

Highland Lakes Honor Guard 2-20-25

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Memorial Day

Veteran's Day

911

3-Member Funeral

No Rifles

Dry Rifle Salute

Team Prayer (Turn Off Cell Phones)

Dear Lord,

We come before YOU again as the Highland Lakes Honor Guard to render Military Funeral Honors for the men and women of our country who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States, and have now gone to their rest.

Guide us in going about our duties in a dignified and respectful manner, so that we may be a source of comfort and closure to those who are grieving their loss.

Loving LORD, bless our **Comrade-In-Arms** forever in YOUR eternal peace. Let the sounds of strife, the cries of battle, and the wounds of war be calmed for all eternity in YOUR loving and endless grace.

Let these great warriors find rest at last, ever reminded that we who are left behind will cherish their spirit, honor their commitment, send them our love and will NEVER forget the service that they gave.

In the name of all that is HOLY we pray
AMEN

Military Funeral Service

The Highland Lakes Honor Guard extends to the family and friends of this **Honored Veteran** our sincerest condolences for your loss.

It is an honor and privilege for us to be here today and to participate in this service on behalf of our Comrade-In-Arms.

It is with deep respect that we offer the following prayer:

Loving LORD, Bless this brave servant forever in YOUR eternal peace. Let the sounds of strife, the cries of battle, and the wounds of war be calmed for all eternity in YOUR loving and endless grace.

Let this great warrior find rest at last, ever reminded that we who are left behind, cherish his (her) spirit, honor his (her) commitment, send him (her) our love, and will NEVER forget the service that he (she) gave.

In the name of all that is HOLY we pray.

AMEN

Flag Fold – Intro

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The next morning, it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the RESURRECTION of the BODY.

I invite all those who are able to please stand for the rifle salute and the sounding of taps that follows.

***** Salute for Taps*****

PLEASE BE SEATED

(PLEASE BE SEATED) **12 Fold Narrative**

Each fold of the flag has a solemn symbolic meaning.

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The **SECOND** fold is a symbol of our belief in the ETERNAL LIFE.

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The **FOURTH** fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in GOD, it is to HIM we turn to in time of war for HIS DIVINE guidance.

The **FIFTH** fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our country is dealing with other countries; may SHE always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong.”

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The **SEVENTH** fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **EIGHTH** fold is a tribute to THE ONE who entered into the valley of the shadow of death that we might see the light of day

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The **TWELFTH** fold represents an emblem of eternity, and in Christian tradition and belief, glorifies GOD the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT

At the end of the last fold, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto “In GOD We Trust”.

When the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on an appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of our soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones. They ALL, followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, have preserved for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

Insert Shell Casings

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Honor Guard: **Present the Flag**

Special Event Planning Sheet for:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, 9-11

Meadowlakes, RJ Richey, Wounded Warriors

Women's Prison, 100 Club, Tunnels to Towers

Pardners, WFTW, Tow Community Center

Coordinate with Event Organizer for Services Offered

Prayer

Opening Remarks

Cannon Salute

To The Color

Narrated Posting of US and TX Flags

Entrance of partial folded flag

Narrated Flag Folding

Flag Presentation

Closing Remarks

Moment of Silence

Rifle Salute

Taps

Prepare Personalized Script

Flag Posting Ceremony

US Flag

Thank you for inviting the Highland Lakes Honor Guard to help with this important event. It is an honor and privilege to be here today and conduct this historic ceremony.

For all those that are able, please rise for the posting of the colors.

HG: A-Ten-Hut,

Cannonade: Prepare for Cannon Salute, Ready-Fire

Bugler: To The Color (Salute)

HG: Advance the Flag of the United States of America

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, I give you the Flag that flew over Valley Forge; was torn in 2 by the gray and blue, and bled through two World Wars.

I give you the flag that burned in the street in protest, in anger, and shame. The very same flag that covered the men and women who died defending her name.

We now stand together, Americans all, either by choice or by birth, to honor the flag that's flown on the moon and changed the face of the earth.

History will show this flag stood a friend to the hungry, the homeless, and lost. That a mixture of men as common as clay, valued one thing beyond cost.

And they've signed in blood from Bunker Hill to Saigon, Kuwait, Bosnia, Kabul, Baghdad, and Toko Ri. I give you the flag that says to the world, each man has a right to be free.

Honor Guard: POST

Please Join us in the Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands. One nation under GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

TEXAS FLAG

Honor Guard: Advance the flag of the great state of Texas

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, I give you the flag that served as a symbol of an independent nation – The republic of Texas.

It represents the spirit of Texas – yesterday, today and tomorrow !

It's colors are in the waters of the red River and the Bluebonnets of the Texas hill country.

From the expanse of the Big Bend to the river walk of San Antone – all of Texas is it's home.

It waves over the cotton and grain fields of the high plains, and it lies deep in the rich soil of the Rio Grande Valley.

You'll find it's spirit at the light house of Palo Duro and the sand of Padre Island.

It represents Texas – every man, woman, and child!

Honor Guard – POST

Please join us in reciting the pledge to the Texas flag

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under GOD, one and indivisible.

