

Here is an update of our Honors Burial for 2021 thus far:

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 29, 2021 @ 10:00 AM for our next Honors Burial ceremony. This ceremony will be held in the chapel of Fairmount Cemetery, 430 S. Quebec St., in Denver, CO. The management of Fairmount Cemetery has graciously invited our chapter to utilize their beautiful chapel to pay our respects and honor our fellow fallen veterans whose unclaimed cremains have remained in a mass crypt for upwards of 40 years in some cases. We will be honoring veterans as far back as WWI up to and including Vietnam veterans with the respect and dignity that they deserve. Even though they have left this life many years ago their remains are deserving and entitled to a proper resting place that each of them earned in honorable service to their country.

It is with great respect and responsibility that our chapter has taken on this task of honoring our fallen brothers with this ceremony. The motto of Vietnam Veterans of America "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another" is carried out in this meaningful event and we, as a chapter, are humbled to perform this lasting respect to our fellow veterans.

We will be honoring 11 Army veterans, 5 Navy veterans, 2 Air Force veterans and 1 U.S. Coast Guard Veteran. We will need **19** of our chapter members who would carry the handcrafted urns in a procession to the table of honor of each of these veteran brothers. Those of you who would volunteer to bear one of these urns should contact me so I can get your name on the list of volunteers. Let me know if you have a preference of branch of service you would like to escort. There will be a requirement of Black trousers, Black vest, White dress shirt and Black cover for those who will escort our fallen veterans. No advertising of beer or other products will appear on any articles of clothing. We expect there to be local press coverage and possible TV as well as internet and YouTube service will be broadcast for this event.

This event will fall on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend so please make sure you don't have plans of travel that weekend in order to be part of this wonderful event. All participants will be required to be at the Fairmount Chapel not later than 9:00 AM on the 29th to do a walk through and received instructions. Please be prompt so we can ensure everyone is ready to go.

A committal service will be held at **Fort Logan National Cemetery** within a few weeks AFTER this special ceremony. This will be an abbreviated service with an honor gun salute, Honor Bell ringing as well as words from our President and chaplain. Exact procedures have yet to be determined but more information will be sent out as it is available for this committal service.

I realize that we are several weeks away from May 29 but we need to be ready to go when the day arrives. I will be posting more information as it comes available.

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