

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
FALL CONFERENCE
HOLIDAY INN, MUSKEGON, MI.
UPPER RESTAURANT ROOM
September 21, 2018
NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The meeting of the Department National and Foreign Relations Committee was call to order by Chairman L. Spolarich at 2:30 P.M. September 21, 2018. The following were present, John Kailunas, Gary Sammons, Richard DuBay, Gary Hlavka, Catherine Buckley and 4 guests.

Previous minutes read.

Motion made by Sammons, R. DuBay for Vice Chairman and Catherine Buckley for secretary, second by Kailunas, motion passed.

Gary Sammons motion for Nation Cemeteries to be under VA&R, second by R. DuBay, motion passed.

Motion made to pay Committee members for one day at Convention, Second by R.DuBay, motion passed.

Catherine Buckley spoke on Flags, statement attached.

Gary Hlavka gave his report that on September 4th, 2018, the remains of Korean War Veteran Lt. Herman L. Falks of New York was found and identified after 51 years missing.

Operation El Dorado Canyon and Operation Desert Storm Gulf War, bodies not found.

There are 126 missing from the Cold War

July 28th, 2018 55 Mia's returned home from North Korea.

September 20th, 2018 Flag presentation at new Korean Memorial at Arlington.

September 21, 2018 the 3rd Friday in September was declared POW/MIA Day was recognized by Congress August 10th, 1990

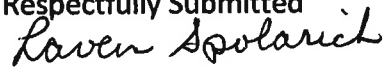
Lavern Spolarich report on Blood Donations, 26 awards for donation of 10 or gallons of blood. Question ask, why can't we give Blood when it has been so long over the Mad Cow Disease. Also, can you give blood with a pacemaker? Answers forth coming.

Fred Youngs 5th District, Post #154, stated the Prime Minster of Poland has offered the US 10 million to send troops permanent to Poland. Confirming forth coming.

Larry Chase is to try and bring gentleman that went to Russia to Winter Conference.

Motion made by Gary Sammons, second Richard DuBay to adjourn. Passed 3:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



Lavern Spolarich

In 1968, the Federal Flag Desecration Law was enacted as a result of Vietnam War protests that included the burning of the U.S. flag. That law made it illegal to show contempt for the flag by publicly mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning or trampling.

As a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's opinions, the government revised the Federal Flag Desecration Statute in 1989. The Supreme Court, in cases that followed that revision, finally held in the case of U.S. v. Eichman that the federal law was unconstitutional because it was aimed at prohibiting, or limiting, symbolic speech. Following that case, although Congress attempted to amend the law in a way that would give both Congress and states the right to prohibit physical desecration of the U.S. flag - it could not get enough votes and the bill failed.

Summary: H.R.3121 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) [All Information](#) (Except Text)

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Shown Here: Introduced in House (06/29/2017)

All-American Flag Act

This bill requires U.S. flags acquired for use by the federal government to be manufactured entirely in the United States from articles, materials, or supplies grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States.

Such requirement shall not apply if: (1) articles, materials, or supplies to be used are not grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities and are not of a satisfactory quality; or (2) the President determines a waiver is necessary to comply with a trade agreement.