Special Event Flag Folding

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The **NINTH** fold is a tribute to womanhood and Mothers, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the characters of the men and woman who made this country great have been molded.

The **TENTH** fold is a tribute to fatherhood and Fathers, for they too have given of their sons and daughters for the defense of our country, since they were first born

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Honor Guard – Present the Flag

Memorial Day Intro

This holiday is one of the most sacred for the men and women in arms, as we pledge to never forget what so many have sacrificed for our Republic, our many rights under the constitution, and especially our Freedom

Our Honor Guard has respectfully adopted the motto of a well known phrase attributed to an Army Soldier during the Korean War named Howard Osterkamp. It very simply explains this sacrifice. It states “All gave some, some gave ALL”.

And let us not forget the timeless words of the Gospel: “Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends”.

Please join us in a moment of silence as we honor the memory of those that gave ALL in service to this great country.

***** 10 Second Pause *****

(Opt: Honors Detail: Rifle Salute)

TAPS

RJ Richey Intro, Flag Posting – Veteran's Day

Thank you for inviting us to join you in recognizing Veteran's Day. The Highland Lakes Honor Guard is dedicated to providing Full Military Funeral Honors to every Veteran in Llano and Burnet Counties. We also support Community events such as this to help Honor Veterans, Display Our Love of Country and Respect our Glorious Flag. We do this proudly, as does your Lodge, to continue the traditions that helped mold, and sustain this great Republic. You should all be very proud of your school, as does our entire Team. It is a high Honor and Distinct Privilege for us to participate in this Historic Ceremony.

For all those that are able, please rise for The Presentation and Posting of the Colors.

HG: A TEN HUT

BUGLER: To The Color, Present Arms,*,Order Arms**

HG: Advance the Flag of the United States of America

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, I give you the Flag that flew over Valley Forge; was torn in 2 by the gray and blue, and bled through two World Wars.

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Honor Guard: POST

Please Join us in the Pledge of Allegiance

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Honor Guard: Advance the flag of the great state of Texas

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Honor Guard: POST

Please Join us in reciting the pledge to the Texas flag

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under GOD, one and indivisible.

May God Bless these Students, their Families, and this School, May He Bless ALL Veterans wherever they are, past, present, and future, and finally May God continue to Bless The United States of America.

Memorial Day Closing

If there is a ceremonial presenting of the flag to a dignitary, or church alter, etc.

Honor Guard: Present the Flag

“On behalf of the US Military and a grateful nation, it is an honor for the HLHG to present this flag of our country under which all our Veterans so Honorably and Faithfully served.”

In Closing: We must ALL take to heart what this day really means. It is a special day of thanksgiving, reflection, and remembering those who comprise our country's most precious resource, the American Veteran.

They were the first Americans to sacrifice everything to achieve REAL freedom, a lifetime gift from the only REAL KING which was bestowed through HIS divine providence. Without these heroes, there would be No Freedom, No Constitution, No Republic, and No America. We MUST cherish their sacrifice, preserve their memory, and never forget as Americans, who we owe our very lives to.

We folded this flag in Honor of those Veterans, who sacrificed everything THEY had, to protect everything WE cherish today. May GOD bless all of them, may HE bless all of you and may GOD Bless the United States of America.

Thank you. That concludes our ceremony.

Veteran's Day Closing (After Flag Fold)

All Veterans please stand for recognition.

We must take to heart what this day really means. It is a day of thanks and celebration for those who, next to our children, comprise our most precious resource, the American Veteran. They were the first Americans to sacrifice everything to achieve REAL freedom, a lifetime gift from the only REAL KING bestowed through HIS divine providence. Without these heroes, there would be No Constitution, No Freedom, No Republic, and No America. We MUST cherish their sacrifice, preserve their memory, and never forget as Americans who we owe our very lives to.

Thank You for Your Generous Service to this great country

(We present this flag in Honor of all Veterans, past and present, who dedicated everything THEY had to protect everything WE cherish today. May GOD bless all of you, and May God Bless the United States of America.

Honor Guard: Present the Flag)

Salute and Retreat

9/11 Moment of Silence + Rifle Salute/TAPS

This day in September, we pledge to never forget what so many have sacrificed for our Republic. Our Comrades at the Pentagon, the Civilian Flight Crews and brave passengers, and finally, the numerous first responders who charged into the towers as they assisted thousands to evacuate.

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***** 10 Second Pause *****

(Opt: Honors Detail: Rifle Salute)

TAPS

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Funeral Service (3-Members)

Flag Holder Prepares Rifles (1+spare) and Brass,
Folder Prepares Bugle and Flag + Case

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In the name of all that is HOLY we pray.

AMEN

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Flag Folders Shoot and Play Taps – Prep Flag

PLEASE BE SEATED

Flag Folders – Qtr Fold or carry in

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Flag Holder Salutes after the tuck, get's shells ready
(Folder will Present Flag)

Insert Spent Shell Casings

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Honor Guard – Present the Flag

Flag Fold – Intro DRY Rifle Salute

(use same last page as regular service, which includes brass insert)

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To properly Honor our beloved Veteran, our Rifle Volley was held previously “due to local restriction” OR “in accordance with the Family's request”

I invite all those who are able to please stand for the Playing of Taps.