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## Testimonials

The greater community of Burnet, Llano and Marble Falls, as well as the local media have been enthusiastic supporters of the Highland Lakes Honor Guard and it's Mission. Below are some of the many accolades that the Honor Guard has received. Names have been withheld in some instances to respect the privacy of those individuals mentioned in the correspondence.

Karl, A short note to thank you and your team (Max, Gary, Mike J) for supporting "Folds of Honor" Charity Golf Event: Legacy Cup 2024, Cap Rock Golf Club, to honor Gold Star Families, lost Veterans, and Lost First Responders, 28 Oct 24. Best, Ron Doherty, Tournament Planner and Director.

Karl Provost and the Highland Lakes Honor Guard, thank you so much for the time you spent honoring Gussie's military service. You made meeting and talking to you very easy and we as a family gained respect for the service you do – as veterans for veterans. This donation is to help support such a volunteer service for veterans and their families. Thank you, Peggie Bullock

Highland Lakes Honor Guard, please accept this donation in Honor of Edward C. Bullock from the Bullock family. Thank you so much for the military service you provided at the funeral ! We appreciate it so much and all that you do. Much appreciation, the family of Edward C Bullock

Dear Members of the Highland Lakes Honor Guard,  
My heartfelt thanks to you for honoring my husband, J H Smith, in our church, First Baptist Llano, on May 13 of this year. He worked for the US Government as a civil servant for 42 years. His type of work did not call for him shedding his blood, but plenty of tears and sweat. He saved lives and the tax payer's money by his expertise in quality control of aircraft parts, manufacturing, and replacement. During our sixty five years of marriage he taught Bible school almost every Sunday, loving both adults and children. His love of country was outstanding, and his love of family will long be cherished.  
Thanks again for your service! Sarah P Smith

Kenneth Taylor Lindow, May 25, 1922 - August 26, 2024

To: Commander Karl Provost, Deputy Commander, Max Lantz

Your organization was kind enough to render honors to our Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather on Friday September 20, 2024. The ceremony added immeasurably to the occasion and meant so very much to all of us. You were graceful, kind, dignified, reverent, and were extremely meaningful to all of us. I cannot put a price on what you brought to us, but I would like to make a small donation to help you bring your wonderful ceremony to others. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$1,000 along with our very deep gratitude. Sincerely, Kathi and Charles Flournoy, Daughter and Son-in-law

Commander, On behalf of the Matzinger family, I want to express my thanks and gratitude for the ceremony you and your team performed for Frank G. Matzinger in Horseshoe Bay. It was very well done, professional, solemn, and respectful. Thank you very much, Sincerely, Michael Dubraec

On behalf of Ron Frioux's family, thank you for your presence and presentation at his memorial service. It was the perfect ending and proper send off for a wonderful man ! Cathy

Karl & Max, Good morning, gentlemen. Thank you for your service!

It was my sincere pleasure to meet you on Saturday, 8/17, at the interment service for Walter "Buster" Allen Dooley, Sr. Buster was my uncle and inspiration for joining and retiring from the Air Force (1978-1998). More importantly, he was a decorated Air Force veteran having served honorably in Vietnam and the Cold War.

Thank you for extending military honors to Buster. Your professionalism in doing so extended the honor due to my personal hero, adding much to the service. I heard numerous laudatory comments from others in the family.

Thanks, again! V/R, MSgt Leslie E. Amidon, USAF, Retired  
Leslie "Les" E. Amidon, MSHR  
VP, Human Resources Technology  
Regions Bank, Prattville, AL

To HLHG, Thank you for your heart warming tribute you gave my husband during his memorial. It truly touched everyone's heart. Your thoughtfulness, sympathy, and support are greatly appreciated and will always be remembered by our family. Sincerely, Kathleen Whitt, Wife of Bobby Lynn Whitt, Jr

Dear Friends,

Our Church will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in August, 2024. God has richly blessed our little congregation and to celebrate this occasion, we want to extend His joy and blessings to our community by honoring those who contribute in so many ways to the people of Burnet.

We are pleased to present this check to you as a token of God's love and our appreciation for the work that you do to support and honor our military in the Highland Lakes area. While we pray for all helpers in our community each week, please know that we have been lifting the Highland Lakes Honor Guard in prayer for the month of July. May God continue to bless your organization.

In Christ, The Congregation of Burnet Presbyterian Church

Dear Commander Provost,

It was indeed a pleasure to meet you and your esteemed Honor Guard colleagues at my Father's (Colonel Ralph White) graveside service. Your team performed the duties with great respect, professionalism, and excellent military bearing. Your dress white uniforms and polished brass set the stage for a formal and reverent memorial. Most of my family had never heard the detailed meaning of every fold of the flag. Great job! We were all very pleased and those of us that knew firsthand of the effort required to spit shine boots to pass inspection were especially appreciative.

