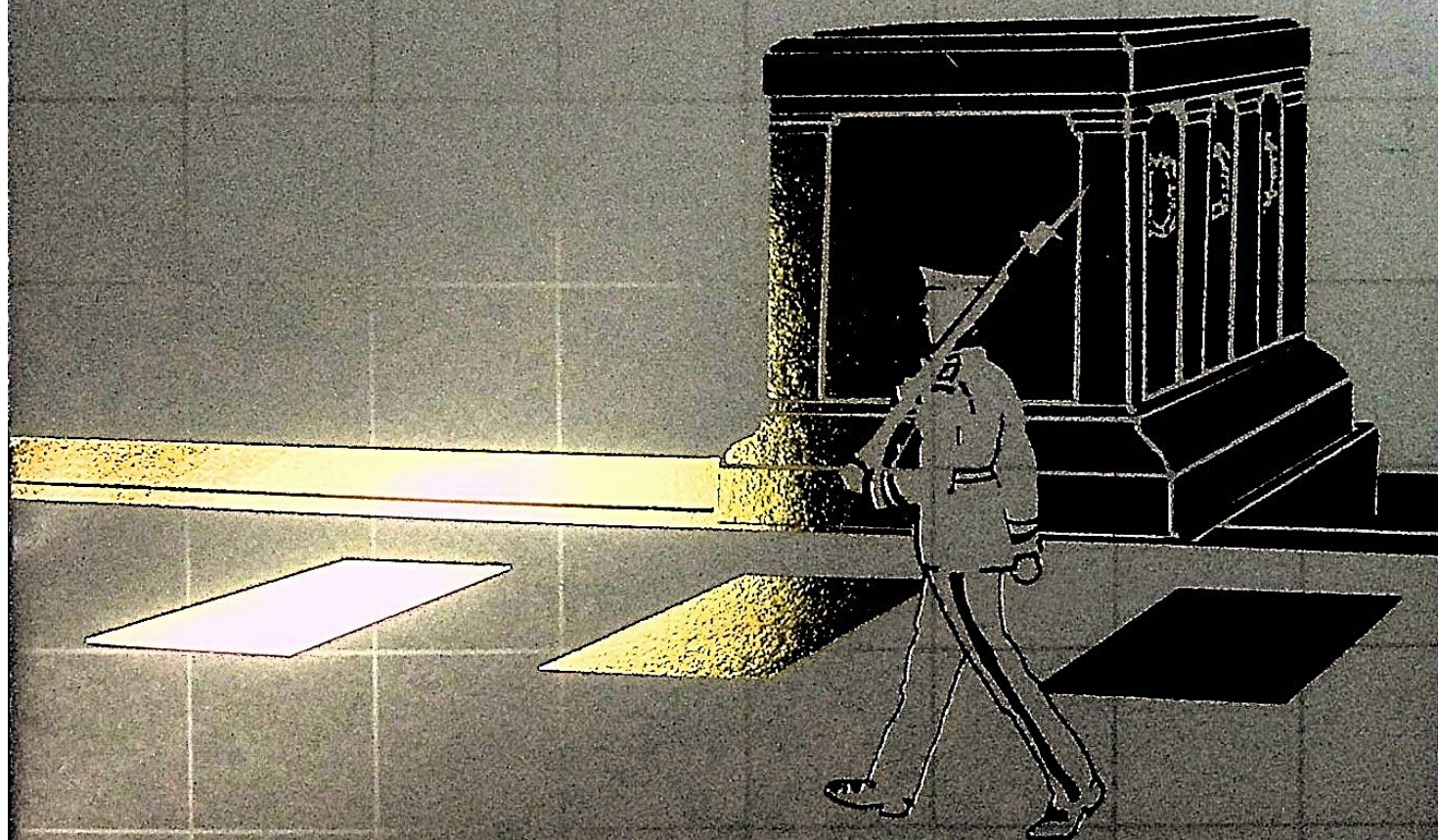


**INTERMENT  
OF THE  
UNKNOWN  
SERVICEMAN  
OF  
VIETNAM  
MAY 28, 1984**



**Funeral Service  
For  
The Unknown American  
Who Died  
In the Defense of Freedom  
During the Vietnam Conflict**

Memorial Amphitheater  
Arlington National Cemetery  
May 28th, 1984  
2:00 P.M.

