Resolution No. 26: Rifles be made available to veterans’ organizations for ceremonial purposes
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
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WHEREAS, It has long been the established custom to extend final military honors including taps and firing of three volleys at the burial of members and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, During World War II and the Korean Conflict, a nationwide program was established by The American Legion, to relieve the United States Armed Forces of extending these honors to enable them to concentrate on winning the wars; and

WHEREAS, It has been the practice of the government to supply limited quantities of rifles suitable for such ceremonial purposes at a nominal fee to organized units of veterans’ organizations; and

WHEREAS, Despite report received to the contrary, it is now reported the supply of obsolete rifles is exhausted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 17-19, 1956, That the proper officials take the necessary steps to have a supply of rifles made available for veterans’ organizations for ceremonial purposes.