

Approved: February 24, 1999
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:05 a.m. on February 18, 1999 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Commander Halsey Hines, Military Order of WW
Charles Yunker, Deputy Adjutant, Kansas American Legion
Chaplin Orris Kelly, Retired Major General
Anderson Chandler, Military Affairs Committee, KCCI
Richard Hayter, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce
Gary LaGrange, State Veterans Cemetery Alliance

Others attending: See Attached List

Senator Harrington introduced Erin Heffel, Laura Hartley and Steve Anderson, students of Goddard High School where her son attends school, who were serving as pages for her.

Chairman Oleen announced the continued hearing on **SB 19, authorizing establishment of state system of veterans cemeteries**

Chairman Oleen introduced Commander Halsey Hines, Military Order of World Wars as a proponent to **SB 19**. Commander Hines stated that he believed it is time that action be taken in accepting Ft. Riley's generous offer of 100 acres for a military cemetery. (Attachment 1). There are thousands of veterans with little time left who are depending on your decision.

Chairman Oleen recognized Charles Yunker, Deputy Adjutant, Kansas American Legion, a proponent to **SB 19**. Mr. Yunker stated that during the closing session of the Kansas American Legion's State Convention last May, the delegates to that convention voted unanimously to endorse the concept of a state veterans cemetery system. (Attachment 2). If a system would be administered by the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs (KCVA), a long term, permanent, funding source should be clearly defined so as not to detract from the KCVA's current tasks of maintaining the Ft. Dodge Soldiers' Home, Kansas Veterans Home at Winfield and the statewide veterans services operations.

Chairman Oleen called on Chaplain (Major General) Orris E. Kelly, U.S. Army, Retired. Chaplain Kelly spoke in support of **SB 19** as a former Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army and for three years on the National Advisers Committee to the Veterans Administration on National Cemeteries. (Attachment 3).

Anderson Chandler was recognized by Chairman Oleen to testify as a proponent of **SB 19**. Mr. Chandler, Chairman of Fidelity State Banks, and Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry stated the SB 19 would enable the state to provide for men and women and their families in the future by taking advantage of the Veterans Administration State Cemeteries Grants Program. (Attachment 4). The citizens of Kansas owe a debt of gratitude to its sons and daughters who have served in the nation's defense. Adoption of this legislation is one way to honor them for that service.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Chairman Oleen introduced Mr. Richard Hayter, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, a proponent of **SB 19**. Mr. Hayter stated that as a citizen of Kansas, it is important to create a state run VA Cemetery System to honor veterans for the sacrifices they've made to preserve the liberties we hold so dear (Attachment 5). He urged the committee to support **SB 19**.

Chairman Oleen recognized Gary LaGrange, a member of the Cemetery Alliance and a 28 year army veteran, as a proponent to **SB 19**. He served as a colonel at Ft. Riley and also is the current superintendent of the cemetery at Ft. Riley. The commander of Ft. Riley and all of the soldiers are very supportive of a veterans cemetery system in Kansas. The Commanding General at Ft. Riley has committed up to 100 acres to be transferred to the state if they would participate in the grant program. These acres have been identified and an 87 acre plot has been found that would serve very well as a cemetery for the state. Mr. LaGrange stated that he would transfer \$80,000 to the Environmental and Architectural Engineers and a report of excess has been started. The transfer of the \$80,000 has been done to satisfy the requirement of the report of excess. Ft. Riley will also bear the cost of putting together the preapplication for a cemetery at Ft. Riley and it is ready for signature so that it can be sent off to the Department of Veterans Affairs to prepare for the competition for the limited amount of dollars that are available. It is the estimate of the committee that the cost to operate a state veteran cemetery at Ft. Riley would be \$160,000 offset by approximately \$129,000 in annual revenues by adopting what most states require from family members of \$150.00 for veterans and \$250.00 for veterans family members. This would leave approximately \$31,000 a year as a cost to the state. This is a substantially smaller amount than Don Myer had stated, due to the contracting provision. Ft. Riley is looking forward to moving ahead and is committed to this process. He handed the pre application to Mr. Myer with the hopes that in the not to distant future there would be a state veterans cemetery located across the road from the First Territorial Capital of Kansas.

Questions and discussion by the committee followed clarifying issues about eligibility and costs.. Chairman Oleen explained that **SB 19** allows the Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs to establish a cemetery system and the commission will need the authority to accept property and to develop a system.

Chairman Oleen called the committee's attention to written testimony from proponents to be offered into the record. Jackie and Phil Finley, Colby, Kansas a retired Maj. General (Attachment 6); Paul Cornelius, CSM (Ret.) U.S. Army, Manhattan, Kansas (Attachment 7) and International Officers from Slovenia, Pakistan and Malaysia who wanted this committee to know that they had cemeteries which would be similar to these state cemeteries. (Attachment 8).

