



# Missing In America Project

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After Action Report

San Antonio, TX

April 21, 2017

I. 92 Names on original list

1. List came from Joel Carver at A to D Mortuary and Care Center of Amarillo, TX
2. Cremains stored in basement of Potter County, TX Courthouse

II. 6 Names were confirmed as veterans

1. Jerry Stephen Harris - Navy
2. Garil Dean Mason - Army
3. Arthur North - Marine
4. Orton Laird, Jr - Army
5. Michael John Papinchak – Air Force
6. Ronald Stevenson – Air Force

III. After notifications were posted, 2 names were left

1. Michael John Papinchak – Air Force
2. Orton Laird - Army

IV. Joel Carver made contact with the family he could find.

1. Jerry Stephen Harris, daughter was estranged from father. Friend had cremains and released them to Carver for proper burial.

2. Ronald Stevenson, son, Stanley, lives too far away and could not take ownership of cremains. Former girlfriend of Ronald had cremains. Stanley attempted to get them released for burial. Girlfriend had already spread the cremains.
  - a. Joel Carver obtained Longitude and Latitude of the spread and we were able to get a memorial marker placed at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery for Stevenson.

V. Joel Carver sent 2 more names to me for verification.

1. Both were confirmed as veterans.
  - a. Michael Wayne Topp – Air Force
  - b. Michael Newsome - Army
2. After notifications were posted, 1 name was left.
  - a. Michael Wayne Topp – Air Force
  - b. Family picked up the cremains of the other.

VI. Burial Ceremony for 5 veteran was arranged for April 21 at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery.

1. April 19, PGR riders from across Texas gathered in Amarillo to begin escort to San Antonio
2. April 20, some 250 PGR joined the escort on and off throughout the trip to San Antonio
  - a. Rudy's BBQ furnished dinner that night
3. April 21, PGR escorted cremains from Sunset Funeral Home to F Sam Houston National Cemetery.
  - a. MacArthur High School JROTC carried the cremains and their flags to the altar where they stood guard throughout the service.
  - b. Joint Branch six man fold on one flag was conducted for the 3 branches represented, Army, Navy and Air Force.
  - c. Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery's Memorial Services Detachment (MSD) fired the 3 rifle volleys and sounded live echo taps.
  - d. Flags were given out:
    - i. Judge Nancy Tanner, Potter County, TX
    - ii. Joel Carver of A to D Mortuary
    - iii. Freida Robinson, Director, Ft Sam National Cemetery
    - iv. JROTC Cadet PVF Sloan Cicognani accepted for Mac Arthur High School JROTC
    - v. Joyce Earnest accepted for Stanley Stevenson, Son of Michael. Joel will be mailing it to Stanley.
    - vi. Approximately 200 in attendance
    - vii. NBC affiliates (WOAI news 4 and KABB 29), Express & News Paper, reported.