Resolution No. 10: Allow Updates to the Burn Pit Registry With Additional Veterans Information As Needed

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WHEREAS, Veterans or Service members who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations after August 2, 1990, or in Djibouti, Africa, Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, are eligible to participate in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry; and

WHEREAS, This registry is an online database of health information that collects information through a questionnaire concerning exposures to airborne hazards; and

WHEREAS, This registry is designed to promote awareness to Veterans or Service members of the potential health effects of deployment-related exposures; and

WHEREAS, Collected information can allow Veterans and Service members to create a snapshot which will identify any changes to their health for use in discussions of concerns with a health-care provider; and

WHEREAS, At present, the only person who can update the registry is the “registered individual”, that is the Veteran or Service member who was potentially exposed; and

WHEREAS, The Burn Pit Registry should be updated with a cause of death of a registered individual Veteran or Service member; and

WHEREAS, The registry should be updated by either an individual designated by the deceased registered individual, or if no such individual is designated, an immediate family member of the deceased registered individual; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 8-9, 2019, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall take actions necessary to ensure that the Burn Pit Registry may be updated with the cause of death of a deceased registered individual by a designated individual or immediate family member of the deceased registered individual.