My Air Force Academy graduate nephew (Colonel White's grandson) said, "I've seen many honor guards presenting the flag but this one, symbolically infused with patriotism and Christian spiritual values, was phenomenal".

Thank you for honoring my father. Please pass on our gratitude to the rest of the detail.  
Sincerely, R.W.White, Jr., US Army Retired

To Commander Charles Taylor, Vice Commander Karl Provost, and All Honor Guard Members:

Words can hardly express our thanks to you for the incredibly moving and powerful ceremony performed at Dad's service. My son and his wife, Andy and Heidi Truitt, both Air Force Academy graduates, said it was by far the very best honor guard observance they had ever seen. Heidi had been an honor guard during her 4 years at the AFA, and she was most impressed with your presentation. Not she nor Andy nor anyone had heard the narration of the symbolism of each flag fold. It was astonishingly memorable. Your commendable voluntary service at these funerals is an invaluable blessing for us and for all in the Highland Lakes area. I know that Dad was honored and pleased with every detail, thanks to you. I pray you and all your members will continue to preside at each and every military memorial in the days to come. With love and gratitude, Jody Carol Bosworth.

With Thanks, Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the meaningful and wonderful ceremony presented to Col Darrel "Biscuit" Burriss. Your group is so appreciated and professional. Thank you for the flag and other gifts, Sherri Wisener and Col Burriss

Your GENEROSITY means more than it's possible to say and is truly APPRECIATED. Thank you for your continued service – it's a very special gift you give to veterans' families. God Bless, Jackie Garrow

HLHG, Thank you for honoring Frank at our graveside service. Our years together in the Air Force will always be in my heart. Yours truly, Judy.

I want to thank you for this. I was going to bring him back home to Texas but I want to remember the good memories of Texas not the sorrow. Sending the clipping they did for us last year for Veteran's Day. That way you will know more about him and I. Enclosed is a few dollars to pay for your time and effort to all of you. If you are up this way, I live in North Idaho, God's Country of beauty, I would like you to stop in and stay a while. My Dad's name was Charles also and I called him Charlie. Again, thank you men for all this for my husband Gary.

Thankyou Gentlemen for doing this for Gary, my husband. He was raised in Marble falls till he went into the service. My friends arranged this service for me. Thank you all so much for your kind gesture, Love Crystal.

It is with great appreciation that I send you this memory card honoring my sweet father, Roy Peterson. The Military Honor Guard detail with Pall Bearers, sounding of taps with bugler, flag folding ceremony, rifle salute, spent shell casing presentation, and presentation of the flag were all very special and truly a most meaningful part of the funeral services. You see, my dad loved his country deeply. He was a pilot for more than 30 years, served two tours in Vietnam, and was a devoted patriot. He believed in the American dream. At his lake house in Kingsland, and later at his home in Legends Parkway, he always had fresh, large flags flying proudly, to include US, USAF, Texas, and the Cowboys. When my children visited from Colorado while they were young, there would always be a flag ceremony every morning and night to put up the flag and take it down. They were taught to respect these symbols and saluted them. It meant something sacred. So Charles, Max, Dennie, David, Karl, Mike, Matt, and Darran, thank you, from the bottom of my heart for providing this service to honor Dad's passing from this world to the next.

The boys and I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to each member of the Highland Lakes Honor Guard who participated in the services for David Custer. Your support truly made a difference during this difficult time. Love, Dawn and the boys

Thank you so much for the beautiful ceremony y'all presented at Gene Collin's Funeral. It was very emotional and heartfelt. Gene was very proud of his service and his country. He'd loved the ceremony too. With much appreciation. Janine Osborne. Thank you each for your service!

Cleola A. Fusilier in memory of Willis Rutledge "Rut" Fusilier with the following: "During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thanks for honoring Rut. It meant a lot to the family."

A Very Special thank you ...with sincere appreciation. To each and every one of ya'll; most importantly, thank you for your service and the pride and honor you have given to the Chapman family. From the Sawyer – Chapman Family Thank You!

I want you to know that I appreciate your services and thank you for the ceremonial my husband, Bryan; he served 30 years in the Army. I have pictures of the ceremony and it meant a lot to me. It's been over a year now and I want to send a donation to the Honor Guard so it passes this service on and can help someone else.

Dear Honor Guard, Words cannot express the appreciation I have for your beautiful ceremony honoring my husband and all our veterans. The only thing to say is thank you so much. God bless all of you.

Thanks so very much for what you did in honor Carroll at the City of Burnet Cemetery. I know he would have been pleased, as I am. I'll always remember the Highland Lakes rendition of military funeral honors and the U. S. Flag you gave me. It means a lot and I'll appreciate it for years to come. Enclosed is a small donation for the very moving service.

