



Missing In America Project Veteran Recovery Program

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Missing In America Veterans Recovery Program traveled to Oro Valley Arizona bright and early this morning to pay our final respects to 19 unclaimed Veterans. This Mission was originally set to begin at Avalon Chapel in Oro Valley 4 days before the service we were notified that due to other services scheduled we would not be able to start from Avalon Chapel, this left us scrambling for another venue to stage this mission from we ended up starting at Desert Sunset Funeral Home this being a much smaller venue we were forced to limit the size of the escort to the cemetery in part due to limited law enforcement participation.

On top of that Orange Grove Rd exit at Interstate 10 was closed to all traffic due to road construction which forced us to take a round about route to the cemetery. As we always do we rolled with the punches and made it work in the end.

American Legion Post 132 Oro Valley posted colors followed by Shaun Pfund welcoming everyone who attended. Kurt Hinson provided the opening prayer followed by a flyover by the Flying Scorpions in the missing man formation.

Post Commander Wayne Larroque Post Commander American Legion Post 132 provided a very moving public address.

Followed by reading of the names by Kris Hinson and Brenda Price with Shaun Pfund providing bell ringer duties, followed by rifle volley and taps provided by Post 132 with the United States Army handling flag folding and flag presentation.

Shaun Pfund followed up with a very moving poem that had not been used at a MIAP Service in Arizona before today.

Oro Valley Post 132 retired the colors and Kurt Hinson closed out the service with a closing prayer.

The urn bearers were American Legion, PGR, MIAP Volunteers and law enforcement motor Officers.

This was another successful mission by Missing In America Veterans Recovery Program with the participation of many veterans and members of the public.

Estimated attendance was close to 200 on a warm April Morning.

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