

**THIRTY FORTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 258: Completion of World War II Overseas Cemeteries and Memorials

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WHEREAS, Due to the results of World War II, there are 13 American cemeteries in Europe and Africa containing 76,306 graves of those who served our country; and

WHEREAS, The relatives of these men and women have chosen not to have their bodies returned; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 80,000 names of those missing in action to be inscribed on the walls of memorials in the various cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, The Congress, by law, has prohibited state and division associations from erecting memorials in foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, It not only behooves a grateful government, but also a grateful people of our great republic to see that this token of respect and appreciation be constructed at the earliest possible date; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in New York, New York, August 25, 26, 27, 28, 1952, That The American Legion go on record in favor of the earliest possible completion of our World War II overseas cemeteries and memorials, and recommend that our national officers take the necessary steps to accomplish this end.