



Keesler-Hamrick-Gillespie American Legion Post 29

Military Funeral Services Available:

Flying the Veteran's Service flag

Walk of Honor

Exhibit the Soldier's Cross

Flag Folding

Presentation of the folded flag and certificate

Rifle Firing

Taps

Presentation of spent cartridges

The Soldier's Cross -- The cross is made up of a soldier's rifle with bayonet attached and stuck in the ground, helmet on top, dog tags hung around it and boots next to it. Its purpose is to show honor and respect for the the fallen soldier. It also is a means for the living to mourn the loss of the soldier.

Flag Folded Triangular-- When the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington to gain the freedom that we enjoy today for this country. Five stars will show in the folded flag being representative of the five branches of the armed forces.

Three Volleys Fired-- The firing of three volleys came from an old battlefield custom. The two warring sides would cease hostilities to clear their dead from the battlefield and the firing of three volleys meant that the dead had been properly cared for.

Taps-- This bugle call originated during the Civil War to indicate lights out. It appears to have first been used for the death of a soldier when a Civil War troop was concealed in the forest and could not fire three volleys at the death of a comrade for fear of alerting the enemy, so Taps was played as an appropriate substitute.

"HONORING THE VETERAN AND THEIR FAMILY"



Honor Guard Members

Richard Avant --Honor Guard Commander

Basil King --Firing Team Commander

John Favara--Post 29 Commander

Willie Sheppard

Dwight Randall

Gary McDonald

Carl Clark

Sammy Hackleman

Steve Hamrick

Dave Becker

"Bud" Roberts (Honorary)

Ed Hill

Frank Warren

Anita Batman

Erik Auberg

Steve Pernel

Dale Persons

Jimmy Hughes (Honorary)

L. C. Ellis (Honorary)