



*At the end of arrival ceremonies at Andrews, the Unknown's casket is transferred by pallbearers to a waiting funeral hearse for the trip to Washington. The Air Force Band plays and other military members "present arms" and salute.*



*Hon. Harry N. Walters, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration; Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the former U.S. Commander in Vietnam (front row, 2d and 3d from the right); and the national commanders of various U.S. veterans organizations, flanked by members of the military, greet the Unknown when the casket arrives at the Capitol.*



*A special honor guard comprised of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and led by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John W. Vessey, Jr. approaches the East Capitol steps.*



*In the Capitol Rotunda where the body would lie in state until Memorial Day, 28 May 1984, officials witness the ceremonies in honor of the Unknown*



*President Ronald Reagan, Congressman John P. Murtha of Pennsylvania, and many other civilian and military dignitaries pay their respects to the Unknown during wreath-laying ceremonies in the Rotunda.*

*Surrounded by the Guard Of Honor the body of the Unknown lies in state in the Rotunda.*





*Memorial Day, 28 May 1984. The caisson bearing the casket of the Unknown begins the trip to Arlington National Cemetery. Thousands of spectators line the streets of Washington.*

*Veterans Of Vietnam dip the flags of all the states and territories of the United States in salute to the Vietnam Unknown during a pause in the funeral procession at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.*





*Crossing Memorial Bridge, the procession nears the gate of Arlington National Cemetery.*



*Vietnam Veterans, dressed in combat fatigues and marching to the music of a bagpiper, fall in behind the funeral procession.*



*The funeral procession arrives at the West Entrance to the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery where President Reagan and many other dignitaries await the arrival of the Unknown.*

*The Amphitheater at the beginning of the ceremonies honoring the Unknown.*





*President Reagan presents the Medal of Honor to the Unknown. Pallbearers then transferred the casket to the Tomb of the Unknowns on the plaza to the east of the Amphitheater.*

*Pallbearers fold the flag covering the casket of the Unknown following a wreath-laying ceremony and a 21-gun salute.*



*Maj. Gen. John L. Ballantyne, the commanding general of the Military District of Washington, presents the flag from the casket to President Reagan, who stood in place of the Unknown's next of kin.*



*"Here rests in honored glory an American soldier, known but to God."*



## SECTION III



## APPENDIX

## APPENDIX I



# The Proclamation

## Return and Final Interment of Unknown American Killed in Vietnam

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

On this Memorial Day, the remains of an unknown American who gave his life in service overseas in Vietnam will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

The casket of this unknown American will arrive in the City of Washington on May 25, 1984, to lie in state in the rotunda of the United States Capitol until final interment.

The individual who finds his last resting place at Arlington on this occasion will be nameless to the entire world. But to the generations of Americans who left their homes and families to fight and defend the freedom and independence of our Nation, he will be known well by his embodiment of that most noble of all sentiments — patriotism.

There will be families from across the land who will come to view this place. To them it will mean that their son, husband, or father rests before them. And, in spirit, it will be true. For they, as we, know him well as one who, as Lincoln said at Gettysburg, gave his "last full measure of devotion."

As we work to preserve that for which he struggled, let us equally dedicate ourselves to the peace we yearn for in our hearts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby direct that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions, when customarily flown, on May 25, May 26, May 27, and May 28, 1984. I also direct that the flag be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

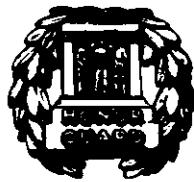
As a sign of our national gratitude and concern, I also urge my fellow citizens to display our country's flag at half-staff at their homes and other appropriate places during this period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

Ronald Reagan

## APPENDIX 2

# The Directive



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

13 APRIL 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Unknown Serviceman from the Vietnam Era

In 1973, Congress directed the Secretary of Defense to inter the remains of an Unknown Serviceman from the Vietnam era in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. We have attempted to identify all remains from the Vietnam era and to the good fortune of many families we have been very successful.

Following an exhaustive effort to identify the few unidentified remains, we now have a remains which is qualified for the Vietnam Unknown. I am pleased to inform you that we intend to proceed with the interment of the Vietnam Unknown on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984.

