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TO: ALL MEMBERS, WORLD WIDE.

FROM: C A S HELSETH, COMMANDER.

RE: PROLOGUE, PAGE 1; EULOGY, PAGE 2 AND 3; EPILOGUE, PAGE 4.

IN THIS LEGION POST THERE IS A CENTRAL CORE OF THOSE IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE WHO MUST REMAIN NAMELESS, FACELESS, PLACELESS, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THEIR CALLING. THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY MUFTI CLAD MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SPECIAL EQUIPPED OPERATIONS GROUPS AND ALSO CONTRACTORS HAVING EVERY SKILL KNOWN TO MAN FOR WAR, OR TRAINING, OR DIPLOMACY, OR EMERGENCY, OR REBUILDING RUINS OF CONFLICT.

WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO WERE PRISONERS OF WAR AND LIVED, WOUNDED IN ACTION, MISSING IN ACTION, WITH SOME STILL THAT STATUS, AND KILLED IN ACTION. THIS FOR WW1, WW2, KOREA, VIETNAM, FOR PEACE KEEPING AND COLD WARS IN BETWEEN AND ON GOING WHERE EVER NEEDED.

SOME ARE WOMEN AND WARRIORS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. ALL ARE VOLUNTEERS. ALL ARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD OF THEIR CHOICE. THEY CAN FIGHT.

WHEN ONE IS CALLED TO DESTINY, DUE TO THE "OATH OF SECRECY", SELDOM CAN AN APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL SERVICE BE GIVEN. FEW PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR THE NATION AND THEIR FELLOW MAN. EVEN IF AT A LATER DATE THE INFORMATION CAN BE DECLASSIFIED. SO IT IS UP TO THIS POST TO PASS ON THE WORD AND THOSE SURVIVING PAY THEIR RESPECTS.

WITH THE "SCATTERED BUT NOT DISBURSED" WORLD WIDE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHINA POST 1, IT IS NECESSARY THAT CERTAIN PROCEDURES BE ESTABLISHED TO MEET CIRCUMSTANCES. SO IN OUR OWN WAY, WE HONOR OUR DEAD.

UPON RECEIVING THE WORD OF THE DEPARTURE OF A COMRADE, THE MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT A MEMORIAL AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY. SINCE MEETINGS CAN BE HELD WHEN TWO OR MORE MEMBERS GET TOGETHER, A GOBLET OF WINE SHALL BE Poured FOR THE DEPARTED, THOSE PRESENT SHOULD HAVE THE SAME. THE ESSENCE OF THE EULOGY IS TO BE REPEATED, AND SUITABLE TOASTS MADE TO THE COMRADE WHO WAS CALLED TO DESTINY.

THE EULOGY CAN BE FITTED INTO ALMOST ANY TYPE OF CIVILIAN OR MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICE, IN A CHAPEL OR AT COMMITTAL, AND USED AT THAT TIME ALSO. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EACH MEMBER SO INTERESTED, SAVE A COPY OF THIS, INSERT SAME WITH HIS FINAL PAPERS, ADD A PERSONAL PARAGRAPH TO ENLARGE ON DECORATIONS OR OTHER RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED, AND REQUEST SAME BE USED IN SERVICE OF HIS CHOICE.

THIS PROLOGUE / LETTER IS WRITTEN ALSO SO THE CONDUCTOR OF THE SERVICE CAN UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE REQUEST IN BEHALF OF THE DECEASED. IT IS NOT PART OF THE SERVICE. ONLY THE EULOGY IS. SEE PAGES TWO AND THREE NEXT.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMANDER UNLESS SO NOTED

"MEETINGS HELD WHEN TWO MEMBERS GET TOGETHER"

華爾德將軍 · 陳納德將軍 · 甘海哲夫婦 · 美國退伍軍人協會 · 當一個會員見面時就開會

NOTES TO READER: NAME TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR UNDERLINED OUR COMRADE.

IF NECESSARY, PRIOR TO READING, CHANGE HE TO SHE AND HIS TO HER, PAUSE, AT EACH COMMA OR PERIOD, FOR BREATH, AND EFFECT. PRACTICE SEVERAL TIMES, OUT LOUD, BEFORE CEREMONY. SPEAK SLOW AND WITH DIGNITY. USE OCCUPATIONAL NOTES AS APPLICABLE AS GUIDE LINES,

EULOGY - POST MEMBER:

