

Resolution No. 1, Government Headstones

WHEREAS VA Form 40-1330 of August 2022, item # 16 describes periods of War Service that were defined by congress that are optional, to include a box for OTHER; and

WHEREAS the designated War Service Period is used by VA even if the deceased veteran did not serve in the actual place of war, country or geographical area, and

WHEREAS the instructions for VA Form 40-1330 do not currently provide an option for era of service when service was not performed in the actual place of war, and

WHEREAS VA policy does provide for specific country of war service such as Afghanistan and Iraq if the individual actually served in that country; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars requests that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States petition the Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, to amend the instructions for VA Form 40-1330 and the implementing policies, to allow for the option of "Era" to be inscribed following the inscription of any period of war that is listed in item # 16, if the individual did not serve in the actual place of war, without additional inscription charge.

Submitted by State Commander Ray Lopez, Department of Michigan