Our family really appreciated your service at my husband's funeral on 11-15-18 at Lakeland Hills. Enclosed is a donation in his memory. God bless you all.

Gentlemen: Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for you excellent presentation at the memorial service for my brother, Bill Smith. Please accept the enclosed as a token of my appreciation.

Thank you for the beautiful military funeral honors for my dad, Wilbert F. Schriefer. Please accept this donation in his memory. God bless you and thank you.

Dear Highland Lakes Honor Guard, we were deeply moved by the military honors rendered for our father and his wife, Wilbert Schriefer, Friday, October 26. Thank you for your service to honor our dad and to our nation's veteran families. It was a great comfort to us.

The family of Walter Nelson greatly appreciate the honor that you gave our father, a veteran of WW II. The explanation of the folding of the flag was something that most of our family had never heard and it certainly left a lasting impression. God bless what you do for our veterans. My sincere thanks to all.

To: Highland Lakes Honor Guard. We thank each of you for the wonderful service you provided for our dear departed loved one, David Fisher, on 5-4-18. Enclosed is a check (contribution) for one hundred dollars. Thank each of you again, and may God bless you, and thank you for the beautiful Flag.

Howdy Commander,  
I'm writing to thank you and the Honor Guard for your wonderful service to the community. I've had the privilege of seeing you each year at the WFTW Main Event in Marble Falls...Again, thank you for everything you do. It's so important, not for the dead, but for those of us still here, to honor and appreciate those who gave so much.

Thank you so very much for honoring our brother, Dennis Davis.

My family was so touched by your service and devotion in providing Honor Guard services for a veteran, such is my dad. Bless you in your good continued works.

Thank you so much for the beautiful flag service at Don's "Celebration of Life". On behalf of our family, I want you to know how touching it was for us to be given such a wonderful ceremony for our husband and father. I will cherish the flag. Our family was very touched and appreciative. I hope this small donation will allow others to benefit from this special service

Dear Highland Lakes Honor Guard: When I woke up this morning, the power of your flag folding ceremony moved me again. I read the sheet to fully understand all the folds and the inserts of the spent shells. Charlie always put his trust in God. Duty, honor and country were the highest priorities. I will cherish this band of love and devotion.

Highland Lakes Honor Guard: We would like to thank each of you for your service in the past, present and future. We were so blessed to have you at our brother's memorial service in Marble Falls March 4, 2017 2:00 pm. "Gregory Lynn Moddle." Enclosing a small gift to put towards some of the needs that the Honor Guard has. Thanks again for your service to all and for the service you did for us at our brother's memorial service.

On behalf of the Wheelers for the Wounded-Texas Board of Directors, we would like to thank you and all the Highland Lakes Honor Guard members for your continued support and sponsorship. Our organization keeps growing allowing us to support more of our military wounded warriors and heroes. We would like to make a \$500 donation to Highland Lakes Honor Guard to help your organization in any way you see fit. We couldn't have come this far without the generosity of you and your members.

The card we received was signed by many of the family members who added their personal comments: Such a beautiful send off. Thank you so much for being with our family today;

Thank you so much for honoring my dad today at his memorial service. It meant so much to all of us; Thank you for your service to our country and for the time spent honoring Dick Olson on Friday. We truly appreciate it; It was incredible to witness your honor to my grandpa and grandma today. Thank you for everything and your service. With love; Thank you for everything; Thank you so very much; Thank you for your continued service to our country and servicemen in such a special way. May God bless you all with peace and love.

On behalf of the entire Heffington Family, we thank you and your Honor Guard for your service, the best any of us have ever seen.

Thanks for the service you provided. The time and resources were very much appreciated. The salute, the flag, and TAPS made a very meaningful and emotional experience

Thank you for helping us honor our loved one, Art. Your part in his service was a great reminder to each of us of his service to our country.

Thanks for the service you provided. The time and resources were very much appreciated. The salute, the flag and tape made a very meaning full and emotional experience.

Dear Commander Taylor, On behalf of the entire Heffington family, we thank you and your Honor Guard for your service and the best any of us have ever seen.

Charlie – Thank you so much for performing TAPS. I know it is a special effort on your part and I appreciate it very much.

On behalf of the family, I want you to know how touching it was for us to be given such wonderful and heartfelt ceremony of our dad's funeral. The time and effort of the Highland Lakes Honor Guard is an amazing act of patriotism. Please know how very much we appreciate the honor you gave my dad, John Landon, at this fine funeral.

Thank you so much for the beautiful flag service at my husband's funeral. Please accept this small donation for your services. Sincerely...

Thank you so much for all you did for us and for my husband. We are all so grateful to all of you.