SADLY, WE HAVE ASSEMBLED, TO HONOR ONE OF OUR OWN, WHO HAS BEEN CALLED TO DESTINY. OUR COMRADE WAS ONE OF US. DUE TO THE NATURE OF HIS CALLING, HIS EFFORTS, TO PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE, WERE KNOWN BUT TO FEW. ONLY THEY KNEW WHAT HE VOLUNTEERED FOR. THAT HE CONTRIBUTED HIS SHARE. HE WORKED ON FOREIGN SHORES, IN THE FAR REACHES OF THE WORLD, AND ACCEPTED THE OATH OF SECRECY. THERE WERE TIMES HE WAS UNDER THE DIRECT AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. HE MAY HAVE BEEN CALLED A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE. HE ACCEPTED THE RISK, EVEN THE SUPREME SACRIFICE. AS WE GATHER HERE IN HIS MEMORY, REST ASSURED, THERE WILL BE QUIET MEMORIALS SAID, IN THE DISTANT PARTS OF THE WORLD, AS WORD IS RECEIVED.

OUR COMRADE WAS A MEMBER OF CHINA POST 1, AMERICAN LEGION, OPERATING IN EXILE. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, IT HAS BEEN MADE UP OF VOLUNTEERS, WHO FOUGHT WHERE NEEDED, WORLD WIDE. THEY KNOW THE STING OF BATTLE. THEY HAVE SEEN THEIR COMRADES ALONGSIDE THEM FALL, NEVER TO RISE AGAIN. THEY KNOW FIRST HAND, GUERRILLA WARFARE, AND THE PENALTY OF THE ZONE OF SILENCE. A STRANGE BREED TO SOME. BUT NOT TO THOSE WHO ALSO WORKED AND LIVED, IN THE DISTANT PLACES OF THE WORLD, AND FAR FROM HOME. THEY KNOW HOW TO ADAPT. THIS IS THEIR LIFE, BY CHOICE. OUR COMRADE WAS ONE OF THESE. EVER SEARCHING. EVER MAKING THE WAY FOR OTHERS. HE KNEW, THAT THE PRICE OF LIBERTY WAS ETERNAL VIGILANCE. HE ALSO, QUIETLY AND REVERENTLY, PAID HIS RESPECTS TO OTHERS, WHO WERE CALLED WHEN HE WAS NOT, SIMPLY BECAUSE IT WAS NOT HIS TIME.

OUR COMRADE WAS NOT ONLY IN THE REGULAR PUBLICIZED WARS, BUT ALSO IN THE COLD WARS STILL ON GOING. TODAY WE WILL DISCLOSE THAT MUCH ONLY.

(NOTE 1 - FOR ZONE OF SILENCE TYPES) ... "FOR YEARS, HE LIVED IN THE SHADOWS AND SERVED IN VARIOUS AREAS UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES AND IN DIFFERENT CAPACITIES. HE WAS DEDICATED TO THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION. FEW PEOPLE KNEW OF HIM AND WHAT HE DID. EVEN TODAY, AS WE MEET HERE TO HONOR HIM AS ONE OF OUR OWN, WE CAN ONLY SAY HE WAS A TRUE AMERICAN AND WORKED A LIFETIME FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR WAY OF LIFE."

(NOTE 2 - FOR COMBAT TROOPS AS APPLICABLE)... "FOR YEARS HE SERVED ON OPERATIONAL "A" TEAMS WITH 1ST, 5TH, 10TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUPS. HE SERVED AND FOUGHT ON SEVERAL CONTINENTS, FOR HIS COUNTRY, INCLUDING TWO YEARS OF COMBAT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION. HIS DECORATIONS INCLUDE..... HE WAS RESPECTED BY HIS ASSOCIATES."

(NOTE 3 - FOR CONSTRUCTION MEN AS APPLICABLE)... "HE WORKED ON MUFTI CLAD CONTRACTS, REQUIRING HIS CLOSE IN SUPPORT SKILLS, ON PRESIDENTIALLY APPROVED, HAZARDOUS, FORWARD ECHELON SPECIAL PROJECTS. FOR THIS HE COULD RECEIVE NO PUBLIC RECOGNITION."

(NOTE 4 - FOR CAT SAT AIR AMERICA CASI BIRD AND OTHER CONTRACT AIRLINE AFFILIATE SUPPORT)
... "HE FLEW UNARMED OR ARMED AIRCRAFT REPEATEDLY INTO DENIED TERRITORY, AND COMPLETED THE MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO HIM. HE WAS SHOT DOWN, ESCAPED, AND RETURNED TO DUTY. FOR THIS HE COULD RECEIVE NO PUBLIC RECOGNITION. HIS PEERS HONORED HIM."