Senator Vratil offered an amendment to the bill which would allow the commission to accept grants and donations after the grants have been issued. Senator Vratil moved that the bill be amended to read " The commission may enter into contracts for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a state system of veterans cemeteries." Senator Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Biggs moved that the bill as amended be recommended favorably to the full Senate. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen asked for committee action on approving Committee minutes for meetings on February 4, February 8, regular meeting, February 8 rail meeting, February 9, and February 11. Senator Becker moved to approved the committee minutes for 2/4, 2/8, 2/8 rail, 2/9 and 2/11. Senator Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. Chairman Oleen announced that there would be no regular meeting on February 19, but there would be a meeting at the rail upon adjournment of the Senate that afternoon.

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Charles M Yunker	American Legion

STATEMENT BY COMMANDER HALSEY HINES
(RET) USNAVY

Madam Chairman,
Members of the Committee

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you.

I speak as a veteran who enlisted in our Navy as a Seaman 2nd because I had always wanted to fly but could not afford the fuel. From bi-planes to jets as a fighter pilot during two wars, surviving three crashes, and completing over twenty-two years of service, I retired in 1961.

Now, that I am in my 80's, and so many of my former squadron mates have made their final landing, I believe it is time that action be taken in accepting Fort Riley's generous offer of one hundred acres for a military cemetery.

You have heard enough facts and figures. Thousands of veterans with little time left are depending on your decision.

Thank you.

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Senator Lana Oleen Re: SB 19

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR
OF SENATE BILL 19
PRESENTED TO
SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS
BY CHARLES YUNKER, DEPT. ADJUTANT
KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION
FEBRUARY 17, 1999

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to testify in favor of Senate Bill 19 which calls for the establishment of a State Veterans Cemetery System. My name is Charles Yunker and I serve as Adjutant for the Kansas American Legion.

During the closing session of the Kansas American Legion's State Convention last May, the delegates to that Convention voted unanimously to endorse the concept of a State Veterans Cemetery System. This vote was taken after the reading of a resolution which identified the immediate and future lack of veterans cemetery plots in Kansas.

That is; the Department of Defense will no longer build or expand cemeteries on military installations. The existing cemetery at Ft. Leavenworth is already filled to capacity and Ft. Riley's is very near the same level. Thus Kansas veterans desiring to be buried in a veterans cemetery have three existing choices; the National Cemeteries at Leavenworth and Fort Scott, and the Kansas Soldiers Home at Ft. Dodge.

Unless a veteran lives, or dies, near one of those three locations their survivors are faced with transportation costs in order to

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fulfill a veterans desire to be interred in a Veterans Cemetery. Therefore the call to consider establishing a State Veterans Cemetery System to provide a proper burial place for veterans who reside in the central, south central and northwestern portions of our state.

With the exception of Kansas Soldiers Home at Ft. Dodge the concept of a State Veterans Cemetery is new to Kansas and must be explored thoroughly. Assuming such a system would be administered by the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs a long term, permanent, funding source should be clearly defined so as not to detract from the KCVA's current tasks of maintaining the Ft Dodge Soldiers' Home, Kansas Veterans Home at Winfield and the statewide veterans services operation for which the KCVA was originally founded.

In closing I would say that there is wide spread interest in a State Veterans Cemetery System which could prove to be a valuable asset to the State of Kansas while at the same time providing a final service to those who have served this nation in the Armed Forces. Such a program, if adopted by the legislature, deserves to be a top rate operation with budgeting independent of any other veteran or non veteran program.

FORT RILEY CEMETERY PROPOSAL
Chaplain (Major General) Orris E Kelly, US Army, Retired

Talking Points

We appreciate the opportunity to be here this morning and present to you our concerns in support of Senate Bill 19, authorizing a State Veterans Cemetery System.

I am former Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army and then served three years on the National Advisory Committee to the Veterans Administration on National Cemeteries.

I want to stress some intangibles that are part of a Veterans Cemetery System. You can't measure them in dollars and cents nor implant them as part of the construction of the grave sites, but they are at the heart of our consideration when we remember the veterans and their families. These intangibles are the deep feelings, the expectations, the tears, the griefs and even the coming to closure of wartime experiences. These intangibles are nothing new to you. You may have experienced them or been with family members who are part of your life. I am simply reminding all of us so we can input them as part of our decision making.

