

## COMPLETED MISSION REPORT: 1 JUN 2020

Coin presentation – Kelly Rasmussen

SP2 (T) Laque Warren Youngblood, 87, US Army (Korea), Longview, WA.

Patriots gathered on a very sunny and pleasant day. We held a briefing that included a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed a first timer with a thank you patch. The Road Captain gave a ride/safety briefing which covered the route we would take. At the completion of the briefing, all Patriots mounted their perspective iron horses and cages and we departed for Longview Memorial Cemetery, with our flashers on and our flags flying. When we arrived at the cemetery, we formed into a column of twos and moved into position surrounding front of mausoleum B, where our Hero would be interred. We placed static flags out, lining the approach to the mausoleum and detailed two Patriots, one with the US flag and the other with the US Army Ensign and posted them as per protocol. The rest of our Patriots lined the road approach to the Mausoleum. We awaited the Rolling Honor Guard that would bring our Hero and his family to our location from the Chapel. Upon arrival, the RHG team acted as pall bearers for our Hero; our team led our Hero dutifully and with Honor from the coach to the front of the mausoleum to subsequently receive his much deserved Military Honors. The DoD Honor Guard held the burial flag at table top as the rifle team sent prayers aloft for our Hero, TAPS was rendered then the DoD folded and presented the Burial Flag, our Rifle Team Commander presented the spent brass and our Captain presented the commemorative coin all to the widow Betty, who was his Aunt. We remained at the mausoleum to help place the Hero. We stood at Present Arms as our Hero was hoisted and placed into the crypt.

Once paced, the command to retire the colors was given, we subsequently formed in a column of twos and formed up at the support vehicle, we stowed our flags, held a short de-brief and left the area.

We gathered as Patriots all, we stood guard for the Heroes being remembered on this day as the PATRIOT GUARD; united not in name, but in our love of our Veterans. May we never forget our purpose in this endeavor of Honor, Respect and love of our Fallen Heroes and their families. The love and camaraderie of all Patriots gathered this day was beautiful to see. We left as PATRIOTS ALL until we are called upon to stand again.

This mission was conducted to the highest standards of the American Legion PATRIOT GUARD / FINAL SALUTE Mission. It was a mission completed to the highest standards of our stated mission; HONORING OUR NATIONS HEROES. May GOD bless our service members and our Patriot Family, PATRIOTS ALL that we may continue to STAND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE AND CONTINUE TO STAND FOR OUR SAFETY AND FREEDOM.

No accidents, injuries or other incidents took place during this mission.

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