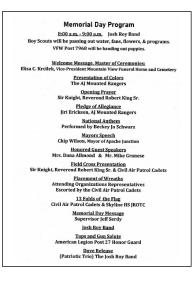
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Today we are symbolically placing a field cross, also known as a battle cross, in honor of our fallen comrade soldiers. It is an honor given when a soldier has died in the performance of the dudies assumed while defending our country, that they so loved. This cremonial service, not observed by most people, is usually performed by the soldier's comrades at the duty station because of mission assignment, or when they cannot attend more formal ceremonies because of this core.

The rifle is ceremoniously positioned, inverted, representing the end of conflict for that soldier. It is no longer needed, as the soldier has more than fulfilled their duty with the utmost honor.

The helmet is placed atop the rifle, in recognition of the soldier, who without regret, stood up and took an oath to protect and defend their country, along with the rights and freedoms of their fellow countrymen.

The boots are placed with the rifle and helmet as they have taken their final step under that oath which they committed themselves to.

The flag is placed atop the boots, as a tribute, to honor the patriotic courage, support, and love of country, which every soldier holds in their heart. For the protection and defense of their country, they have given their last efforts in the exemplary performance of that duty.

Those fellow soldiers, who have served with the departed soldier, perform the ceremony with dignity, respect, and honor, as the last act of comradery toward their friend, and fellow patriot who gave their all. it is, the finest 'soldier's thicker," given in the true spirit of brotherly love, respect, and honor, to their fallen comrade.

We have loday given you a glimpe into the comrader, respect, honor, and tribute, that the field cross represents. Let us always remember, the soldiers who gave their all, for they are of those few that that have made it possible for the rest of us to celebrate our freedoms. They are our history of the past, the present, and the future. We thank them for their sacrifices, and, may they "Rest in Peace" as we remember and honor them, our defenders, who have given their all, for all of us.

Thank you to all for being present and taking part in observing our services today.



