

Veteran Tributes

How we Honor, Recognize and Pay Due Respect for Veterans

When it comes to honoring Veterans, no other provider comes close to our level of dedication and commitment.

We do all we can to recognize, honor and pay due respect to those who have served our country.

We understand that to each Veteran and each of their family members, it couldn't be more personal.

You will not find another provider that does more for Veterans and their families. Read on, see for yourself and you be the judge.

Ernie Heffner, President
Heffner Family Owned
Funeral Homes & Crematory



Afghanistan 2005 - Philip Heffner, Paratrooper, 82nd Airborne, son of Ernie and Laura Heffner, proud parents and owners of the Heffner family owned firms.

Our tribute to a Veteran begins with the first call.



Our Policy and Procedure when notified of a death

Regardless of whether the contact is from a family member, hospital or nursing home, when we are notified of a death, we ask if the deceased was a Veteran.

When we transport the Veteran, we drape the stretcher with the flag. This is our procedure whether the transfer is at 2 p.m. or 2 a.m., from a private residence, a hospital or a nursing home.

Our respect for a Veteran is demonstrated from the moment we are summoned to serve.

The coach for the Veteran

When we transfer the Veteran to their final resting place, the coach is identified with the flag of our country and the emblem of the Veteran's branch of service on the back and the side doors of the coach.





Pallbearer Identification

Unless the Veteran's passing was during active duty, the Pallbearers are usually dressed in civilian attire. Therefore, we identify the pallbearers by providing each with a lapel pin as our gift to them in recognition of their service as the pallbearer for a Veteran.

Patriot's Walk

Prior to the arrival of the funeral cortege, our staff goes to the cemetery to prepare the site to receive the Veteran.

We install a double row of flags from the drive way where the coach will stop to the graveside thus creating a Patriot's Walk in honor of the Veteran.



Pictured is the York County Veterans Honor Guard.

Honor Guard

In most communities, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion Posts maintain a volunteer group of Veterans to serve as an Honor Guard. These dedicated Veterans will provide a Final Salute to a Comrade and we will be honored to arrange that for you.

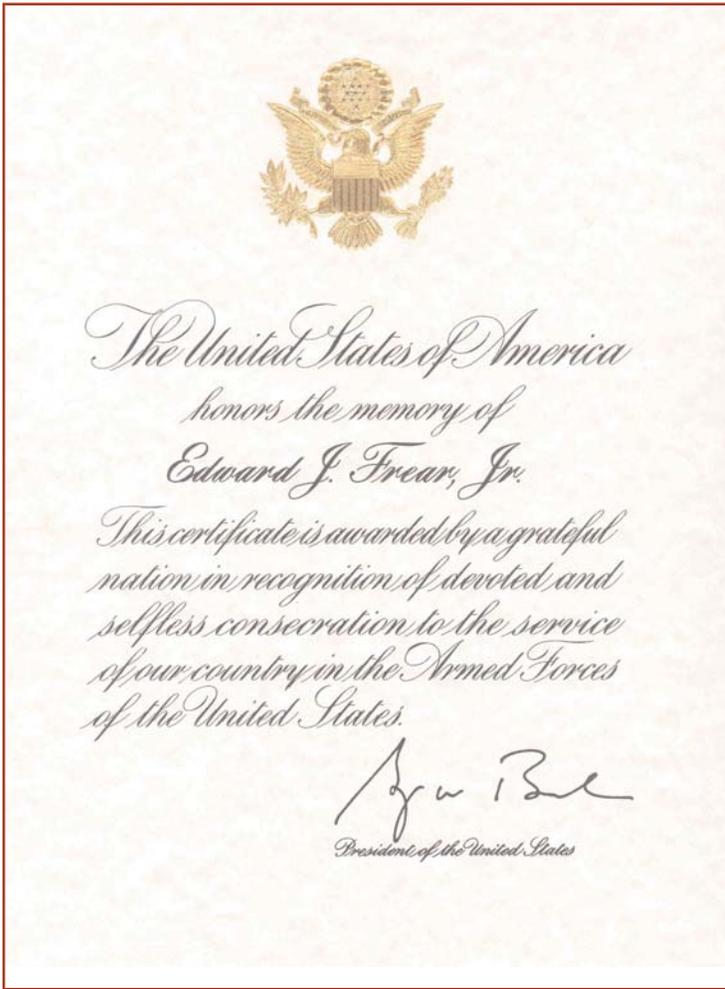


Don't Worry about Paperwork

We will take care of completing and filing all of the necessary paperwork to insure that the family of a Veteran receives any death benefits available.

