



Missing In America Project

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After Action Report

Missouri State Veterans Cemetery @Fort Leonard Wood

Waynesville, Missouri

8/1/2024

At 11:00 hours on August 1st, 2024. Missouri State Miap conducted a service for 2 Unclaimed Veterans.

1 Post Vietnam Era US Navy Veteran Deceased in 2011 and One WWI Veteran Deceased in 1963 who was waiting for his final salute for over 61 years.

The cremains were recovered from Clinkingbeard Funeral Home in AVA Missouri.

The journey for these two veterans started in AVA Missouri at the Clinkingbeard Funeral home at 8:00 am driving north to Lebanon Mo, then west to Exit 156 on Missouri Interstate I-44 for a total distance of 112 Miles. Law enforcement Escort was provided by the AVA PD, The Mansfield PD and finally the Missouri State Troopers for the final 50 miles. Arriving at the Cemetery at 10:40 am

Joining our Funeral were members of the Patriotic Guard Riders, American Legion Riders, VFW Riders Local Miap Volunteers assisted with Ceremony Linda Smith and Joseph Smith.

A flag line was also present at the cemetery provided by Missouri PGR.

Order of Service at the Cemetery

Welcome remarks by Dan Poirier/Volunteer Missouri Miap

Invocation by: Chaplain (CPT) David Sisco, 5th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood

Keynote Speaker, Don Gerspach, National Director, Missing In America Project

Reading of the Names/Ringer of the Bell, John Tieskotter, Senior Chief Petty Officer, US Navy Retired.

Honors/Rifle Volley/Taps

Missouri Army National Guard/US Navy Seabees Honor Team

Receiving Flags/// US Army, Major Gen Christopher Beck//US Navy, Carmelita Tieskotter

Closing Remarks. Stacy Wilson, Cemetery Director -Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Leonard Wood

Dignified movement of the Urns to Columbarium

Final Prayers, Chaplain (CPT) David Sisco

Insertions of Urns into Columbarium

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Poirier

Missouri Volunteer, Miap