Thank you so much for the presentation yesterday for my Husband – It was very impressive.

Thank You – How very nice of you. Dear Charlie & Highland Lakes Honor Guard, Just a note to thank you again for the beautiful memorial to honor our grandpa Scotty. Everything was perfect! Thanks for being so good to Diana.

Thank you so much for serving our country and for making Carlos' service special today.

For all the special things you did to make my husband (name withheld) graveside service so very special. He would have been so pleased. Thank you so much, you are so special.

You are all very special. It was a very touching and beautiful service – Leon would have loved it all. God bless all of you.

Thank you do much for the beautiful and touching ceremony. Daddy would have loved it been proud.

Thanks, For all you do. . .THANK YOU. I know you all do so much for so many folks. I want to thank you all for the flag service you did and the flag you gave to me at Smithwick Cemetery from my Husband's casket. I'll be eternally grateful to all of you that took part in the process of the Flag Cemetery presentation.

Dear Honor Guard of Highland Lakes, On behalf of our family, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the ceremony performed at my father's celebration of life in Horseshoe Bay. The honor and dignity of your presence was deeply moving. The presentation of the flag keeps reminding me of the great generation that served so valiantly. Please know how much our family appreciates your service to our country. This special tribute will never be forgotten.  
Sincerely,

Thanks for what y'all do and for making time for us and my husband. We can't give enough thanks.

The family of Fred Pipes (USMC) wishes to thank you very much for your flag presentation and service. It was truly a wonderful tribute to his memory. Sincerely...

Thank you so much for the beautiful flag ceremony at my husband Theran Brooks memorial service. I appreciate very much the time spent preparing for and attending the service. My family was very touched and appreciative. I will cherish the flag and Theran's memory.  
Sincerely...

Thank you for rendering military funeral honors to my husband Bill Heisler. Everyone was so impressed with the ceremony. Your organization is awesome! (donation enclosed)

Thank you each and everyone that participated in the service for my uncle Floyd Edward "Pete" Randall (donation included)

Commander Bristow. I am returning a flag to you to replace the one you so graciously gave my son at his father's service on September 6. You did a beautiful job and we are forever grateful to you for your kindness. Regards.

The Highland Lakes Honor Guard: Thank you so much for providing funeral honors for our nephew, Matthew Allen Cain, on May 31, 2014 in Burnet, Texas. Matt led a troubled life, but being in the United States Marine Corps was such an honor to him. We are very proud of his service to our country. For those of us who do not see military honors at funerals very often, it was an extremely heart moving experience, and one we will never forget. Thank you so much for your service to our country, and for your honoring our nephew.



We were deeply moved by your service at M. B. Zimmerman's service – thank you. Please accept this donation on his behalf. We hope this helps to continue your service for others. Highland Lakes Honor Guard: The Family of ... appreciates the military ceremony you gave. It was truly amazing. My dad was very proud of his service – he would have loved what y'all did. Regards...

Dear Honor Guard, What an honorable deed you serve. Gene was always proud of being a Navy veteran — it was a part of who he was. Today while we remember him, and grieve, it is a blessing to have your presence. Thank you, (name withheld) and extended family

To The Highland Lakes Honor Guard

The family of .... would like to thank each and every one for the beautiful service you gave our loved one. (Even tho the weather was near freezing.) It was really a beautiful service, and again we thank each of you for your kindness.

... would have been pleased and I'm sure he was smiling down on everyone. May God bless each of you, and again we thank you.

With Love and Appreciation

Thank you so very much for your excellent, professional ceremony for our Dad/Paw Paw. You not only honored him as a WW II Army-Air Corps Bomb Sight Specialist/Bombardier, but your explanation of the meaning of each fold of the American flag instructed his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in the true spirit of our great country. God bless you for this service to Him and your country as well as your comrade-in-arms. Sincerely,

Thank you so very much by the Highland Lakes Honor Guard at the memorial service for Dewey Baker. He would be most proud knowing your organization honored him in your professional style. He had great pride in having been a Marine and to have served his country in World War II. My family and I are most grateful and appreciative for the service the Honor Guard provided. It was so impressive. Thank you. Please accept the enclosed donation for your organization to carry on your military funeral honors for others.

In appreciation for your service to our community, we wish to show our support for your organization with a donation

Thanks, Commander Taylor, the family of Elmer H. Carlsen would like to thank you and all who participated at the graveside service. The reading of the story was a great presentation. It made an impact on all the family members. We would like to make a donation to the Highland Lakes Honor Guard. All of us will cherish the memory of the service. Greatly appreciated...

The Willis family would like to offer our thanks for your participation in the funeral services for Ed Willis. Your actions brought comfort to all who were present. We truly appreciate your services.

