

Apr 24, 2021
COMPLETED MISSION

SSG Karl Peter Langfield, US Army, Longview WA

On Saturday the 24th fourteen patriots gathered to honor SSG Karl Peter Langfield on his Final Salute with full military honors at the Kelso Elks hall and a Rolling Honor Guard Escort for the family from Vancouver WA. At 1215 14 patriots staged at the Elks parking lot to begin the day. We had two new Patriots join the Mission and they were welcomed. Next a prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. SSG Langfield was a highly decorated soldier and the Road Captain read off his many accomplishments during the briefing. Directly following the briefing flags were placed on the walk railing leading into the hall welcoming guest and family of our Hero. As the Department of Defense personnel was being briefed by the Road Captain on the sequence of events inside, the Road Captain (T) was squaring away the finer details outside with remaining flags and the Rifle Team. At approximately 1245 the distinct sound of our Rolling Honor Guards motorcycle was heard. The Road Captain gave the command STANDBY! As the RHG came into sight all Patriots we brought to ATTENTION then PRESENT ARMS as our hero entered the area followed by many family and friends. Our Hero was taken into the hall and placed with his Burial Flag. The Department of Defense proceeded with full military honors. As the Burial Flag was unfolded everyone was brought to ATTENTION and PRESENT ARMS. The rifle team sent the volley and taps was played. Directly following taps the command ORDER ARMS was given. The Department of Defense presented the Burial Flag to our hero's niece. The Road Captain presented the American Legion coin to our hero's ex-wife then the Rifle Squad Commander presented three volley brass to be with the Burial Flag. The Road Captain brought everyone to ATTENTION the gave the command to RETIRE THE COLORS. Once all the flags were stowed in the support vehicle a quick debrief was had in the parking lot.

This Mission was conducted to the highest standards of the American Legion PATRIOT GUARD / FINAL SALUTE Mission. May God bless our service members, POW's, KIA's and our Patriot Family. Thank you to each Patriot that took the time out of your day to stand for our fallen at this Mission. Your selflessness and dedication are an inspiration to all.

Honor/Respect Kelly "Special K" Rasmussen
Road Captain Steve "Whacko" West
RHG Captain Wayne "Insane Wayne" Lowder Road Captain (T)