The Army is to continue as the lead Service for this matter with the involvement of all the Armed Services. Please give the Army your fullest cooperation for this extremely important event.

In our public relations on this matter we should assure the public that the interment of a Vietnam Unknown will not result in a diminution of efforts to resolve the fate of those Americans still missing in Southeast Asia.

Caspar W. Weinberger

# Some Participants

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### VETERANS DAY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS IN VIETNAM UNKNOWN CEREMONIES - MAY 25-28, 1984

Honorable Harry N. Walters, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; Chairman, Veterans Day National Committee

Mr. E. Earl Derrington, Jr., National Commander, American Ex-Prisoners of War

Mr. Keith A. Kreul, National Commander, The American Legion

Mr. Robert L. Wilbraham, National Commander, AMVETS

Mr. Thomas H. Miller, National President, Blinded Veterans Association

Lt. Col. Ronald E. Ray, USA (Ret.), National President, Congressional Medal of Honor Society

Mr. Dennis A. Joyner, National Commander, Disabled American Veterans

Mr. George E. Day, CMH, National Commander, Legion of Valor of the USA, Inc.

Mr. James C. Kelly, National Commandant, Marine Corps League

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M. Sgt. Jon R. Cavaiani, United States Army

Col. Jay R. Vargas, United States Marine Corps

Sgt. Maj. Allan J. Kellogg, Jr., United States Marine Corps

Lt. Col. James P. Fleming, United States Air Force

Mr. John Levitow, United States Air Force

BMC James Williams, United States Navy

CPO Michael E. Thornton, United States Navy

Mr. Evertt Alvarez, Ex-Prisoner of War

Mr. Fred V. Cherry (Col. Ret.), Ex-Prisoner of War

APPENDIX 4  
The Invitation



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

*The Secretary of Defense  
on behalf of the Armed Forces  
of the United States  
announces the burial of  
The Unknown American  
who died in defense of freedom  
during the Vietnam Conflict  
Memorial Amphitheater  
Arlington National Cemetery  
Monday the twenty-eighth of May  
at two o'clock p.m.*

## APPENDIX 5



# Memorial Day Program

# **FUNERAL SERVICE**

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

# 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 Mastroeo**

**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

## Services Participants



VETERANS DAY NATIONAL COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS IN  
VIETNAM UNKNOWN CEREMONIES AT  
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, MAY 28, 1984

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Mr. Edward R. Ross, National Commander, Catholic War Veterans

Mr. Daniel L. Spalding, National President, Fleet Reserve Association

Mr. Joseph Zoldan, National Commander, Jewish War Veterans of the USA

Chaplain (Col.) Simon H. Scott, Jr., National President, Military Chaplains Association

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Mr. Franklin A. Lister, National President, Non-Commissioned Officers Association

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Mr. Norman A. Lelo, National Commander, Polish Legion of American Veterans, USA

Mr. Wendell Lowe, National Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart

Mr. Paul Cheremeta, National President, Paralyzed Veterans Association of America

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Mr. Wallace Sheppard, National Commander, Regular Veterans Association

OTHER VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PARTICIPATED IN  
VIETNAM UNKNOWN CEREMONIES AT  
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, MAY 28, 1984

Italian American War Veterans of the United States  
U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II  
American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor  
American G.I. Forum of the U.S.  
American Veterans Committee  
National Amputation Foundation  
Swords to Plowshares: Veterans Rights Organization  
Air Force Association  
Air Force Sergeants Association  
American Association of Minority Veterans  
American War Mothers  
Association of the U.S. Army  
Blue Star Mothers, Inc.  
Flower of the Dragon, Inc..  
Mexican Border Veterans, Inc.  
National Association for Uniformed Services  
National Association of Atomic Veterans  
National Association of Concerned Veterans  
National Association of Military Widows  
National Congress of Puerto Rican Veterans  
National Yeoman F  
Naval Reserve Association  
Past National Commanders Organization  
Reserve Officers Association of the United States  
Society of Military Widows  
The Retired Officers Association  
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