Because of good-hearted people like you, this world is a nicer place. I hope all the good you do comes back to you.

Our family wishes to thank each veteran who participated in the Honor Guard ceremony for our dad. He was very proud to have served his country during WW II, and we know he was smiling down on you and so honored to have been remembered in that way. God bless each of you, and thank you for your service to our country.

Thank you for your Honor Guard services at Trinity Episcopal Church in Marble Falls on September 13th 2013. Your dedication to the military is greatly appreciated. Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express. Thank you for your service. Tommy would have loved it.

Charlie and the Honor Guard

Thanks so much for your help in making Dad's memorial very special.

Thank you for your support of Freedom Flyers Summer Youth Program. It is through the generosity of people like you that enable us to reach out to youth here in the Highland Lakes area. Our Gala was a success, and we look forward to your participation next year.

Executive Board, Freedom Flyers

Harvey – Thank you so much for speaking for Jim's memorial. It was wonderful and so him. The Honor Guard was fabulous too. Please convey my thanks and give this donation to keep them going.

In Appreciation. During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. . . . Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. There were TWO things my Dad valued above everything: His family and his service to the USA. Thank you for honoring him at his death. It has meant a lot to us. God Bless.

Dear Honor Guard,

Thank you for the beautiful ceremony you performed for my husband. He was very proud of his military service but also very humble. I know he would appreciate your service.

Sincerely,

I want to thank everyone who took part in the beautiful service your group gave at the cemetery. It was very touching and I know that my husband would have been so proud of his fellow comrades. The gentleman in his Marine uniform was so impressive and made me understand what "Once a Marine always a Marine" really meant. Our doorbell even plays "The Marine Hymn" so he was still very much a proud Marine. Thank you for your service!

Dear Friends, There are no words to tell you what the Honor Guard meant to me and my family. What a tribute it was to Woody, My husband. Thank you so much for what you do for

us and what you do for so many others. Sincerely,

We so appreciate your Honor Guard honoring our father. He was a really proud veteran and would so appreciate your kind words and tribute. Please accept our donation to be used in a way you see fit. Thank you so much.

The Family of Dayton Warden, Sr. acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. We so appreciate your Honor Guard honoring our father. He was a really proud veteran and would so appreciate your kind words and tribute. Please accept our donation to be used in a way that you see fit. Thank you so much.

We can't thank your group enough for your generosity, and on such short notice. It means so much to my family. It would mean so much to our dad as well.  
Thank you sincerely. The Family

Highland Lakes Honor Guard:

Thank you so much for the honor you gave our father at his last resting place. It was so moving to see all the men and women there to give respect to him. The ceremony was so moving and when you explained each fold of the flag, it was so important. I had lost my husband in 2010 and was presented the flag, but I did not know the meaning of each fold until my mother gave me paperwork that explained it. I know this is a small donation but if it helps your organization to continue it is so worth it. What each one of you in this organization is doing is so important to the ones left behind. My sister and I were so grateful to have your presence there. God bless each of you.  
Sincerely,

Highland Lakes Honor Guard:

Let me convey our thanks for a job well done at our Wreaths Across America Veterans Program in Sunrise Beach and also a thank you to Harvey Klee for his program at the cemetery. It is a pleasure working with you all.

The Staff at Putnam Funeral Home: Chris, Ray and Jim.

Thank you all very much for the tribute to our loved one at his service. It was very moving. We appreciate your tribute and honor. God bless you.

Dear Highland Lakes Honor Guard,

I want to write you a quick note to express my appreciation for the beautiful and wonderfully patriotic service you gave my grandfather... You perform such a great service to our country but also to the families of fallen veterans. Thank you so very much and may God bless

each of you.

To the Highland Lakes Honor Guard, Thank you very much for the beautiful flag ceremony at the rosary for our beloved father and husband (name withheld). It was so very patriotic and we know (name) would be very proud.

We would like to sincerely thank you for the wonderful presentation you did at Richard Fisher's graveside services. Words can never express how much it meant to us and i know Papa would have been so humbled.  
Thank you!

Commander,

My mom asked me to thank all of you for the services you provided for my dad, a D-Day +1 veteran (Utah Beach) at Marble Falls on May 5th. On such a sad day, your moving ceremony and gentle conversation helped our wounded hearts a little. We now have two flags, Memorial Day and veteran's Day will be a lot harder. The measure of men is taken from the things they do when they don't have to.

Sir, Words alone cannot express the gratitude I have for the ceremony that then Highland Lakes Honor Guard performed at my Dad's funeral on May 21. The flag folding ceremony and TAPS will forever be in my memory. May God bless each and every one of you. With appreciation for all you do – this contribution may help sustain a remarkable service.  
(Family members)

Dear Highland Lakes Honor Guard,

We want you all to know what a blessing your beautiful and special service was to our family and everyone attending Ronald's funeral. We are still talking about it. The beautiful flag presentation was so touching and meant so much to his twin brother. May God bless you as you serve those that have served us.

