our cities, counties, and States and of the United States regardless of 
the peril or hazard to themselves, and May 14th is hereby designated 
as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State, and 
municipal peace officers who have been killed or disabled in line of duty. Through their enforcement of our laws our country has internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations.

To this end the President is authorized and requested to issue a procla-

mation inviting the people of the United States to observe such pe-

riod, with appropriate ceremonies and activities, as a tribute to the 
men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to 
protect us through enforcement of our laws, and to honor those who 
have lost their lives in service to the community.


Public Law 87-56

AN ACT

To change the name of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United 
States of America, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the 
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the corpora-
tion known as the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United 
States of America, Incorporated, which was incorporated by the Act 
entitled “An Act to incorporate the Army and Navy Legion of Valor 
486), shall be known and designated hereafter as the Legion of Valor 
of the United States of America, Incorporated, and any reference to 
such corporation under the name of the Army and Navy Legion of 
Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated, shall be held 
to refer to such corporation under and by the name of the Legion of 
Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated.

Sec. 2. That sections 3(b) and 6(a) of the Act of August 4, 1955 
(69 Stat. 486) are amended by inserting after the words “Dis-
tinguished Service Cross,” the phrase “Air Force Cross”.