

RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968 3669

Nebraska is fortunate in having a national cemetery. As of this date there are 5,650 graves at Fort McPherson with 7,010 available grave sites. The burial rate has averaged 75 per year for the past two years. We are also fortunate that the cemetery is located in the country near Maxwell, Nebraska along the Platte river, and that there is plenty of land available that can be purchased and donated to the Department of Defense for future cemetery use, when needed.

Trusting this is the information desired, I remain,

Very truly yours,

JAMES C. SMITH, *Director.*

THE STATE OF NEVADA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Carson City, Nev., April 5, 1967.

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

DEAR COMMANDER ANDERSON: I have your letter of March 28th which was concerned with the establishment in Nevada of a suitable tract of Nevada land for use as a National Cemetery.

Your suggestion has considerable merit. There are vast reaches of beautiful desert land here in Nevada which could very well be used for such a purpose.

However, I should point out to you that 86% of the Nevada land area is owned by the Federal government at this time. There has been considerable agitation here for the release of some of this land to the state for local uses.

I will be very happy to cooperate with you on this project in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

PAUL LAXALT,
Governor of Nevada.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
Concord, March 27, 1967.

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

DEAR COMMANDER ANDERSON: Thank you for your letter of March 23rd. For your information, in 1966 the New Hampshire Governor and Council offered to the Secretary of the Army an eighty acre tract of state-owned land in New Hampshire for use as a cemetery for veterans throughout the New England area. The Secretary of the Army did not accept the offer stating that no cemetery expansion were being contemplated at this time.

In the meanwhile, Congressman Louis C. Wyman and James C. Cleveland, both of New Hampshire, have introduced legislation calling for the location of a cemetery in the State of New Hampshire to serve New England.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. KING.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Albany, June 27, 1967.

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

DEAR COMMANDER ANDERSON: Thank you for your recent letter concerning the availability of space in our national cemeteries.

I have, over the years, manifested my deep concern for the welfare of veterans and servicemen by supporting new benefits programs and continuing and expanding existing programs making available educational opportunities, real property and income tax exemptions, civil service preferences, annuities for blind veterans, vocational and rehabilitation services for veterans, and care and burial of veterans and members of their families.

With respect to the specific points raised in your letter concerning national cemeteries, there are presently three national cemeteries located in New York State, only one of which, Cypress Hills in Brooklyn, has been depleted. I am advised by the State Division of Veterans' Affairs that the others, Woodlawn