



BUTLER FAMILY of ORGANIZATIONS



Veterans Tributes

HOW WE HONOR, RECOGNIZE AND PAY DUE RESPECT FOR VETERANS

When it comes to honoring Veterans, no other provider comes close to our level of dedication and commitment. We do all that we can to recognize, honor, and pay due respect to those who have served our country. We understand that to each Veteran and each of their family members, it couldn't be more personal. You will not find another provider that does more for Veterans and their families.

Chris Butler, President
Butler Funeral Homes & Cremation Tribute Center



Our Policy and Procedure when notified of a death...



Regardless of whether the contact is from a family member, hospital, nursing home, or other informant, when we are notified of a death, we always ask if the decedent was a Veteran.

When we transfer a Veteran into our care, we drape them with our "Old Glory" cover to illustrate our respect. This is our procedure 24 hours a day, regardless of where the transfer takes place from.

Our respect for a Veteran is demonstrated from the moment we are given the opportunity to serve.

Our tribute begins with your first call to us.

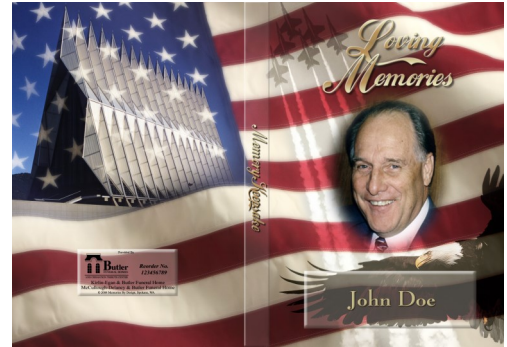
When we transfer a Veteran to their final resting place, the funeral coach is identified with the emblem of the Veteran's branch of service on both sides of the vehicle, signifying the loss of a Patriot.



Memorial Keepsakes

We offer several Memorial Keepsake items as part of our Signature Services to Veterans and their families. A patriotic life tribute DVD and an on-line life story will be created to recognize not only the service, but the personal lives of those who have served our country.

We also offer, at no cost to active-duty personnel, the “Greater Love” program provided by Beryl Martin, which includes up to 100 life tribute bi-folds or tri-folds. These beautiful and creative keepsakes allow for photos and personal text, which may include obituary information, funeral or memorial service information, a choice of poem, song, or scripture, or any other personal text.



Flags

"We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth, peace, security, liberty, our family, our friends, our home ... But when we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it is the result of duty done."

~ Calvin Coolidge



We provide a United States flag and a branch of service flag to be displayed during ceremonies. Arrangements can also be made to display the flags of other Veterans organizations, including but not limited to; Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Posts, and Interveterans Burial Detail, should these organizations be participating in ceremonies.

We will also make arrangements to secure a United States flag for use in draping the casket or to be presented to the spouse or children of the Veteran .

Custom Military Tribute Panels

Custom Military Tribute Panels can be displayed in the caps of most caskets, providing a personal way to highlight the military service of a Veteran. Choices include a U.S. Flag, a U.S. Flag and Eagle, Military Branch Insignia (for all branches of the U.S. Military), and the American Legion.

We also offer Life Symbols®, which can be added to the corners of most caskets or to urns, providing additional recognition of military service.

Both tribute items are included in the cost of the caskets and urns for which they are available.



Patriot's Walk

Prior to the arrival of the funeral procession, our associates go to the cemetery of the family's choice to prepare the site for the arrival of the Veteran.

We install a double row of flags from the driveway where the funeral coach will stop to the graveside, thus creating a Patriot's Walk in honor of the Veteran.



Pallbearer Identification

Unless the Veteran's death was during active duty, the Pallbearers are typically dressed in civilian attire. Therefore, we identify the Pallbearers by providing each with a United States flag lapel pin as our gift to them in recognition of their service as a Pallbearer for a Veteran.

Cemetery Services

We will assist Veterans and their families in arranging for cemetery services whether choosing a national cemetery, including Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, or a private cemetery.

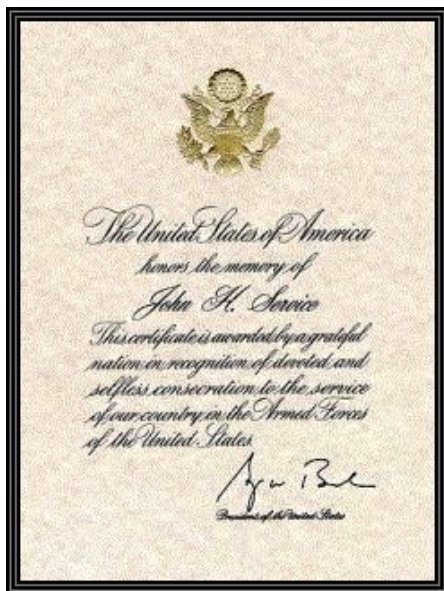
If burial arrangements are made with Camp Butler National Cemetery, or another national cemetery, we will ensure that all of the appropriate paperwork and information is submitted and that all benefits are provided for. If burial will not take place in a national cemetery, a Veteran marker is provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, if requested by the family. We will assist families in securing the marker and making arrangements for its placement in a private cemetery.



Military Honors

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is a way to show deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. We will be honored to make arrangements for this final demonstration a grateful nation and community can provide to a Veteran and their family. Military Honors may be provided by the Department of Defense or by the local Interveterans Burial Detail.

Arrangements can also be made to include a bugler, should a family request this special tribute.



Presidential Memorial Certificate

In recognition and commemoration of their service to our country, we request a certificate that bears the signature of the President of the United States.

We procure a certificate for every surviving spouse and child of a Veteran. The certificate is a treasured family keepsake in honor of a Veteran.

If you did not receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate, please contact us and we will obtain a certificate for you at no charge.

Veterans Benefits

We will take care of completing and filing all of the necessary paperwork required when applying for Veterans benefits. These benefits are provided at no cost to family members to recognize the sacrifice and contributions of our nation's Veterans. Some benefits that are typically provided include:

Burial in a State or National Veterans Cemetery | Military Honors
U.S. Burial Flag | Standard Grave Marker