

**CLARK VETERANS CEMETERY RESTORATION**

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 8,600 Veterans and their dependents buried at Clark Veterans Cemetery, Philippines. Some sites date back to the 1890's and many are Unknown soldiers and sailors that died during the Spanish American War and,

**WHEREAS**, following World War II, four American Military cemeteries were consolidated at the former Clark Air Force Base. Many of these former cemeteries were damaged during the bombing and fighting during World War II and,

**WHEREAS**, after the close of Clark Air Force Base in 1991, there were no provisions made to maintain the cemetery. After several years of complete abandonment, VFW Post 2845 in Angeles City, Philippines made arrangements with the Philippine Government to maintain the area. The expenses have been shouldered by the Post since 1994. And Veterans' Burials are still conducted at the cemetery and,

**WHEREAS**, the importance of military service is recognized by every nation. The benefits of military service are both tangible and intangible. Pride of service to one's nation and the knowledge that one's duty has been performed is often the primary reward. There are promises made by governments that those who sacrificed and suffered will be cared for by the nation that put them at risk. This monograph deals primarily with the promise made to servicemen that they would not be left behind. America has failed in that obligation to over 8,600 Veterans and their dependents whose final resting place is the Clark Veterans Cemetery, Philippines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in Convention in Rochester, Minnesota, June 21-24, 2012, that the Veterans of Foreign Wars go on record supporting the Clark Veterans Cemetery Restoration Association (CVCRA) in their efforts to increase public awareness and lobby the U. S. Government to do the right thing and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Veterans of Foreign Wars support legislation that will place Clark Veterans Cemetery under the control of the United State Government and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the cemetery be managed by the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the American Battle Monuments Commission overseas.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Accept   X  

Reject       

**CONVENTION ACTION**

Accept   X  

Reject

STAFF

**Resolution No. 629**

**Minneapolis VA Medical Center Chiropractic Care**

**WHEREAS, The VA nationally allows each VA Medical center at the discretion of their medical director to provide their patients with fee basis chiropractic care and,**

**WHEREAS, The VA Medical Center Minneapolis has recently stated that it will across the board no longer allow fee basis chiropractic care and,**

**WHEREAS, This is a reversal of its previous policy which allowed fee basis chiropractic care to its patients as recommended by the patients primary care doctor and,**

**WHEREAS, This policy change deprives many users of the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis or forces them to seek care outside the VA at their own expense.**

**Be it therefore resolved by the Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars assembled in Convention in Rochester, Minnesota on June 21 – 24, 2012 that representatives of the VFW Department of Minnesota selected by its Commander work with the office of the Director of the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis to assure Veterans who receive their medical care through the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis and need Chiropractic Care are not deprived of such.**

**Be it further resolved: the Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States work through the office of Congressman Tim Walz to coordinate an effort to favorable resolve this issue.**

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Accept X

Reject \_\_\_\_\_

**CONVENTION ACTION**

Accept X

Reject \_\_\_\_\_

STATE

Resolution No. 630

VA PROSTETICS

WHEREAS, The VA has Nationally allowed the Prosthetics Department at each VA Medical Center to purchase prosthetics as needed for each individual Veteran, and,

WHEREAS, This policy has been changed to transfer that responsibility to the business office at each facility, and,

WHEREAS, This transfer of responsibility no longer assures each Veteran of getting the best prosthetics for his particular need, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in Convention in Rochester, Minnesota, June 21-24, 2012, that this change be revoked and the responsibility of prescribing and purchasing prosthetics for our Veterans be returned to the Prosthetic Division at each Hospital,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be referred to the National Convention to be held in Reno, Nevada July 20 – 25, 2012 for concurring action.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Accept X

Reject \_\_\_\_\_

CONVENTION ACTION

Accept X

Reject \_\_\_\_\_