



# Missing In America Project

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## **After Action Report National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico 27 October 2023**

On 27 October 2023, at 1330hrs, the Missing In American Project laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico (formerly known as Quantico National Cemetery) the previously unclaimed cremains of 21 veterans and 4 spouses of veterans.

The Jewish Family Service of Tidewater, Virginia Beach, VA provided the cremains of 19 veterans and 2 spouses. The Smith and Williams Funeral Home, Virginia Beach, provided the cremains of one spouse. And the Prince William County Sheriff's Office provided the cremains of 2 veterans and one spouse.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance, to include 50+ motorcycle riders, 14 Patriot Guard Riders, 7 members of the US Army Honor Guard (5 Firing Party, 2 Honor Guard and 1 Officer), 3 members of the US Navy Honor Guard (to include 1 Officer), 2 members of the US Air Force Honor Guard, and 2 Marine Corps Base Quantico Ceremonial Platoon personnel.

Also noteworthy was COL Ward Nickisch, US Army, Retired, who provided remarks, and Kevin Byrne played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes, Tom Ackman played Taps, and Victor "Czech" Machalec III Nam Knights MC fabricated a tiered shelving unit to display the urns and flags.

The flag honoring an Army veteran was provided to a friend of that veteran; a flag honoring the Navy veteran was presented to a representative of the Jewish Family Service of Tidewater nursing home; a flag honoring the Marine veteran was presented to the Executive Director of the Willing Warrior Retreat at Bull Run; and the flag honoring the Air Force veteran was provided to his biological son.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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