COMPLETED MISSION REPORT

28 November 2021

Sgt. Richard Brantley 74, US Army (Vietnam) Yacolt, WA.

17 Patriotic Souls gathered to honor one of our heroes from this great nation. Our members arrived on 12 Iron Horses and approx. 5 Cages. The weather was partly cloudy and unseasonably warm for this time of year. After passing the Commemorative Coin our Rolling Honor Guard rolled out to our heroes home. The mission consisted of a flag line at the Mt. Valley Grange, Full Military Honors augmented by The American Legion, and a Rolling Honor Guard from our heroes home to the grange. Prior to the mission briefing the Honor Guard Captain practiced training for both the rifle team and taps. A mission briefing was then conducted and followed by establishing a flag line as the family and friends arrived. Full Military Honors were presented with Tum Tum Post #168 of The American Legion providing the rifle team, led by Gunny from the Kelso American Legion Post, and the Tum Tum American Legion Riders providing Taps. The US Army provided the presentation of the Honorary Service Flag for our hero and finally we presented the commemorative coin to Cheryl Brantley, our heroes wife. As the US Army presented and folded the Honorary Service Flag the meaning of each of the Thirteen Folds was read for our heroes family. Next, I would like to note that for this mission there were many firsts involved. The American Legion Tum Tum Post #168 and the Tum Tum American Legion Riders really stepped up to the plate to honor this hero from our community. Most of them volunteered for critical roles where this was the first time they filled those roles. Three of our post officers including the Commander and Adjutant stepped up to be members of the rifle team, 2 of our American Legion Riders stepped up to be part of the Rolling Honor Guard, one of our American Legion Riders stepped up to play TAPS, and one of our Riders stepped up to be an Assistant Road Captain in training. For all of these it was their first time in these roles. We also had 4 patriots that this was their very first Patriot Guard Mission. For our fourth Patriot that this was his first mission I am dedicating a specific paragraph. I did not get his name however shortly after we established our flag line one of our heroes stepped up and placed himself next to one of the flags we had planted. I spoke to this hero briefly and learned that he served with our hero Richard Brantley. He stood with us throughout the ceremony and then joined us when we debriefed. During our debrief he shared with us how he knew our hero, a little about our hero, and gave us some perspective of the conditions over there while our hero served and sacrificed for our nation. It was a mission completed to the highest standards of the PATRIOT GUARD / FINAL SALUTE Mission. May GOD bless our service members and all Patriots as we STAND FOR THOSE WHO STOOD FOR US. No accidents, injuries or other incidents took place during this mission. Honor & Respect to our Hero, His Family, and all of the Patriots that stood for him. My hats off to all of you.