

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 21: Expand The Interment Capability Of The National Cemetery Administration

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Submitted By: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, Honorably discharged veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States paid the price of commendable service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Many of these veterans since World War II are passing away at an alarming rate on an average of 1200 to 1500 daily, thus increasing the number of interments dramatically; and

WHEREAS, At no time in the history of our great republic has there been a greater number of veterans serving on active duty at one time, as there were during World War II; and

WHEREAS, In time of war, members of the Armed Forces have no choice as to what might be the last day of their life; and

WHEREAS, Many veterans' families are faced with extreme hardship in meeting the requirements of Monday to Friday burial in national cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, By expanding the days of interment for veterans and their spouses in national cemeteries, the inconvenience of added time and funding should be with the Government that drafted the services of these veterans rather than to inconvenience the next-of-kin of veterans' families by delaying interment on weekends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 9-10, 2001, That the National Cemetery Administration expand its interment schedule to better accommodate the needs of deceased veterans' families.