

COMPLETED MISSION REPORT 26 JUN 2018 /

Darwin Dean Mitchell, US Army, Kelso, WA. On Tuesday 26 JUN 2018

12 Patriotic souls attended the Final Salute Full Military Honors for Darwin Dean Mitchell. We staged at the Wilco store close to the mission location. We received a last minute request the director to put together a missing man formation to escort the Hero and his family to the gravesite for Full Military Honors. We briefed and all rolled to the Church to re-group with the family. Once at the church a missing man formation was formed from the group which included a nephew of our Hero who rode in the "Honor" position; the remaining members went to the gravesite. The MM formation stood at present Arms as the Hero was removed from the church and loaded into the coach. The members were called to present arms as the MM formation escort arrived at the cemetery. Once parked, we waited for the family to come forward. Our Hero was subsequently unloaded by the family pall bearers as we were at the position of present arms. The US Army Honor Guard then picked the burial flag off the casket and snapped it open, the American Legion Castle Rock Post #175 then rendered the Final Salute of the dead with a volley of three followed by the rendering of TAPS. The US Army Honor Guard then folded and presented the Burial Flag to the son, Dean. The American Legion Riders Patriots All presented Dean with a commemorative coin followed by the American Legion Honor Guard's presentation of the spent brass. We held the line for the remainder of the service. At the conclusion of the service we formed a column of twos led by the US flag and the US Army Ensign and preceded to the support vehicle. We stowed the flags and held a short debrief. We then left the area. It was a mission completed to the highest standards of the American Legion Riders and all Patriots. May GOD bless our service members, first responders and all PATRIOTS that we may continue to STAND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EARNED OUR FREEDOM AND HAVE MADE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE. No accidents, injuries or other incidents took place during this mission. SEMPER FI