



**Missing In America Project
After action report
Grand Junction Colorado
Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Of Western Colorado
March 21, 2019
10: 00a.m.**

Two weeks before the ceremony 27 veterans and 2 wives were transferred from Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary and Cemetery by the staff of the cemetery to Vail Colorado. They were transferred to the Martin Mortuary coach inside the Vail fire department. From there they were escorted to Grand Junction by the Colorado State Patrol and MIAP volunteer Mike Shults. They were taken to Martin Mortuary where one Veteran was transferred to his family for later service. One day before the service the cremains were transferred to Urns from MacKenzie Vaults Inc. One wife was to be laid to rest with a husband that was already in the cemetery. A husband and wife were placed in an urn with two compartments. On the morning of the service Martin Mortuary had two rows of urns and folded flags on display. At 9:00 a.m. a short service was held in the mortuary where the Pledge of Allegiance was said. A welcome was given by Richard Lewis of Martin Mortuary. Opening remarks by Mike Shults Missing In America representative were given. Closing and prayers were given by Reverend Robert Babcox Chief Chaplain Colorado State Patrol. Flags and urns were transferred to the hearse by the Central High School Junior ROTC. The hearse was then escorted by the Colorado State patrol, Grand Junction Police Department and the Patriot Guard Riders.

At exactly 10:00 a.m. the Honor Guard pulled into the cemetery followed by the hearse. Waiting for their arrival was the Grand Junction Fire dept with a ladder truck and a huge American Flag. The Patriot Guard Riders formed a flag line, a cannon was fired by Shady's Lady and VMC Cannons. Standing at attention was Team III COARNG Honor Guard while the Grand Valley Combined honor Guard posted the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Taylor Long a 6 year old and the audience participated. Each flag and urn was brought in one at a time and placed in front of the audience. This was done by Grand Valley combined honor Guard, Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol. The invocation was given by Reverend John Foreman (USMC) former Navy Captain. Opening remarks were by Joanne Inglesias, Director of Veterans Affairs-west. Opening remarks by Richard Lewis Martins Mortuary. Guest speaker Mike Shults Missing In America representative. Guest speaker Congressman Scott Tipton. Guest speaker CMS Bill Woods Command Senior Enlisted leader to the Adjutant General of Colorado. Military Honors and rifle volley by the Team III COARNG Honor Guard. Echo TAPS were played and then the Rocky Mt. Scots played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. There was a flag folding and presentation to the family of Walter Bonney, four of whom came from Washington State to attend the service. There was a presentation of two dozen yellow roses by the Veterans hospital and care center and one yellow rose will be placed at each grave. Rev. John Foreman said the Benediction. The urns were carried to a waiting Army Jeep, while white doves were released and the bagpipes played "Going Home".

After the service Martin Mortuary treated the participants and the general public to a BBQ lunch catered by The Cowboy and the Rose

I have sent thank you notes to all the people involved.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Shults MIAP volunteer Colorado

Walter Leo Bonney Private US Army WWI & WWII 7-C-5	James DeMaye Sutton PN1 US Navy Korea—Vietnam 7-E-6	Maurice H Eisner AMM1C US Coast Guard WWII 7-D-4
Norman T Pineau Jr Major US Air Force Korea—Vietnam Columbarium with wife	Jerome Frederick Meis PN1 US Army Vietnam 7-E-7	Cleo Alva Hodgens PVT US Army WWII 7-D-3
Loray F Siddens CPL US Army WWII 7-E-1	Dale Roger Jeskey STGSN US Navy NO WAR 7-E-8	Russell Lewis Hillen PVT US Army WWII 7-D-2
Charles Flagan Wallace PVT US Army WWII 7-E-2	Mervin Alfred Osborne and Loretta M. PTR2C US Navy WWII 7-D-8	Alex Abenico Gomez PURPLE HEART S1 US Navy WWII 7-D-1
Arthur Clinton Hubbard GMT1 US Navy WWII—Korea - Vietnam 7-E-3	Ralph Bowers Marlow SSGT US Army WWII 7-D-7	William James McHatton CPL US ARMY WWI 7-C-1
Raymond Earl Olson PFC US Army Korea 7-E-4	William Herbert Leshner SGT US Army WWII 7-D-6	John Russell Morgan MM1 US Navy WWI 7-C-2
Harry Vaughn Wells SSGT US Air Force Korea 7-E-5	Charley Robert Jarrett TEC4 US Army WWII 7-D-5	William Thomas Starr MM2C US Navy WWI 7-C-3

Otto Bray and Laverne Margaret Bray

PFC

US Army

WWII

7-C-6

Lyle James Call Jr.

CPL

US Army

WWII

7-C-7

John Robert Carlson

S2

US Navy

WWII

7-C-8

Dayton Dean Carter

SGT

US Army

WWII

7-C-9

Joseph William Creighton

PFC

US Army

WWI

7-C-4