

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Resolution No. 18: Quality of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Supplied Veterans' Casket Flags

Origin: Register Resolution No. 2808 (OK) Department Convention

Submitted by: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, All deceased United States military veterans are entitled to a government supplied burial casket flag; and

WHEREAS, A burial casket flag is defined as a 5-foot x 9-foot 6-inch cotton flag; and

WHEREAS, Burial flags are provided free of charge to the next of kin of honorably discharged veterans; and

WHEREAS, The flags are required to be made of cotton materials conforming to DDD-F-416F, 31 March 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Service and Distribution Center Operations Division maintains inventory control, receiving, quality control, packing and shipping for all burial flags through-out the world and directly supply VA regional offices, VA medical centers and national cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, Those hallowed flags, represent the honorable and dignified service of the United States military veteran; and

WHEREAS, Over the last few years the thread count weight, manufacturing materials and overall quality of those hallowed flags has lessened; and

WHEREAS, The deceased veterans of the United States Armed Forces deserve proper recognition for their service; and

WHEREAS, The lasting and cherished memory of the veteran's military service will be the casket flag under which they were laid to rest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 6-7, 2021, That The American Legion petition the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide the quality manufactured casket flag that the laws and regulations of the United States specify and that the honorable veterans of the United States Armed Forces rightfully deserve to be presented with final honors.