

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: **10-F-5**  
SUBMITTED BY: American Legion Post 18, Bay City  
SUBJECT: Removing a Stalin Bust at the D-Day Memorial Museum

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The D-Day Memorial has been authorized by the U.S. Congress to honor Servicemen that served in the invasion of Normandy; and

WHEREAS, Private donors have raised \$19 million for its construction; and

WHEREAS, The D-Day Foundation has erected a bust of Stalin and placed it on a pedestal at the museum in Bedford, VA; and

WHEREAS, Stalin and Hitler, who were allies at the time, ruthlessly attacked Poland in 1939, resulting in the start of WWII; and

WHEREAS, Stalin gave the Command that caused Soviet forces to massacre 22,000 Polish Officers in the Katyn Forest; and

WHEREAS, In 1932 a decree by Stalin, ordering collective farming in several regions, resulted in the confiscation of crops and caused the starvation of several million local residents; and

WHEREAS, Josef Stalin created the Iron Curtain that brought nations under communism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Fall Conference assembled in Troy, Michigan, September 24-25, 2010, That the D-Day Memorial Foundation immediately remove the bust of the dictator Josef Stalin from the pedestal at the D-Day Museum; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States and also to the Veterans Affairs Chairmen of both Houses of Congress.