

RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968 3673

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
Richmond, March 22, 1967.

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

DEAR MR. ANDERSON: I have before me your letter of March twentieth suggesting that Virginia's General Assembly provide a tract of land for national cemetery use in Virginia.

As you know, the present Arlington National Cemetery is a part of one of Virginia's historic mansions, also named Arlington, the home of George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Custis Washington and father-in-law of Robert E. Lee. General Lee was married here and lived in the house briefly.

Virginia is proud that the grounds could serve as a final resting place for those who have given their lives in the service of their country, but since this is a National Cemetery, I am inclined to feel that its expansion should be undertaken by the government of the nation, in whose defense the sacrifices of our military men are made.

With kind regards, I am
Sincerely,

MILLS E. GODWIN, Jr.

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Olympia, April 11, 1967.

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

DEAR COMMANDER: Thank you for your letter regarding burial sites in the National Cemeteries throughout the Nation. The problem you have called to my attention is quite manifest in the Pacific Northwest. I have made the practice in recent months of extending my personal condolences to the next of kin in this area and have become increasingly aware of the growth of this problem, particularly, to the number of people in this State affected by present and past national military service.

While our 40th Legislative Session has now passed the point of considering this action in the current biennium; I have directed Mr. William Weaver, Director, Veterans Rehabilitation, to coordinate and develop through your own local chapters and the other Veterans organizations, within the State, suitable legislation to be considered that will implement the provisions of Section 271a, Chapter 7, Title 24, United States Code, at the earliest opportunity.

Your excellent suggestion is appreciated and will be acted upon.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL J. EVANS, *Governor.*

WYOMING EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Cheyenne, April 3, 1967.

Mr. A. LEO ANDERSON,
National Commander, AMVETS, 1710 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. ANDERSON: Thank you for your recent letter on the subject of land donations for the purpose of establishing a National Cemetery in each of the states. I am in sympathy with this approach to the expansion of the National Cemetery system.

Since the Wyoming Legislature convenes biennially, the earliest opportunity to present this proposal to the Legislature will not come until January, 1969.

With all best wishes,
Sincerely,

STAN HATHAWAY, *Governor.*