

## COMPLETED MISSION REPORT:

Flag Line/RHG

PFC Samuel F. Tift USAF (Korean Era)

On Saturday March 6, 2021, twenty-seven patriots gathered at the Indy Way Diner to honor our hero, PFC Samuel F. Tift. The mission started at 1305hrs with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A briefing was conducted then patriots mounted their steel horses and cages for departure to Hudson Cemetery in Rainier Oregon. The rolling honor guard then departed for Steel Chapel to assist with the family in escorting our hero to his final destination.

We arrived at Hudson Cemetery at 1330hrs and formed up in rows of two with the Airforce and American flags leading. As we surrounded the family with love and honor we became the Patriot Guard. Our hero was obviously very loved as many family and friends were in attendance.

At 1400hrs the sound of rumbling steel horses was heard off in the distance. Patriots were placed on Stand By. As the RHG came into sight, the Patriot Guard was placed at Attention then ordered to Present Arms. The RHG slowly rumbled into the cemetery guiding our hero to his friends and family. The Airforce carefully removed our hero from the hearse then placed him lovingly in front of his wife. The command of Order Arms was given. A short introduction followed by a prayer was given by the pastor. As the Airforce performed Military Honors the command of Present Arms was given. The Clatskanie American Legion performed the rifle volley then Taps was played. Following Taps the command of Order Arms was called. As the flag was presented to our hero's wife the sky began to weep followed by an all-out assault from Mother Nature. Patriots and family members held onto the shelter to keep it from lifting off protecting our Hero's wife and Family and the ceremony continued. The spent rifle brass from the volley and a Legion coin that was touched by all Patriot Guard personnel, was given to our Hero's wife. With the ceremony concluded the command of Retire the Colors was given and the Patriot Guard slowly departed the grounds to stow the flags in the support vehicle. A short debrief was held then we departed the cemetery as proud patriots.

This mission was conducted to the highest standards of the American Legion PATRIOT GUARD/FINAL SALUTE mission. No accidents, injuries or other incidents took place during this mission.

Honor/Respect

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