

At the Genesee Valley 50th Anniversary Dinner this past Sunday, there was a question from the floor asking about MOAA's position regarding a constitutional amendment that would enable the United States Congress, in concert with the President, to enact laws to prohibit desecration of the Flag of the United States.

Attached you will find a Resolution passed by the voting members of MOAA at the last Annual Meeting in Arlington VA in November.

The bottom line is MOAA supports sending the proposed amendment to the states for consideration and votes by their citizens - they DO NOT take a position advocating ratification

However, MOAA does advocate " efforts to ***inculcating and stimulating respect and love for*** the Constitution and ***the Flag*** of the United States, and to ***promoting wider understanding of their symbolic and inspirational*** aspects and of the gallantry and sacrifice of generations of members of the uniformed services of the United States who have upheld the principles for which these symbols stand " as is stated in the Resolution

This Resolution and the 12 others which have formed the basis of MOAA's advocacy agenda for the past several years can be found on the MOAA web site if you click the "About MOAA" tab on the menu page, then click "Mission and History" - there you will find an embedded link to the "resolutions" in the "Purpose" paragraph.

Field level leaders of MOAA should consider becoming generally familiar with these "positions" and Resolutions

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The Constitution and the Flag

Whereas , the Constitution of the United States is the foundation of the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans and the document that all officers have solemnly sworn to uphold, *and*

Whereas , the Constitution establishes the principles that have provided for the defense of the Nation, and under which the Nation has enjoyed a peaceful and democratic succession of leadership for more than two centuries-a success unmatched in the history of the world, *and*

Whereas , the Flag of the United States is the symbol of our great Nation, whose very colors represent the bloodshed by the first defenders of our country to ensure continued freedom for their descendants, *and*

Whereas , subsequent generations of members of the uniformed services of the United States have continued to draw inspiration from the Flag in performing selfless acts of valor and sacrifice to carry on that heroic legacy, *and*

Whereas , for years it was against Federal law to desecrate the Flag, *and*

Whereas , the United States Supreme Court overturned that long-standing Federal law, *and*

Whereas , Congress has under consideration a proposed Constitutional Amendment that would enable the United States Congress, in concert with the President, to enact laws to prohibit desecration of the Flag of the United States, *and*

Whereas , such an amendment would require ratification by three-fourths of the States,

therefore be it

Resolved , that the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) direct its efforts to inculcating and stimulating respect and love for the Constitution and the Flag of the United States, and to promoting wider understanding of their symbolic and inspirational aspects and of the gallantry and sacrifice of generations of members of the uniformed services of the United States who have upheld the principles for which these symbols stand,

and be it further

Resolved , that MOAA support congressional action to pass the proposed amendment so that the issue may be referred to the fifty States where the people may exercise their will,

and be it further

Resolved , that MOAA support encouraging veterans to salute the U.S. Flag as a visible expression of their veteran status.

Resolution approved at MOAA Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA, November 2010