

2020 Post Everlasting Ceremony



THE CEREMONY:

THE COMMANDER WILL ASK THE POST CHAPLAIN TO OFFER AN OPENING PRAYER:

POST COLORS



THE COMMANDER WILL LEAD THE POST MEMBERS AND GUEST IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

“This evening will be dedicated to the ***POST EVERLASTING*** Ceremony for our Comrades, whom we have lost in the past year. All present will remain silent until the conclusion of this ceremony.”

“It is my sad duty to report that Comrades; *Edward Willis*, *Louie Gillespie* and *Charles Gaines*, have been called from our midst and gone to report to the Commander of all.”

“Sergeant-at-Arms, will you place the brazier before this rostrum.”

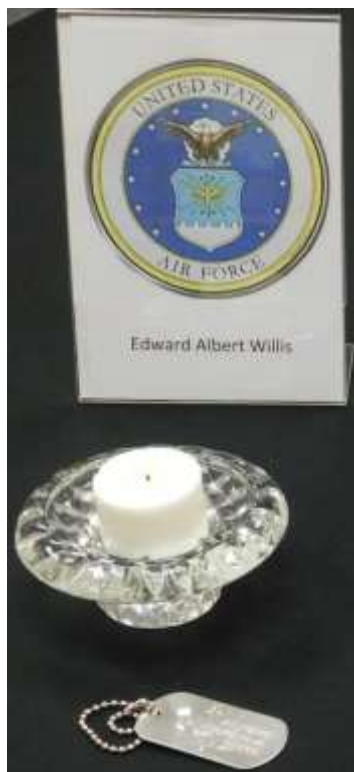
“The equipment is properly arranged, Comrade Commander.”

“The Post Adjutant will now place the American Legion Cover on the rifles in remembrance of our Comrade’s service to our country.



“This moment is sacred with the almost visible presence of the one’s who have gone before. We have come to honor the memory of those who offered their lives in the service to our country and who now are enrolled in that Great Spirit army, whose footfalls cause no sound, but in the memory of mankind, their souls go marching on, sustained by the pride of service in the time of war. Because of them our nation lives; because of them the world is blessed. May this service deepen our reverence for our departed Comrades.”

“We will now honor Comrade Edward Willis, ... (pause for the placing of the rose and lighting of the candle after each name) Comrade Louie Gillespie and Comrade Charles Gaines.





“Our Comrade Chaplain will offer our prayer.” The Commander will give 3 raps with the gavel and all gathered to stand and uncover before the Chaplain offers the prayer.

After the prayer the Commander will ask all to recover and be seated.



“Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has transferred: Comrades.... Edward Willis.... Louie Gillespie and Charles Gaines, to the Post Everlasting of The American Legion. May their souls rest in peace. In Christ’s name Amen.

“Comrade Adjutant, enter the names of our Comrades into the record of members of the George Lee American Post 532 who have been transferred to Post Everlasting.”



With the candle, The Chaplain will ignite each strip of paper with a Comrades name on it, then, place it in the brazier.



The Bell toll's once as the candle's flame is extinguished, signifying the release of the spirit in the form of smoke to the heavens!

THE POST HISTORIAN, COMMANDER GEORGE LEDUC, WILL TOLL THE BELL AS THE CANDLE FLAME IS EXTINGUISHED.



"We will now render Military Honors.... In memory of our Comrades, and in memory of all those Comrades who have, in the past, crossed over to the... "Post Everlasting of the American Legion"

"Present...Arms

"Order...Arms."

"TAPS"

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, neath the sky;
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Sun has set, shadows come,
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds
Always true to the promise that they made.

While the light fades from sight,
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,
To thy hands we our souls, Lord,

Sergeant-at-Arms will you place the dog tags on

“The Post Everlasting Memorial Plaque”



At this time, each family in attendance will be called upon *individually* to come forward and be presented with a Post Everlasting Certificate and a Rose;

The American Legion



Resolution

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade,

*Mr. Edward Albert Willis, Louie Clinton Gillespei,
and
Charles J. Gaines*

This 11th Day of February, 2021 and

Whereas, We humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, the George Lee Post No. 532,
The American Legion does mourn the passing of our comrade, Edward, Louie and Charles, that we commend to all the works and to God the spirit; and be it further*

Resolved, That in token of our common grief, a copy of this resolution transferring Mr. Willis, Gillespie, and Gaines, to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, be presented to the next of kin.



THE POST HISTORIAN, COMMANDER GEORGE LEDUC, WILL PRESENT THE FAMILY THE POST EVERLASTING CERTIFICATE AND ROSE. THE AUXILIARY ESCORT MEMBER WILL ESCORT EACH FAMILY AS THEY ARE CALLED FORWARD AND BACK TO THEIR SEATING ONCE THE CERTIFICATE AND ROSE IS PRESENTED.

Edward Albert Willis family....



Louis Clinton Gillespie family....



Charles Gaines family





Comrade Adjutant, remove the COVER.



Sergeant-at-Arms remove the brazier.

“Thank you” FOR ATTENDING THE POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY TO HONOR OUR DEPARTED POST MEMBERS.