You can count on us to handle this with both the Federal Veterans Administration and County Veterans Affairs office.

See additional information under Veterans Benefits.



Presidential Memorial Certificate

To handle the tribute service of a Veteran is a serious honor for us. In recognition and commemoration of their service for our country, we request a certificate that bears the signature of the President of the United States.

We procure one such certificate for every surviving spouse and child of a Veteran. The certificate is a treasured family keepsake in honor of a Veteran. We appreciate the confidence families place with us and the privilege of handling the final arrangements for their Veteran.

The example of the Presidential Memorial Certificate we procure for the family of every Veteran we serve is shared with permission and pride by Mrs. Edward Frear.

If you did not receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate when your Veteran passed away, email us at Info@HeffnerCare.com and we will procure a certificate for you at NO CHARGE.

Flag Retirement Program

In accordance with the UNITED STATES CODE, The "FLAG CODE," TITLE 36 Chapter 10; 1176. Respect for flag: The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing.

(k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

We have coordinated with local Veteran's groups to collect worn flags, cremate them in accordance with the FLAG CODE.

We then place the cremated remains in an urn and have them interred in a cemetery. We do this free of charge as part of our commitment to the men and women who fought under the flag of our country.

If you would like to establish a Flag Retirement Program for your Veterans of Foreign Wars Post or American Legion Post, email us at Info@HeffnerCare.com.



Pictured is the York County Veterans Honor Guard at a dedication ceremony at Susquehanna Memorial Gardens for the interment of the cremated remains of retired American Flags.

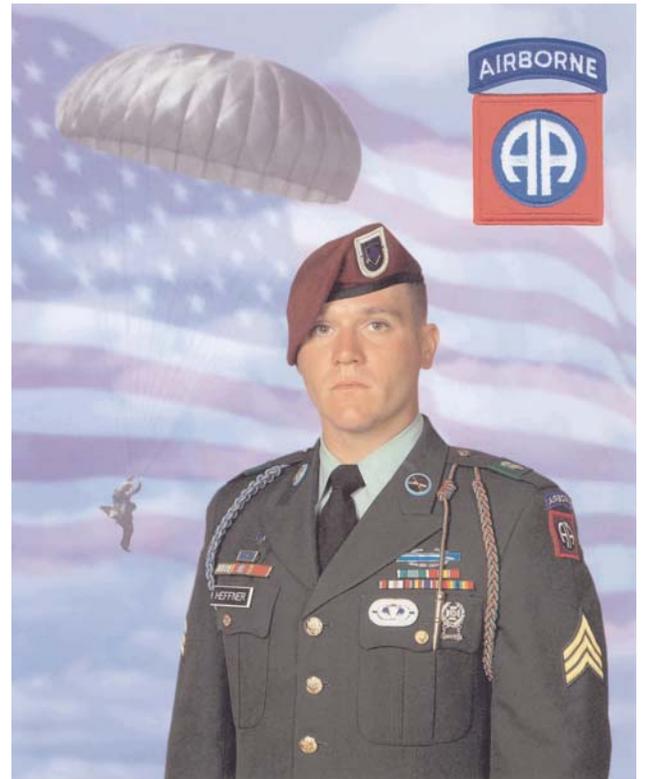
We boldly stated,

“You will not find another provider that does more for Veterans and their families.”

Now that you looked at what we do in honor and recognition of a Veteran’s service, can you honestly say that you know of any other provider that comes close to our level of understanding, dedication and commitment let alone exceeds what we do for Veterans and their families? We think not.

If you are a Veteran or are responsible for the arrangements of a Veteran, you can count on us to provide an unmatched level of dignity and understanding, the kind of respect and attention to detail that every Veteran should receive.

We believe we are the best and Veterans deserve no less.



Sgt. Philip Heffner, Paratrooper, 82nd Airborne
Served 2005 in Afghanistan and 2006 in Iraq

Prospect Hill Cemetery and Cremation Gardens, York, PA, displays a flag in memory of every soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Middle East. Every time they add additional flags, they recall the names in a dedication ceremony commemorating each new flag and the soldier it represents. The ceremonies are open to the public. For more information email Info@HeffnerCare.com.