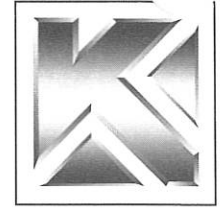
- A Veterans Cemetery is unique. It contains the memories of our friends, our comrades and our families who served our country and may have paid the price with their lives. When you visit, it conjures up all the blocked memories that you would like to forget. It is both emotional and healing.

- Veterans often feel the need to be buried as if they were among their "old buddies." The old expression, "A Band of Brothers" expresses this need. Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation" picks up this heartfelt need from a Marine who said, "It's hard to explain, but my friends are like my family. I found out in the Marines what that can mean in life, and I'm still that way today." One young woman said to a chaplain, "Daddy wanted to be buried here."

- A Veterans Cemetery is part of the "ethos" or spirit of a nation or a state or a community. It is a reminder that we will not forget those patriots who served. We won't leave a body unrecovered nor will we fail to remember the sacrifices of our service members and their families.

- Vietnam taught me the value of symbols. Symbols stay with us when memories fade. When we bury a veteran and present the family with a flag (symbolizing service to our nation) and render the honor of "taps", we are demonstrating to the family that they are not alone. We are saying in effect, WE ARE GRATEFUL. WE WILL NOT FORGET.

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY



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KANSAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Testimony Before the

Senate Committee on State and Federal Affairs

by

Anderson Chandler
Chairman, Military Affairs Committee

Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anderson Chandler, Chairman of Fidelity State Banks, headquartered in Topeka, and Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The committee, composed of nearly 100 business leaders from across the state, is dedicated to the retention and expansion of Kansas' largest economic generators, the military; to preserving a strong national defense; and to the support of our men and women in uniform, past and present.

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion of economic growth and job creation within Kansas, and to the protection and support of the private competitive enterprise system.

KCCI is comprised of more than 3,000 businesses which includes 200 local and regional chambers of commerce and trade organizations which represent over 161,000 business men and women. The organization represents both large and small employers in Kansas, with 47% of KCCI's members having less than 25 employees, and 77% having less than 100 employees. KCCI receives no government funding.

The KCCI Board of Directors establishes policies through the work of hundreds of the organization's members who make up its various committees. These policies are the guiding principles of the organization and translate into views such as those expressed here.

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It is in this interest that we are pleased to support SB 19, providing for a system of state-operated veterans' cemeteries.

Kansas currently is the home to two national cemeteries, at Leavenworth and Fort Scott. It is our understanding that these Federal facilities are at capacity, and can no longer provide for those veterans who served their country well and wish to be interred there.

The cemetery needs of Kansas veterans is regrettably increasing. Perhaps some of you have read Tom Brokaw's book the Greatest Generation about the men and women who served in World War II. The Veterans Administration estimates 1,000 U.S. veterans nationwide die each day. In Kansas they estimate 5895 veterans will die this year, 5990 in 2000, and 6070 in 2001. It should peak in 2003 at 6180 and decline rapidly to 3225 by 2010. It is time to provide for this increase in cemetery needs now. No one has determined the actual demand from veterans wanting to be buried in a veteran's cemetery. One thing to consider is that the National cemeteries and military cemeteries are in the eastern third of the state, and perhaps a Kansas veterans' cemetery should be located farther west and south in Kansas. Families of veterans buried there would not have to drive so far to decorate the graves on Memorial Day or other special occasions.

SB 19 would enable the state to provide for these men and women and their families in the future, by taking advantage of the Veterans Administration State Cemeteries Grants Program. By our count currently, 32 states and U.S. territories operate state veterans' cemeteries. To date the VA has assisted over 40 such cemeteries in 21 states. In addition to the development grant, a portion of the cost of operations is reimbursed by the VA on a per-burial basis.

The citizens of Kansas owe a debt of gratitude to its sons and daughters who have served, or are now serving, in the nation's defense. Adoption of this enabling legislation is one way to honor them for that service.

If I can answer questions I will do my best to do so or someone from the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs can do a better job. An advisory board has been established for this purpose.

Fort Riley. The military cemetery at Fort Riley is expected to close in mid-1999. It could be granted a waiver of federal policy and allowed to expand slightly. However, this would provide a small number of additional burial spaces which could be filled only by military retirees or those who die while on active duty.

State Veterans' Cemetery Program

Under this program the VA subsidizes establishment of a veterans' cemetery. Currently, grants are available for 100 percent of the cost of construction, while land acquisition would be the responsibility of the state. After construction, all of the staffing and operating costs would fall to the state. State veterans' cemeteries are open to veterans, spouses, and eligible dependents. Currently, Kansas does not participate in the state veterans' cemetery program.

