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17 Utah Unclaimed Veterans and 3 Reunited Veterans to Receive Military Funeral

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (July 20, 2017) – The MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT will conduct its sixth mission in the State of Utah by honoring seventeen veterans whose remains have been in the care of three area mortuaries, yet remained unclaimed. We will also honor 3 veterans * who have been reunited with their families and who will be in attendance at the service.

Services will be conducted with full military honors for the following 20 veterans at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 30th, at the Utah Veterans Memorial Park, 17111 S. Camp Williams Road in Riverton, UT.

Salt Lake County

Michael Ray Carbuhn (1945-2016) US Army, 1973-1977, 1977-1980, 1981-1988, Vietnam
Robert Randolph Coons (1951-2016) US Marine Corps, 1972-1974, Vietnam
Joel P. Driver, Jr. (1927-2016) US Navy, 1944-1946, WWII
William Edward Guessford * (1946-2016) US Army, 1967-1969, Vietnam
William Howard Guy * (1943-2017) US Army, 1967-1969, Vietnam
Barry Dee Montgomery (1942-2013) US Army, 1959-1961, Korea
William Alan Nash (1934-2016) US Army, 1954-1956, Korea
Robert Morris Parker, Jr. (1946-2016) US Marine Corps, 1964-1969, Vietnam
Robert Claude Rogan (1925-2015) US Navy, 1943-1945, WWII

Lake Hills Mortuary

Clifford Andrew Christiansen (1927-2005) US Army, 1946-1947, WWII
Ronald Edward Craig (1946-2007) US Army, 1963-1964, Peace Time
Willard Thurlow Douglas (1907-1980) US Army Reserves, 1942-1946, WWII
Albert Carl Elkins (1913-2002) US Army, 1943, WWII
Alfonso Gutierrez (1918-2007) US Army, 1942-1943, WWII
Kenneth Edward Kirk (1945-2004) US Army, 1962-1963, Peace Time
Robert Ray Milford (1929-2004) US Army, 1950-1952, Korea

Clayton Nourse (1916-2001) US Army Air Corps, 1943-1946, WWII
Robert Frank Rugg (1926-204) US Marine Corps, 1943-1946, WWII
Douglas Lloyd Taylor, (1947-2005) US Navy, 1966-1970, Vietnam
Richard Andrew Varela * (1964-1994) US Marine Corps, 1982-1986, Peace Time
Kenneth Charles Younce (1959-2000) US Army, 1990-1991, Persian Gulf

Myers Mortuary

Elmer A. Montgomery (1917-1988) US Army, 1946-1948, WWII

The purpose of the MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations; to provide honor and respect to those who have served this country, by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes. MIAP is a non-profit, 100% volunteer organization. For more information, visit www.miap.us.

Myers Mortuary is donating their hearse and driver to carry the cremains which will be escorted by members of the MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT, a Veterans Recovery Program, with large American flags flying on motorcycles followed by other participating veterans focused motorcycle organizations, cars and other vehicles. The funeral procession will be led by the Salt Lake City Police Department Motorcycle Division.

Service Details:

Date: September 30, 2017
Place: Salt Lake City Harley-Davidson
Address: 2928 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, 84115
Line Up Time: 8:30 am
Transfer of Urns: 9:30 am
Departure Time: 10:00 am

Place of Interment: Utah Veterans Memorial Park (UVMP) Chapel
Address: 17111 So. Camp Williams Road, Riverton, 84065
Time: 10:30 am

Government officials, the public and media are invited to attend. Government officials please RSVP to Roger Graves at the email shown in the contact information.

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