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Unclaimed cremated remains of 7 US Veterans dating back to WWII found in Columbus, Ohio

Veterans to be buried with full military honors December 10, 2020

The Missing In America Project (MIAP) has discovered the unclaimed cremated remains of 7 United States Veterans and 1 (one) Spouse in the Ohio Cremation and Memorial Society, Columbus, Ohio. These service men served in WWII, Vietnam and periods in between.

These cremains will be interred at Dayton National Cemetery on December 10, 2020 in the early afternoon, with full military honors. Due to the current pandemic conditions the procession from Columbus to Dayton National Cemetery will be minimal with limited attendance limited to invitees only.

The MIAP continues its efforts in finding and identifying United States Veterans among unclaimed cremated remains to have them properly buried in a National Cemetery. There are hundreds more funeral homes that need to be contacted in Ohio in the attempt to locate these unclaimed remains. Time is of the essence so that these forgotten heroes do not get placed into common burials, and slip through the cracks.

If anyone recognizes the names of any of these Veterans, please contact me, Steve Ebersole, at ohiomiap@gmail.com or at (614)783-6862 with any information. The list of the Veterans and spouse to be interred follows:

- * Tech 4. Richard M. Davis, U.S. Army
- * Pvt, Albert Esterline. U.S. Air Force
- * PFC, Clemmons M. Parrish, U.S. Army
- * ADJ3, Michael Croxton Powell, U.S. Navy
- * A2C, Richard H. Sheets, U.S. Air Force
- * Spouse Marlene Sheets
- * PFC, Ronald Thomas Starner, U.S. Army
- * SP5, Kerry Williams, U.S. Army

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The Missing In America Project

The purpose of the MIA Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains (cremains) of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

The initial focus of the MIA Project will be a massive, nation-wide effort to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of forgotten veterans. This task will be executed through the combined, cooperative efforts of members of the American Legion, other volunteer service and veteran organizations, local Funeral Homes, State Funeral Commissions, State and National Veterans Administration Agencies, and the State and National Veterans Cemetery Administrations. Local, state and national laws must be followed in the identification, claiming process and proper interment of the unclaimed remains of forgotten veterans.

The Missing in America Project (MIAP) is a registered 501(c)3 Non-profit Corporation. The Missing in America Project was launched nationwide in January, 2007.

We are supported by many of the Veterans Service Organizations, such as:

- The American Legion
- The Sons of The American Legion
- Amvets
- Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- And many more

We are also supported by The Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS). Ohio Congressman, Pat Tiberi introduced the Missing in American Act, in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2009, supported by Congressman Steve Stivers in 2011. Senator Rob Portman introduced the Senate Bill in 2012. The President signed it into law in January of 2013. The Missing in American Act recognizes the MIAP as being able to represent the Department of the VA in this issue. In 2010, then Ohio State Representative, Kevin Bacon, introduced a companion bill in the Ohio State legislature requiring funeral homes to submit the names of all unclaimed cremains to the VA for verification of service.

For more information go to www.miap.us