Fort Riley. Interest has been expressed in the establishment of a state veterans' cemetery at Fort Riley. It is possible this could be constructed on land donated from the military. No definite agreement has been made and negotiations have not begun. Fort Riley estimate study costs of \$80,000 to determine if the land is suitable for construction of a cemetery.

Fort Dodge. The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs (KCVA) has approved a change in mission for the cemetery at the Kansas Soldiers' Home at Fort Dodge, allowing the Soldiers' Home to seek a VA grant under the state veterans' cemetery program to expand that cemetery. If the grant is awarded, the cemetery would become a state veterans' cemetery. The current cemetery is open only to residents of the Kansas Soldiers' Home pursuant to informal KCVA policy. If it becomes a state veterans' cemetery, it would be open to any member of the United States Armed Forces who died while in the active military, naval, or air service or was discharged therefrom, other than dishonorable. The state can establish residency requirements for burial at state veterans' cemeteries (as is done currently for residence at the Kansas Soldiers' Home) but these have been successfully challenged. The VA also requires that state veterans' cemeteries conform to its standards and guidelines pertaining to site selections, planning, and construction. The Kansas Soldiers' Home is in the process of applying for a VA grant.

Winfield. Another possible site for a state veterans' cemetery is at the Kansas Veterans Home currently under construction on the grounds of the former Winfield State Hospital. This cemetery would need to meet all of the requirements for state veterans' cemeteries described above. At this time, no site has been established and no grant applications have been made for construction of a state veterans' cemetery at Winfield.

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GOOD MORNING. I'M RICHARD HAYTER FROM MANHATTAN KANSAS. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT A VETERANS CEMETERY SYSTEM FOR KANSAS. SPECIFICALLY, I'M HERE TODAY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 19.

I SPEAK TO YOU NOT AS A VETERAN, WHICH I AM, BUT RATHER AS A CITIZEN WHO FEELS STRONGLY THAT EACH VETERAN IN THE STATE OF KANSAS DESERVES A PLACE TO HONOR THEM FOR THE SACRIFICES THEY'VE MADE – IN SOME CASES WITH THEIR LIVES – TO PRESERVE THE LIBERTIES WE HOLD SO DEAR.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IF A STATE CEMETERY SYSTEM IS ESTABLISHED IN KANSAS, THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WILL PAY ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION. THE STATE WILL THEN OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CEMETERIES ONCE THEY ARE BUILT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THESE OPERATING COSTS CAN BE REDUCED BY BURIAL ALLOWANCES FROM THE VA AND SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS FEES THE STATE COULD CHARGE FOR THE BURIAL OF VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS OR OTHERS.

THIS MATTER IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US IN THE FT. RILEY REGION. THE FT. RILEY CEMETRY IS NEARLY FULL AND WE CURRENTLY HAVE SOME 45,000 VETERANS WHO RESIDE IN A REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE DRIVING DISTANCE OF THE FORT. WITH THE OFFER OF FT. RILEY TO MAKE AVAILABLE ABOUT 100 ACRES OF LAND FOR A CEMETERY, IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE FT. RILEY REGION UNPARALLED IN MOST OTHER AREAS.

AS IMPORTANT AS IT IS THAT WE AS KANSAS CREATE A STATE RUN VA CEMETERY SYSTEM, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT STATES BORDERING KANSAS HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED SYSTEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. WHY HAVEN'T WE? DO WE OWE OUR VETERANS LESS THAN THOSE IN OTHER STATES? DON'T WE OWE OUR VETERANS AT LEAST THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE BURIED WITH OR NEAR THEIR COMRADES SHOULD THEY WISH?

ORGANIZING A STATE VETERANS CEMETERY SYSTEM IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, THE RIGHT WAY TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE SACRIFICES MADE FOR OUR FREEDOM AND THAT OF OUR CHILDREN, AND NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME TO DO SO.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 19!

THANK YOU.

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The Finleys II, Inc.

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Senator Lana Oleen
Chair Senate Federal
And State Affairs Committee
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Senator Oleen:

I had wanted to be in Topeka, Kansas February 17 or 18, 1999 to present personal testimony before your committee supporting the establishment of a State Cemetery system for Veterans.

Business commitments will not allow me to appear personally.

Thirty-nine years of Military service prior to retirement in 1990 as Adjutant General of Kansas has shown me clearly that Kansas has an obligation for a system to bury military veterans with honor and dignity.

My great-grand father Finley is buried at the Old Soldiers Home cemetery at Fort Dodge, Kansas. Wounded at Shiloh in the Civil War he encountered ill health in his later years, but remained solvent on a farm in rural Rawlins County until drought and grasshoppers destroyed his crops and left him destitute. He entered the Old Soldiers Home and ended his days there.