Love,

To all members of the Highland Lakes Honor Guard:

My heartfelt thank you for the wonderful ceremony honoring our dad, Barney Lee Halliburten, on February 11. He would have been so proud of all of you for your dedication to honoring our Military. He was a wonderful man who loved his country.

Sincerely,

Please except this check as a donation to the Highland Lakes Honor Guard in memory of S.A. Landry. This donation is given by the Blended Families Sunday School class at First Baptist Church Garland in Garland, Texas. Thank you so much for all that you did to make this a memorable occasion for (name withheld) and her family. Fondest Regards,

I want to personally thank you for helping us and many folks here in Llano County and beyond honoring the deceased veterans during this Christmas season. Without your help, the day we set the Wreaths Across America wreaths on the veterans graves, would not have been as efficient and a true honor. We certainly do appreciate your participation in our First Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Llano Cemetery with wreaths also placed in Bluffton and in Kingsland. We also want to wish you and your families the very Merriest of Christmas's and a happy New Year. Sincerely, Chris Putnam, CFSP Putnam Funeral Homes & Crematory

Dear Friends,

With deepest gratitude we say thank you for your special ceremony at Jim's service. Everyone especially liked the mention of God in some of your readings. It was a comforting feeling being surrounded by military in uniform – also knowing the military take care of their fallen comrades. Sincerely and fondly,

Please accept this small donation from the family of (name withheld), from whom you provided a very moving and meaningful military honors ceremony. On behalf of the family, thank you first for your service to our country, and second for the service you so selflessly and thoughtfully provide to surviving family members. (signed, a family friend)

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. (Name Withheld) would have been as impressed with the 21-gun salute at his memorial September 1st. This isn't much – wish I could send more. Bless you all. Sincerely,

A Musical Note of Thanks from Joni,  
(Patriot's Day Program – Marble Falls United Methodist Church)

To the Highland lakes Honor Guard –such pride and dedication you brought into our program.  
Joni Bedard, Music Director

Honor Guard,  
Your part of our Dad's service was truly amazing. Everyone commented on how beautiful and moving the flag folding was for them. The whole world should view your service and remember our hero's Thank you so much.

The Family of ... wish to thank you for the beautiful tribute you paid to our Dad...on Saturday 2-12-11 at Highland Lakes Hills Memorial Park. He served our country with pride and loved to tell the grandchildren about his adventures and they never forget it. He was

awarded a Purple Heart for 2 injuries he received. He drove a tank, trucks and personal driver for his commander (in WW II). He would have loved knowing how he was honored.

The service touched all the loved ones there. Thanks to all of you for continuing to serve our country and all who served. It was a beautiful ending to a sad day. We send a donation in his honor. Not a lot but with love.

(HLHG NOTE: Although donations are appreciated. all military funeral honors are rendered free of charge and are offered by the HLHG with that understanding.)

The Family of...would like to say thanks for showing your respect to our husband/father. What a great job. This touched us and we know Dad would have enjoyed the service and said, "Well Done!"

Thank you for the service you and the Guard performed at my Dad's funeral. It was an inspiring, emotional and professional performance and will be remembered always.

First of all I would like to thank you and the remainder of your troop for your service to our great nation. Secondly I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Wills family, as I am sure they share my feeling of indebtedness for Tony's service as well as your obvious commitment to the traditions of our nation's armed forces and our fallen comrades. As a former member of the Honor guard of the United States Army, First Cavalry Division I had the honor of folding, inspecting, and kneeling in front of several loved ones to present the flag. During that time, though I personally knew none of the soldiers, there was never a time that I was able to perform my duties with a dry eye. Although it has been several years since I had the honor of attending another service with military honors, your presentation yesterday had the very same effect on my heart, and many of those around me, and once again brought those same tears of respect and pride. With that said, I commend you on your professionalism, discipline, presentation and willingness to continue to honor those of us who have, without regard of themselves, protected our Country, our States, our Counties, or our Cities.

May you all be blessed for your efforts and commitment. Definitely above and beyond the call of duty.

Thank you so much for the beautiful service you provided for Poppa. He was proud to have served our country. None of our grandchildren had seen a military service and they were all very impressed! I think it was wonderful that our young people got to see the way you honor one of our own. Thanks again!

Thank you so much for the honor guard ceremony you provided during the services for (name withheld). Many people told us that they have never seen such a moving and memorable tribute. Each and every one of you are so special to do this for our veterans and retirees. We will always remember how moving the ceremony was and how honored Dad would have been.

