THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #22-40

SUBMITTED BY: Legislative Committee

SUBJECT: <u>Veteran Cemeteries Study by the Michigan Veterans Affairs</u>

Agency (MVAA)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Michigan has for years worked to get more veteran cemeteries in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The MVAA received funding to conduct a study as to what locations in the State of Michigan will be the best locations for Veteran Cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives will soon be introducing a bill to move forward with that process; and

WHEREAS, The Upper Peninsula of Michigan has no Cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, All new Veteran Cemeteries will be State run; and

WHEREAS, Currently, under very limited conditions, members of the National Guard may be buried at a V.A. run Cemetery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Fall Conference assembled in Muskegon, Michigan, September 23-25, 2022, that The American Legion, Department of Michigan does support such a study for the location of Michigan Veteran Cemeteries; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That priority of such a study be given to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all wording that would exclude counties of certain populations be removed from wording of such new legislation; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That any new Veteran Cemeteries run and owned by the State of Michigan allow for the burial of Michigan National Guard members of the Army and Air Force that fulfill their guard obligations and released from the Michigan National Guard under honorable conditions.

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