. 15 of the National Executive Committee of October, 2010; Resolution No. 13 of the National Executive Committee of October, 2015; Resolution No. 4 of the National Executive Committee of May 2017; and Resolution No. 3 of the National Executive Committee of October, 2017; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 28, 29, 30, 2018, That The American Legion calls upon all departments and posts to encourage their communities, towns, cities, schools, cemeteries, and houses of worship to toll bells twenty-one times on November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. local time to commemorate the service and sacrifice of America’s veterans.**