Thank you so much for the beautiful job you all did at our loved one's funeral. It will be gratefully and long remembered.

Words cannot express my deepest heartfelt gratitude for the honor you bestowed – not only to my father but also how much it meant to my mother, myself and all of dad's family and friends to have you there. I know my dad would have been so very proud. Thank you for taking the time out of your lives to honor others.

May God speed!

I am so happy with all you provided for my husband... You were all so kind. I will never forget you and the things you did.

To the Highland Lakes Honor Guard:

I wish to express my deepest appreciation for your presentation during my husband's Celebration of Life Service on June 12th. You were able to honor him in such a meaningful and beautiful way. I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart.

On Sunday, May 30th, our church observed Memorial Day with the most memorable observance of this day that I can recall in my lifetime... a day when we paid tribute to those who gave their all for our country... remembering the POWs and MIAs. The Highland Lakes Honor Guard presented their POW/MIA White Table Ceremony under the direction of Charlie Taylor, Commander, and Harvey Klee, Chaplain. It was a very moving ceremony causing many in attendance to shed a few tears. This was definitely a service we will remember for many, many years to come.

We give our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to the Honor Guard for this beautiful ceremony... reminding us of those fallen heroes who fought that we might have the freedom we enjoy today and that... reminding us once again... **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!**

Kingsland Community Church, Kingsland, Texas

We wish to thank you and all the Highland Lakes Honor Guard for the special service honoring (name withheld). It was a very moving service. What a special ministry you are performing. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

I want to thank you and the Drill Team for a job well done. It is men like you that make us proud.

Meadowlakes, Texas

Thank you for the Flag Folding ceremony you performed in honor of my husband's memory. Enclosed is a donation for the Highland Lakes Honor Guard to help with your wonderful work. The Guard's devotion in honoring our departed heroic veteran's is deeply appreciated. God's blessing to you all.

With many thanks. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated and will be remembered always. Thank you ever so much for your prayers and moral support during this difficult time. Your flag folding ceremony touches many hearts. Sincerely,

I'm so proud of all the Honor Guard does. The service to and for veterans – such a wonderful deed. What deed is more needed and more fitting? You're the best. Praise the honorable veterans. Thanks to you and your Honor Guard. Bless you each.

I'm so pleased that you helped to make (name withheld) memorial more memorable. If he's looking on I'm sure he was very proud. Sincerely,

Thank you all so much for your dedication to the veterans of the proud United States of America.

Your service was inspiring and GRAND! Made us really "Proud to be an American."

Thank you so much for your participation in Burnet County's Veterans Day Ceremony. Your flag presentation is so moving and appreciated by all. Donna Klaeger, County Judge  
County of Burnet

Thank you for your participation in Granite Shoals' 4th Annual Veterans Parade and Celebration. I appreciate your joining us as we honored the efforts and sacrifices that our veterans made for our nation. It was a beautiful day and a very moving event. We hope you will join us again at next year's event, and again, thank you for your contribution this year.  
Frank M. Reilly, Mayor  
The City of Granite Shoals

I would like to thank you for the beautiful service you recently provided at the burial service for my brother. Please accept the enclosed check from the family for our appreciation.

Thanks so much for the ceremony you did at the gravesite for our father. It was so meaningful to the entire family. Please accept this gift in memory of him.

Thank you again for the beautiful tribute to (name withheld) life. He was a participant on hundreds of honor services during his Air Force years, and I know he was certainly smiling down on you during his.

Please accept our family's sincere gratitude for the beautiful memorial service you and your fellow members provided for our beloved dad, (name withheld), on October 16, 2009. It turned what was going to be a simple service into a very, very special and appropriate ceremony. During the special service, I tried to remember all that was said and done; however, I cannot remember the symbolism of the three spent shells that were placed in the fold of the flag presented to me. If you could please let me know, I would appreciate it.

Highland Lakes Honor Guard provided a very dignified service for a veteran who was proud to serve his country. Again, thank you.



The Family of (name withheld) acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thanks so much for the ceremony you did at the grave site of our father. It was so meaningful to the entire family. Please accept this gift in memory of him.

Thank you again for your help with the funeral honors. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to be with you all as we provide funeral services for our veterans. The Highland Lakes Honor Guard always provides a very special service to the families that entrust their loved one to us. Good luck to the group as you continue your dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home

Highland Lakes Honor Guard,

The family of (name withheld) acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so much for your contribution in (name withheld) service today. This was very important to him and he was very proud to serve his country.

Dear Commander Charlie Taylor,

We want to thank you and all your helpers that participated in the Graveside services for my father (name withheld). You did a wonderful presentation and it would have made my dad very happy. We would like to make a donation in his memory ... Thank you for all you have done and will do! God bless you.

