



Missing In America Project Veteran Recovery Program

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On Tuesday April 6, 2023 Missing In America Project laid to rest 14 unclaimed veterans from Mojave County Arizona and Coconino County Arizona. Richard Lozano a MIAP Volunteer and owner of Lozano's Flagstaff Mortuary drove from Flagstaff to Bullhead City Az to provide transportation for these 14 veterans. We were met at the funeral home by 10 PGR members that helped transfer the cremains to the coach then they stood flagline in 37 degree weather with a strong blowing wind and saluted the coach as we drove thru the flagline leaving the funeral home.

All MIAP personnel were in private vehicles due to the possibility of snow on the trip to Flagstaff. We had one MC rider with us from Bullhead who was a member of Combat Vets he traveled with us all the way to cemetery. We made a stop in Seligman so the lone ride could gas up and at this fuel stop 6 more combat vets were waiting to join the escort to the cemetery.

We arrived at the cemetery at approximately 10:50 am for the 11 AM service. The cremains transfer to the service shelter was performed by volunteers without a problem. Patty Palermo welcomed everyone that braved the 27 degree temp with 30 mph winds. Cary Cartter MIAP Chaplain provided us with an opening prayer.

MIAP Chaplain Kurt Hinson provided reading of the names with MIAP Volunteer John Epstein handling bell duty.

The military Honors for rifle volley and taps was performed by the Marine Corp League out of Flagstaff Commander Greg Staley with American Legion Post 140 out of Prescott Valley was presented with the honors flag. To display at their post which they have named after a MIAP Veteran that was laid to rest in 2021 by MIAP.

Judy Dillman Cemetery Administrator was guest speaker for this service and did a good job. It was brought our attention by Judy that the cemetery has had over 300 burials at this cemetery since they opened 4 years ago and that over 1/3 of the burials were performed by MIAP.

Cary Cartter provided a closing prayer and this ended the service. All escorts but one who needed to get back to Tucson were invited to lunch at Coco's Bakery and Restaurant by Daughters of the American Revolution which was a nice offer.

We all made it back home safely with no mishaps.

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