

*Three:* To educate others by your example and deed, giving credence to your word.

*Four:* To commit yourself to be involved if it becomes necessary. Several years ago, a New York woman was stabbed nineteen times while her neighbors closed their windows to her screams for help, because they didn't want to get involved. No one wants you to be a vigilante, no one drafts you to become an officer of the law — but you can and must report violations. You cannot abdicate or limit your civic responsibility to uphold the laws of our land.

*Five:* To develop police-community relations programs in your community if they do not exist. To offer the support and participation of your organization if they do. Under the sponsorship of the American Legion, "Law Enforcement Career Days" could be developed to interest high school students; excursions to visit local police headquarters could be planned for elementary school children; lectures on police problems and the citizens' role in crime prevention could be offered by your post.

*Six:* To take the initiative in eliminating the environmental causes of crime in your community — slums, lack of recreational or employment opportunities. An energetic Legion Post could sponsor "teen canteens," big brother programs, neighborhood reclamation projects. A courageous Legion Post could volunteer to work with local Prisoners' Aid Societies, to assist the parolee in finding employment or housing, to offer the friendship and guidance so necessary to encourage responsible citizenship.

*Seven:* To demonstrate your confidence in your local law enforcement agency and your desire to underwrite continuous progress in professionalism by offering scholarships or stipends to local college students majoring in Police Science.

*Eight:* To encourage local officials to establish a Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice which can study local problems in depth and provide immediate, community-oriented solutions.

These are but guidelines to the citizen-soldier. No one can draft him or command him, for he is a free man limited only by the laws of the land and the logic of his principles. This is good and right. This is the triumph and the challenge of Democracy, the test of its citizens. Government cannot be stronger than its people. It cannot be more committed to a cause than its citizens.