Thank you so much for honoring my husband. Our family really appreciated it. He is now resting peacefully at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio.

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for caring.

Dear Mr. Klee,

I had the pleasure of meeting you at the Veterans Day program at the Methodist Church in Marble Falls on Tuesday. My family and I enjoyed the evening very much. Thank You! Our community is truly blessed with the Honor Guard and the service you provide our veterans and the families of our fallen heroes from the present conflicts.

Mark F. Somme

Adastra Video Productions &

Adastra Web Design

Highland Lakes Honor Guard,

The Family of Ray Reid acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Our sincere thanks to you for helping us honor Ray at this difficult time. It made us feel proud that Ray had served his country with fine men such as you. Thanks for the honor and dignity you brought to his service. You did a great job. We appreciated it so much. Sincerely,

Highland Lakes Honor Guard,

I need to thank you all, each of the Highland Lakes Honor Guard, for the super program you

all performed at our Round Mountain Cemetery. Have received only highly praising phone calls. My daughter saw you all on TV. Much good luck wished for everyone. A small donation enclosed. Thanks again. Best Regards,

Highland Lakes Honor Guard,

On behalf of all the communities surrounding the Highland Lakes and the area civic clubs and churches, I want to thank you for making the National Day of Prayer such a meaningful event. The service that you provide brings honor to the nation.

When all the bills are processed and all the clubs "chip in" some lunch money, I am hopeful we will send \$2,000 to the Warrior & Family Support Center at BAMC. That alone will make all the time and effort worthwhile.

The Kiwanis Club of Marble Falls

Dear Mr. Charlie Taylor,

Thank you for recently taking part in attribute to all veterans buried in Round Mountain Cemetery! Please know that our office stands ready to serve The Highland Lakes Honor Guard and your families should the need ever arise. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Rose, Texas State Representative, District 45

Dear Commander Taylor and Honor Guard Members,

On behalf of Burnet CISD I would like to personally like to thank you for your participation once again in Veterans Day Ceremony. This event could not have been a success without the help of you and the many other volunteers who donated their time.

Your enthusiasm, professional manner, and presentation captured the attention of the students and brought honor to the Veterans and their families. Because of your donation of time and effort, our fourth and fifth grade students came away from the ceremony with a better understanding of the sacrifices that were made and continue to be made to protect our nation's freedom. Your dedication to honoring and participating in the armed forces is an inspiration to our community.

Once again, thank you for your willingness to recognize our local veterans, and thank you for your service to our great nation!

Sincerely,

Cathy Doescher, Assistant Principal

R.J. Richey Elementary School

Burnet, Texas

My sons and I wish to thank you and your men for your services. It's a wonderful thing you are doing. Our many thanks,

Flag Folding Ceremony.

Thank you so much for the program...The presentation was so touching and powerful.

Thank you for representing the honor of America so well. And thank you for sharing with us.

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to the Highland Lakes Honor Guard by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6974 "For their outstanding performance of duty during this year's Flag Ceremony" on May 26, 2007

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to the Highland Lakes Honor Guard by the Patriot Guard Riders "For Duty, Honor and Patriotism" on June 23, 2007

On behalf of the Board members I thank you for your participation at Founder's Day. The presentation of colors by the Highland Lakes Honor Guard was a highlight. You could have heard a pin drop in the quiet.

Sincerely

Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce

Gentlemen,

Your tribute to your fellow comrades, those still missing, and our beloved country presented last night at First Methodist Church in Marble Falls was the most meaningful service to recognize Memorial Day I have ever had the privilege to attend. We all need to be reminded more often of the valiant service that our men have rendered to keep this land strong and safe for all of us, especially at a time like this when we are at war.

I will treasure even more than I did before the flag given in memory of my husband, Colonel (name withheld). We failed to witness the flag folding ceremony at his funeral, so this presentation was ever so special to me. Thank you all so much for including this in your performance. The flag rests in a special showcase over his medals, and I will think of last night each time I see it.

God bless you all for reminding us of how greatly blessed we are to be living in the greatest, most honorable and generous nation on earth. God bless America,"...[H]ow wonderful the Honor Guard program was this evening. I am so glad I got back and could be there. It is sad for me to admit at my age that I learned a lot tonight about our military tributes, the flag, etc. So fantastic. A very nice tribute to (name withheld). Very special that (name withheld) had them use his flag as part of the service. I was in the back and there were many eyes being wiped throughout the program. I think this program should be presented at the middle & high schools. (name withheld) was sitting next to me – I'm sure he or (name withheld) could give the group a good contact. I just couldn't stay behind and see everyone as I have been up since 4:00 California time this morning and will soon be heading for bed.

Blessings to all,