

3668 RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
St. Paul, April 14, 1967.

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

DEAR MR. ANDERSON: Thank you for your letter of March 23 regarding burial sites for veterans.

I have investigated the facilities here and am informed by Mr. Al G. Loehr, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, that the total acreage of Fort Snelling National Cemetery since dedication in July of 1939 is 470 and to date only 105 of these acres are under development, and there is considerable space left in the developed portion. At the present rates of projection, the 365 undeveloped acres which remain will be more than adequate for some time. It would appear that the need is not apparent for other action at this time.

I appreciate your interest and concern.

Sincerely,

HAROLD LEVANDER, *Governor.*

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Jackson, April 3, 1968.

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

DEAR MR. ANDERSON: Although the need for additional land for National Cemetery use is recognized by me as a critical area, I will not be able to present such a matter to the Mississippi Legislature this year.

Our Legislature will not have a regular session during 1967, but it is conceivable that the 1968 session may consider such land acquisition favorably. You are aware, of course, that Mississippi contains National Cemeteries now.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL B. JOHNSON, *Governor.*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, *Jefferson City, Mo., March 23, 1967.*

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

DEAR COMMANDER ANDERSON: This is to acknowledge your letter of March 20th relative to the depletion of available burial sites in the National Cemeteries throughout the Nation.

I certainly appreciate having your advice in this matter; however, I wish that I had heard from you sooner as we have already passed the cut-off date for introduction of bills in the Missouri General Assembly.

Knowing you will understand and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

WARREN E. HEARNES.

STATE OF NEBRASKA,
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
May 16, 1967.

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

DEAR COMMANDER ANDERSON: Your letter dated 24 March 1967 addressed to Governor Tiemann was forwarded to this office for reply. We are sorry for the long delay and want to explain that it has taken this long to receive the information we requested from Fort McPherson National Cemetery at Maxwell, Nebraska.

I want to assure you that I agree with the AMVETS and other veterans organizations that the new burial policy of the Department of Defense is arbitrary and discriminatory. However, I feel this fight belongs in the hands of the veterans organizations and urge you to continue as you have been doing.