(NOTE 5 - FOR GENERAL MILITARY AND CONSTRUCTION TYPES).... "FOR YEARS HE HAD MANNED THE OUTPOST LOCATION, PULLING BACK AS OPPOSITION SWEEPS CAME THROUGH, AND THEN RE ESTABLISHING THE LOOKOUT. HE ENDURED THE ICY STEPPES, THE WIND SWEPT TUNDRAS, THE RAGING RIVERS, THE ENDLESS PLAINS, THE TOWERING MOUNTAINS, AND THE FETID HEAT OF THE STEAMY JUNGLES. THROUGH ALL THIS HE LABORED AND SOLDIERED. HE MANNED THE BATTLEMENTS, FOUGHT WHEN NEEDED, AND BURIED HIS DEAD. BUT HE WAS NEVER ALONE. FOR HE WAS AT PEACE WITH HIS MAKER."

(NOTE 6 - FOR POST MEMBER TO WRITE HIS OWN SITUATION TO SUPPLEMENT OR CHANGE OTHER NOTES)

THIS LEGION POST HAS LEGENDARY NAMESAKES, AND MANY LEGENDARY FIGHTERS HAVE JOINED ITS RANKS. THEY ARE PROFESSIONALS IN THEIR TRADE. OUR COMRADE WAS ONE OF THEM. BUT THESE FIGHTERS ARE NOT ALONE. AS THESE WAR WEARY, WANDERERS OF THE WORLD, ARE THEMSELVES CALLED TO DESTINY, THEY KNOW, LIKE THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE, ALSO KNEW. THIS STRANGE BREED OF MEN AND WOMEN, SPRINGING FROM THE LOINS OF THE AMERICAN HERITAGE, WILL ALWAYS COME FORWARD. TO STAND UP TO BE COUNTED. TO VOLUNTEER. TO GO WHERE THE NEXT NEED ARISES. TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY. THEY TOO WILL SEARCH FOR THEIR OWN GRAIL. EACH RISING SUN WILL BRING A NEW DAY, A NEW HOPE, A NEW CHALLENGE, A PROMISE OF A WELL EARNED REST.

AND HIS EPITAH CAN READ: "FOR HIS FELLOW MAN, IN HIS OWN WAY, HE DID WHAT HE COULD WITH WHAT HE HAD. MORTALS CAN DO NO MORE. HE WAS A KEEPER OF THE FLAME."

OUR COMRADE, WE SALUTE YOU. YOU HAVE EARNED YOU REST. FAREWELL, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

(NOTE TO READER) SALUTE, AND IF APPROPRIATE, PLACE THE US FLAG, OR LEGION CAP, OR BERET, OR UNIFORM HAT ON CASKET. THEN RETURN TO PODIUM POSITION FOR REST OF SERVICE.

EPILOGUE:

THE ORIGINAL DRAFTS OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE, THE SYMPATHY CARD AND THE EULOGY WERE WRITTEN BY THE POST COMMANDER.

THESE WERE IMPROVED ON BY CHARLOTTE BAKER, JAMES L AND GLADYS PARKER, MATT AND SALLY HOFF, GEORGE AND MAVIS BAUER, JOHN AND MARILEE LEAR, CHARLES AND ARLETTE TAYLOR, J C AND JANET BOND, FREDERICK DOWNS, LEONARD S AUSTIN, HELEN J WIGHT, AND OTHERS WHO READ OR TOOK PART IN THEM.

FINAL EDITING BY ROY AND JUDY JACOBSON. ROY ADDED IN REPLY...

"WHEN THE DRAFTS WERE SENT TO ME TO EDIT, I GAVE IT A TRY, A GOOD TRY. IN A WAY IT IS HARD BECAUSE, FOR THE EULOGY, IT MUST BE WRITTEN FOR A VERY DIVERSE AUDIENCE. THREE GENERATIONS OF AGES, PROBABLY TWO DOZEN YEARS EDUCATION VARIABILITY, UNCOUNTABLE PRESENT INTERESTS.

THE UNDERLYING THEME, TO ME, HAD TO BE THE POST. WHY WE ARE IN IT. WHAT IT REPRESENTS BOTH AS ITSELF AND TO US AS MEMBERS. AND TO OUR FAMILIES. AND THE COMFORT THAT MUST BE NEEDED WHEN THE EULOGY IS DELIVERED BY A FRIEND OR A POST MEMBER.

I THINK WE NEED THE EULOGY BOTH IN THIS FORM AND AS A FUNERAL ORATION. THE CARD IS A MUST. AND OUR REUNIONS MUST INCLUDE A REMEMBRANCE TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHO DIED, USUALLY ALONGSIDE US.

THANKS FOR ASKING ME TO HELP. FEEL FREE AGAIN. I HOPE MY EFFORTS WILL MAKE YOUR JOB A BIT EASIER"....

THE WORDS OF A FEW, WITH THE HELP OF MANY, FROM THE HEARTS OF ALL.

LEST WE FORGET.