

**SEVENTY-THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Phoenix, Arizona
September 3, 4, 5, 1991**

**Resolution No. 50: Tours and Activities at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington
National Cemetery**

Origin: Nebraska

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Credentials and Other Internal Matters (Section II)
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS, Visitors to Arlington National Cemetery in our Nation's Capital City visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in numbers estimated at more than 4,000,000 each year; and

WHEREAS, The tomb of the Unknowns includes the impressive World War I above-ground monument and three underground crypts for the Unknowns of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, which are enclosed by rectangular, white marble covers; and

WHEREAS, Visitors to the Tomb include citizens, military personnel and officials of many nations and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, On the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine at 1600 hours, seven Department of Nebraska American Legion members visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, They saw the Guard to the Tomb standing at attention in his Guard House, north of the Tomb and crypts; and

WHEREAS, In full view of not only The American Legion members, but in view of many American citizens, Korean dignitaries were approaching the Tomb and crypts up the stairs from the east; and

WHEREAS, These Korean dignitaries were allowed to trod upon the sacred tombs of our Unknown warriors while taking pictures; and

WHEREAS, The Korean dignitaries were being escorted by military personnel of the Army (Major, Captain, and Spec. 5); and

WHEREAS, The Army escort car license number was CL1163; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of the United States consider it disgraceful and unacceptable to trod upon the sacred tombs of our Unknown warriors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Phoenix, Arizona, September 3, 4, 5, 1991, That the officials of Arlington Cemetery be informed of this incident and encouraged to take steps to eliminate similar occurrences by protecting the crypts of these Unknown Soldiers in an appropriate manner.