



Missing In America Project

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**After Action Report
Camp Navajo Memorial Veterans Cemetery
Bellemont, Arizona
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Missing In America Project Northern Arizona laid to rest 2 veterans today.

1st Lt William Kelly was provided to us by a friend of the family after Mr. Kelly's wife passed. She did not have any idea who to contact so she reached out to the VFW who sent her to the Marine Corp league who in turn sent her to MIAP. Once she reached out to MIAP we took the ball and ran with it.

Today we escorted Lt William Kelly from Kingman Az. to camp Navajo for final interment with full military honors.

We were also contacted by the county fiduciary for Coconino County who was directed to us by the Sierra Vista Veterans Cemetery Administrator Joe Larson. Once we received the info and were able to verify he was in fact a US Marine who was honorably discharged, we worked with Coconino County to see that Private Ricky Little was laid to rest on this date with full military honors.

The escort for Lt. Kelly was provided by the Missing In America Project Northern Arizona along with the patriot Guard Rider's of Kingman Az.

Richard Lozano of Lozano's Funeral Home agreed to provide transportation for Pvt. Little to Camp Navajo.

The Kingman escort met up with the Lozano Funeral Home coach at the Harley Davidson dealership 3 miles from Camp Navajo wherein the cremains of Lt Kelly were transferred to the coach which then joined the precession into Camp Navajo.

Colonel Paul Pitts USAF retired of Kingman Az provided Chaplain Duties, VFW Flagstaff provided the Honor Detail while the US Army and USMC provided flag folding and presentation.

As this was the first service at Camp Navajo for Missing In America Project we had a good turnout of approximately 50 attendees including R. Scott Fincher, Deputy Director Arizona Department Of Veterans Affairs, William “Billy” Weldon, Arizona Commander Military Order of the Purple Heart, as well as 3 Veterans Cemetery Directors along with the Coconino County Public Fiduciary, Rashida Suminski. Ms. Suminski spoke with me after the service and said she was so impressed by what MIAP that she will personally reach out to every county fiduciary in the State of Arizona to get them onboard.

I would consider this a very successful mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clyde “TEX” Taylor, Northern Arizona State Coordinator