

# CALL FOR UTAH STATE CAUCUS OF AMERICAN LEGION

Meeting of Members of National Soldiers' Organization to be Held in Salt Lake on June 4 and 5.

On March 15 of this year, a caucus of nearly 1000 officers and men who represented all the combat divisions and all sections of the S. O. S., was convened in Paris under the direction of the temporary committee of the American Legion which had been formed in France.

On May 8, 9, and 10 a caucus of more than 1500 officers and men, representing each state in the United States, was convened in St. Louis, and there performed the same functions as the Paris caucus for the men who were retained in, and had returned to America.

As a result of this caucus in St. Louis a plan of organization was adopted which provides for the establishment of state organizations, and retains in office the temporary state officers and executive committee. By virtue of the authority thus invested this call is issued.

All persons who were in the military or naval service of the United States during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, and all persons who served in the military or naval service of any of the governments associated with the United States during the world war, provided that they were citizens at the time of their enlistment, except those persons separated from the service under terms amounting to dishonorable discharge, and except also those persons who refused to perform their military duties on the ground of conscientious or political objection, are urged to attend the state caucus to be held in Salt Lake City, June 4 and 5, in the Tabernacle, beginning at 2:30 on the afternoon of the 4th. It is suggested by the executive committee, in order to provide for representation for every county in the state, that voting be by counties and that each county shall have three votes for every one hundred men who entered the service from that county. Every man eligible for membership in the American Legion shall have a voice in the caucus.

The duties of the caucus will be to hear the action taken by the St. Louis caucus and determine our course thereunder; to appoint temporary state officers and an executive committee, to act until the state convention of the American Legion, which will be held in October, and which said committee shall have authority to incorporate the American Legion in the state of Utah and issue charters to posts having fifteen or more applicants; to provide for a convention to be held in October, whereby all officers and enlisted men eligible to membership in the Legion will participate in the election of representatives to a National Convention to be convened on November 11 at Minneapolis; to hear and determine matters presented by the Utah Soldier Settlement commission; to pass upon other important questions effecting Americanism; and to perform such other duties as may properly come before it.

By order of the Executive Committee for Utah.

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The constitution of the American Legion was adopted at the caucus held at St. Louis. The preamble declares that: For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

While requiring that every member of the organization perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding, the organization shall be absolutely non-partisan and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

The state organization shall consist of that organization in each state, territory or the District of Columbia whose delegates have been seated in the St. Louis caucus.