Many Northwest Kansans did not participate in the wealth that was generated by war economy of World War II, Korea, Viet Nam and later conflicts.

Many young Kansans entered World War II direct from growing to adulthood in a depression economy. The interruption in their lives, careers and education from wartime Service following a depression has left too many with average means throughout their lifetime.

Veterans are now decreasing at the rate of one thousand per day across the United States of America. Kansas had more than an average number of veterans for its population size.

There will be many Kansas Veterans to be buried with Honor and Dignity in a State Cemetery System in the immediate years ahead.

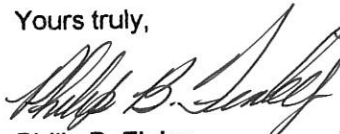
We should not shirk the responsibility that Kansas has incurred in this matter.

The United States and Kansas asked certain of its residents to leave homes, family, jobs and delay careers and higher education to go in harms way to stamp out tyranny and carry out the war policies of an elected president and congress.

The opportunity in an elected legislative body for you to provide leadership to insure that no Kansas Veteran is denied proper burial in the Great State of Kansas is now directly your responsibility.

I know that you and your committee and the Kansas Legislature will make the right decision for Kansas Veterans.

Yours truly,



Philip B. Finley
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Commander Sixth District
Northwest Kansas
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Honorable Lana Oleen
Senator - 22nd District
State of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Oleen:

As a voter and constituent represented by you in the Senate of the State of Kansas, I am writing to urge you to support the Kansas Cemetery System Bill 19 which is now in committee. Passage of this legislation is important to me as a twenty-eight year veteran of the U.S. Army and Commander of Manhattan Chapter 28 Disabled American Veterans.

When the final bill comes up for passage, I urge you to vote for it. As the sunflower breaks through the ground to once again make the state stand out above all others, let us keep in mind what our veterans have sacrificed for our country, and as the flowers bloom let us join to make sure our veterans have a final resting place as beautiful as our state flower. This is little repayment to our veterans for the sacrifice, pain and even death so we can live free.

Thanking you in advance for your support on Senate Bill 19, and for considering my view. I hope this letter will be made a part of the Committee Report.

Respectfully submitted,



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To: "oleen@senate.state.ks.us" <oleen@senate.state.ks.us>
Date: Tue, Feb 16, 1999 3:26 PM
Subject: Military Cemeteries

Senator Oleen:

In response to your question last week about local support of federal military cemeteries I am forwarding the following messages from the nations of Slovenia, Pakistan, and Malaysia. These are the only three we have received that indicated the local or state government was responsible for the maintenance of the military cemetery. Other officers are still checking and if I get a positive response I would be happy to forward them to you if it is still helpful. I know that you mentioned this was time sensitive so I wanted to ensure you received the best information possible in a timely fashion. I felt it was better to give you the actual email from them than to try and interpret their words. If I can be of further service please let me know. Thanks again for the warm welcome you extended to us and we look forward to meeting you again next year.

Very respectfully,

LTC Patrick M. Madden @ 913-684-7317 (DSN 552)
Chief, International Officer Student Division
IOSD's Internet address: <http://www-cgsc.army.mil/dsa/iosd/index.htm>

From: RUTAR, Boris CPT RUTARB
Sent: Monday, February 15, 1999 2:04 PM
To: Nordrum, John MAJ NORDRUMJ
Subject: RE: Question from Chief reference Military Cemeteries

Sir!

There is possibility that we have similar law, but it will take time to get it. First of all, I don't have password to access web site of our Parliament to get full transcript. I might send e-mail to the Parliament PR and get something, but I need to be precise e.g. funding, managing etc of the cemetery.

Boris Rutar , Slovenia

From: HAYAT, Ahmad MAJ HAYATA
Sent: Friday, February 12, 1999 11:09 PM
To: Nordrum, John MAJ NORDRUMJ
Subject: RE: Question from Chief reference Military Cemeteries Pakistan

I may have something of interest to you! We have both kinds of cemeteries, the ones looked after by the local governments and the ones established and looked after by the Army. There are cemeteries as old as 400 years and are mostly of non-Muslims who died in combat or otherwise during the numerous battles in the sub-continent. These are much older than the country itself but are kept and taken care of by the Government.

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I hope the information is of some use to you!
AHMAD

From: NIZAM, Mohd NIZAMB
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 1999 2:12 PM
To: Nordrum, John MAJ NORDRUMJ
Subject: RE: Question from Chief reference Military Cemeteries

Sir,
Sorry little bit late, my computer not behaving well lately. In Malaysia ,
the state government looks after all the cemeteries and receive allocation
from federal government. Thanks