

**THIRD WEDNESDAY HONOR ROLL
CHECK LIST
For Mission Ride Captains**

- Upon arrival at DFW National Cemetery, Riders will stage at the Visitor's Center, receive the mission briefing, move to the appropriate shelter and park in the family/guest parking on the far left side up near the shelter.
- Flags to be set on both sides of the walkway.
- Position predetermined flag folders on either side of the urn stand facing benches.
- Appoint a rider to receive the flag from the next of kin position on the front bench.
- Appoint a RC or Rider to read the non-denominational prayer and give them a copy of the prayer. NOTE: MRC may choose to perform this function. Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery policy dictates a non-denomination prayer be used in Services of this nature. A suggested prayer follows at the bottom of this list.
- Riders to take positions on the flag line.
- Upon arrival of the cemetery vehicle, the MRC will receive the folded flag from the cemetery representative and ceremoniously walk with the flag to the shelter and place it on the urn stand as riders leave the flag line and gather in the shelter.
- MRC will thank everyone for attending and give a brief explanation for the service as follows:

"Our purpose here today is to honor these veterans that have been buried here at DFW National over the last month without honors. A large majority of our unaccompanied or buried without honors Veterans are "direct placements" or "witness only" – this means the family did not want a committal service but simply wanted their loved one interred. Some may have had honors in the distant past, we don't know. Some may have been kept at home in urns for many years and the family is now ready to complete placement of the remains. Some may not have family nearby and their listed next of kin simply wants them placed with their spouse."

- The MRC will read the names, rank and service dates (or other information provided by DFW staff) for each unaccompanied service member that was buried in the last month
- Designated Flag Folders will unfold and present the flag for the playing of taps
- After taps , the flag will be refolded and presented to the MRC for presentation to the designated rider
- Closing remarks are made by the MRC along with a non-denominational prayer. After the service concludes, the flag will be retained by the MRC to be returned to Gary Dunn or Mark Gravit at his next opportunity.
- Riders are then dismissed and flags returned to the flag locker

Non-Denominational Prayer Suggestion

Father, we are thankful for the Service of those we are here to Honor today. By their efforts we are assured security and strength. Because they served well, we are proud to call them our own. We ask that, following in their footsteps, we may continue in Your service until Your summons comes. Then, in

the knowledge that we have striven to observe Your councils and precepts, may we be judged worthy to be united with them and with You forever in Heaven. Amen.

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