

RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968 3667

The legislature adjourned on March 28 and will not convene again in regular session until next year. Under these circumstances, it was not possible to fully consider your proposal before the legislature adjourned.

Sincerely yours,

C. STANLEY BLAIR,
Secretary of State.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
State House, Boston, May 1, 1967.

A. LEO ANDERSON,
*National Commander, AMVETS,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR COMMANDER: On April 3rd, my Legislative Secretary, Mr. Hays, wrote you with reference to your inquiring regarding possible donation of state land to the Federal government for the establishment of national cemeteries. I believe that Mr. Hays advised you that I had asked him to take the matter up with the Commissioner of Veterans' Services.

I have learned from the Commissioner, as well as other departments, that we are presently making an inventory of state facilities and state owned land. Until that is completed and we are able to pinpoint any land that would be available for cemetery purposes, I would not be able to take any definite action with respect to your suggestion. When we have completed the inventory we will advise you as to what Massachusetts will be able to do.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. VOLPE, *Governor.*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Boston, April 3, 1967.

A. LEO ANDERSON,
*National Commander, AMVETS,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR COMMANDER: This will acknowledge your recent letter to the Governor raising the question as to whether each state should donate land to the Federal government for the establishment of national cemeteries.

Your suggestion certainly merits careful consideration and for this reason the Governor has requested I forward your letter to our Commissioner of Veterans' Services for his information and recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM E. HAYS,
Legislative Secretary to the Governor.

APRIL 5, 1967.

Mr. WILLIAM E. HAYS,
*Legislative Secretary to the Governor,
Governor's Office,
State House,
Boston, Mass.*

DEAR MR. HAYS: This will acknowledge your letter of April 3rd, concerning a letter you received from A. Leo Anderson, National Commander of the AMVETS, with reference to the Governor raising the question as to whether each state should donate land to the Federal government for the establishment of national cemeteries.

For many years the veterans of Massachusetts have advocated and initiated action, with the primary thought in mind of establishing a national cemetery for our veterans.

National Commander Anderson's suggestion is an excellent one, and I am sure that if you were to request the agencies who might have land available, to advise you; and if such land can be set aside for a national cemetery, we can then further discuss legislation to make this possible.

Sincerely,

CHARLES N. COLLATOS, *Commissioner.*