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## **After Action Report Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery, Evansville, WY 18 SEP 2019**

On this day the cremains of 23 veterans were honorably transferred from Kane Funeral Home into their hearse to be escorted to Oregon Trail Veteran's Cemetery in Evansville. The escort for the mission left Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan, Wyoming at 7 am. It was led by Sheridan Police, Sheridan County Sheriffs, Wyoming State Troopers, while Patriot Guard Riders rode in front of and behind the hearse carrying the cremains of twenty-three veterans to be interred at the Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery.

During the three-hour journey from Sheridan to Casper, Johnson County Sheriffs joined the escort and well wishers gathered by the roadside as well as on highway overpasses.

Upon arrival at the cemetery the escort was greeted by the PGR flag line, as well as numerous members of the general public. Each urn was in a velvet bag whose color matched their branch of service and had dog tags to identify them. Thirty first responders from local police, fire and EMS units were available to carry the urns and flags into the chapel.

The memorial was led by Cecil Barnes, longtime head of the Natrona County United Veterans Council. The nearly 200 attendees were addressed by Governor Mark Gordon and Jackie King, from Representative Liz Cheney's office, who read remarks from the Congresswoman. Daniel Gallegos, military liaison for Senator John Barrasso and DeAnna K. Kay, of Senator Mike Enzi's office were also present for the memorial.

Utah Missing in America Project State and Regional Coordinator, Roger Graves was in attendance with members Arnold Casey and Mike Gallegos to support Wyoming's first ceremony.

The weather was beautiful, the mission was successful and the publicity was positive, ensuring support for Missing in America Project across the state of Wyoming.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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