



Missing In America Project Veteran Recovery Program

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Missing In America Veterans Recovery Program laid to rest Bess Saide Billadeau born 10/23/1920 in San Francisco ,CA. and Passed away 3/24/1921 from Pneumonia in Seattle Wa.

Bessie sat on the shelves of Lakeview Mortuary for 102 years before being discovered by the MIAP Washington team. Working in coordination with MIAP Washington here cremains were shipped to Arizona for her to be placed with her father Roy Allen Billadeau a US Navy Veteran who passed away at Fort Whipple Hospital in Prescott AZ in 1924.

MIAP AZ Team members from the Phoenix area traveled to Prescott National Cemetery where on this date 1/29/2024 she was laid to rest with her father.

The Cemetery director thanked the MIAP Team for bringing this to fruition, Clyde Taylor read a poem from MIAP Website called next of kin. Cary Cartter MIAP AZ Chaplain conducted the service and provided a very nice eulogy.

We notified the different veteran organizations in the Prescott as well as the local news media who were in attendance along with a local magazine that is going to write about MIAP. In all I would estimate we had approximately 60 people from the area come to pay their respects to this child.

The local American Legion Color Guard showed up even though I was informed 2 hours prior to the service they would not be there, They provide a 3 rifle volley and Taps. In all this was a great service.

Clyde Taylor AZ State Coordinator