



Mission Notice
Missing In America Project
Public Invitation
October 21st, 2022 11am
Tanker Accounted For From World War II (Cooper, J.)

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that U.S. Army Pvt. John P. Cooper, 37, of Athens, Texas, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 21, 2022.

In March 1945, Cooper was assigned to Company B, 778th Tank Battalion, as a crew member of an M4 Sherman tank. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces at Pellingen, near Lampaden, Germany, on March 7 when his tank was struck by an enemy shoulder-fired rocket. Witnesses saw Cooper escape the tank, but he was never seen or heard from again. He was declared missing in action, but the Germans never reported him as a prisoner of war. On March 8, 1946, with no evidence Cooper survived the fighting, the War Department issued a presumptive finding of death.

We invite all motorcycles that are able to join MIAP in escorting U.S. Army Pvt. John P. Cooper to his final rest.

Date: Friday Oct. 21, 2022

Muster time 1000- Edwards Funeral Home Fort Smith

KSU: 10:45

Interment Time and Location: 11:00

Fort Smith National Cemetery

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