# FUNERAL SERVICE

- The National Anthem** ..... **Francis Scott Key**  
The U.S. Marine Band, Colonel John R. Bourgeois, Director
- The Invocation** ..... **Chaplain (Major General) Patrick J. Hesslan**  
Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army
- Trumpet Call** ..... **"Attention"**
- One Minute Of Silence** .....
- My Country, 'Tis of Thee** ..... **Audience participating**  
Henry Carey — Samuel F. Smith (Words)
- Introduction** ..... **Caspar W. Weinberger**  
Secretary of Defense
- Presentation of Medal of Honor** ..... **Ronald Reagan**  
The President of the United States
- On Bended Knee** ..... **The U.S. Army Chorus**  
arranged by Samuel R. Loboda, Major L. Bryan Shelburne, Director
- Psalm of the Day (Psalm 91)** ..... **Chaplain Simeon Kobrinetz**  
Director, Chaplain Service, Veteran's Administration
- The Last Words of David** ..... **Randall Thompson**  
Samuel (Words)
- The New Testament Lesson** ..... **John 14:1-7, 15-17, 27**  
Rear Admiral Neil M. Stevenson  
Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Navy
- The Twenty-Third Psalm** ..... **J.S. Irvine**  
arranged by Master Sergeant James Kessler  
King David (Words)
- The Benediction** ..... **Captain Robert M. Radasky**  
Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy
- The Postlude** ..... **The U.S. Marine Band**  
The U.S. Army Band, "Pershings Own"

# INTERMENT

Jewish Prayer of Committal.....Chaplain (Colonel) Israel Drazin  
U.S. Army Reserve

Orthodox Prayer of Committal.....Captain Robert M. Radasky  
Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy

Catholic Prayer of Committal .....Chaplain (Major General) John A. Collins  
Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Air Force

Protestant Prayer of Committal .....Rear Admiral Neil M. Stevenson  
Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Navy

Placing Of The Presidential Wreath.....President Ronald Reagan

The Gun Salute.....3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard)  
Colonel Robert G. Krause, Commander

The Benediction .....Captain Eddy B. Moran  
Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy  
The Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard

The Firing of the Volleys.....

Taps.....Sergeant Major Patrick Mastroleo

Folding of the Flag.....

America The Beautiful .....The U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own"  
Colonel Eugene W. Allen, Leader and Commander

Presentation Of The Flag .....Major General John L. Ballantyne, III  
Commanding General, U.S. Army Military District of Washington  
Raymond J. Costanzo  
Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery

## "... KNOWN BUT TO GOD"

An unknown American has come home.

An unknown American, who died defending freedom during the Vietnam conflict, has returned to the United States of America to rest at Arlington National Cemetery beside the Unknown Soldier of World War I, and the two unknown Americans of World War II and Korea.

The Unknown Serviceman of Vietnam was so designated in a ceremony in Hawaii that took place May 17, 1984, at 10:00 a.m. After the ceremony, the Unknown was transported aboard the frigate U.S.S. Brewton to Alameda Naval Air Station, California. From there, after an arrival ceremony on May 24, 1984, he was taken to the base chapel at Travis Air Force Base, where the public was allowed to view his casket until 5:00 a.m.

After a ceremony on May 25, 1984, the Unknown was transported to Travis Air Terminal. From there, after a ceremony, he was flown to Andrews Air Force Base, greeted by a ceremony at 2:00 p.m., and escorted to the U.S. Capitol to lie in state.

At the ceremony welcoming the Unknown American returning to his native land, honors were rendered by four ruffles and flourishes followed by a reverential hymn. A twenty-one-gun salute was fired.

Upon arrival at the Capitol, the Unknown was taken to the rotunda. After a brief religious ceremony, the President of the United States delivered a eulogy and placed the Presidential wreath at his casket. Attending this ceremony were representatives of the United States and foreign nations.

While the Unknown lay in state for 3 days, citizens from every walk of life and representatives of foreign nations viewed the casket, which rested on the catafalque that has borne the remains of all who have lain in state at the rotunda since the death of Abraham Lincoln. Floral wreaths and other decorations were presented by officials of veteran, patriotic, and civic organizations.

The Unknown was then borne by a caisson to Arlington National Cemetery. From the moment the Unknown left the rotunda, the 3d U.S. Infantry, positioned at Fort McNair and Fort Myer, fired a minute-gun salute of twenty-one rounds. Thousands of Americans along the procession route watched as the casket — resting on the caisson drawn by a team of horses — passed by them.

Today this country's leading civilian and military officials are gathered in this amphitheater. Also present are representatives of foreign governments; officials of veteran, patriotic and civic organizations, and private citizens.

Chaplains of the military services and the Veterans' Administration will participate in the funeral service, which will culminate in presenting this nation's highest award — the Medal of Honor — to the Unknown. After the funeral service, the casket will be carried to the crypt

prepared for him next to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, between the Unknowns of World War II and Korea.

Soon, the stillness of the afternoon will be shattered by a twenty-one-gun salute and three rifle volleys; then, the lonely bugle call "Taps" will be sounded. The Unknown American who died defending freedom during the Vietnam conflict will become a part of the land for which he so valiantly fought and gave his life. The Unknown Serviceman of Vietnam will be home at last to rest.

## **MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE**

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our King. Amen.

## **ON BENDED KNEE**

Father God,  
We bow on bended knee  
Thankful for the blessings of the free;  
May we always true and faithful be  
To the author of our liberty.

Oh God,  
We pray that thou wilt light the way,  
Oh, give us strength and courage day by day,  
May we earn the right for all to be free,  
For now and always, for eternity.  
Amen.