

ONE HUNDREDTH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
SPOKANE VALLEY, WA
JULY 20-21, 2018

Department Resolution No. 007: Dignified Disposal of Flag Ashes

Origin: Greater Gig Harbor Post 236

Convention Committee:

- WHEREAS,** The American Flag is the most recognizable symbol of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** The American Legion on June 14, 1923 with 68 other patriotic groups met to draft a code of flag etiquette and it was passed by the 77th Congress, and was adopted this codification of rules as public law on June 22, 1942, Title 4 Chapter 1; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. Code Title 4 Chapter 1, Section 8 (k) states “The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed, in a dignified manner, preferably by burning”; and
- WHEREAS,** Every Veteran, laid to rest in our Local, State, and National cemeteries, whether in body or ashes, swore an oath to defend our nation and the flag of our country; and
- WHEREAS,** The American Legion conducts dignified Flag disposal ceremonies in accordance with the U.S. Code; and
- WHEREAS,** The Arlington National Cemetery and Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in cooperation with The American Legion Department of Idaho, have recognized the symbolism behind the honorable disposal of the ashes of our nations flag; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By The American Legion Department of Washington in Department Convention assembled in Spokane Valley, Washington, July 20-21, 2018, That the National American Legion urges the U.S. Congress to add to the U.S. Flag Code a section that would allow for the dignified disposal of the ashes, or a symbolic portion of the ashes of our Nation’s Flag, at all participating National, State and Local Cemeteries by approved organizations, allowing those ashes an honored place of rest near those who served and defended our flag, at all cemeteries.

COMMITTEE: _____ APPROVED _____ REJECTED _____ FOR DEPARTMENT ACTION _____ FOR NATIONAL ACTION _____ CONSOLIDATED WITH _____ OTHER ACTION _____ SIGNATURE _____	AMENDED: _____ CONVENTION: DENIED _____ APPROVED _____ (CHAIRMAN)
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