

RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968 3671

You might like to know that Oregon is the site of the 201 acre Williamette National Cemetery of which 54.1 acres have been developed. There had been 18,179 burials by the first day of April. The potential is in excess of 200,000 additional grave sites.

Sincerely,

TOM MCCALL, *Governor.*

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS,
ANNVILLE, PA., April 5, 1967.

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

DEAR COMMANDER ANDERSON: Governor Shafer has asked me to reply to your letter addressed to him on March 17, 1967.

As you well know, Governor Shafer is aware of the difficulties that veterans are experiencing in Pennsylvania in obtaining appropriate places for burial. In addition to being sympathetic to those veterans, he is most anxious to help in any program that would lead to a prompt solution.

For your possible consideration, there is a substantial tract of land, in excess of 6,800 acres, now owned by the Federal Government, which has not been used for some years and my best information is that there is no planned use for any of this ground by the Federal Government. It is just south of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. I know of no use planned for this ground by any of the local communities. It is largely unimproved and without any permanent structures as the land was acquired for ammunition storage during World War II.

This area is centrally located in Pennsylvania, is served by a good road net and might be suited for use by the Federal Government as a national cemetery. At least you and others who may be interested may think this suggestion has sufficient merit to warrant some study by the appropriate authorities.

In the meantime, you may be sure that the Governor, and more particularly this office, will continue to have this problem in mind and investigate the availability of other possible sites within the Commonwealth.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS R. WHITE, Jr.,
Major General, AGC, PARNG,
The Adjutant General.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Providence, April 7, 1967.

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

DEAR MR. ANDERSON: Thank you for your letter regarding the acquisition of a suitable tract of land to be set aside and dedicated for a National Cemetery within the confines of our State.

Although it is too late in this session to recommend the legislation which you suggested, I am confident that next year such legislation will be given due consideration by this administration.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. CHAFEE, *Governor.*

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Pierre, April 8, 1967.

A. LEO ANDERSON,
National Commander, AMVETS,
1710 Rhode Island Avenue NW.,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR COMMANDER ANDERSON: I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 28.